

WEEKLY NEWS



From the Headteacher: 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

Autumn Term 2

As we enter the festive season, this week, Paxton has been filled with smiles and all things that sparkle. On Wednesday, to kickstart the countdown to Christmas, the building was filled with jeans and festive jumpers, as the PTA launched their first fun, fund raising event.

Children were able to donate £1 or provide a gift for the Christmas raffle. Throughout the day, donations of all shapes and sizes arrived, from boxes of chocolates, bottles of wine, to three huge hampers filled with all things festive. The event also raised just over £130.

Tickets for the Christmas raffle cost £1 each and are currently on sale at the start and end of the school day, at the front and back gates.

With all the festive cheer, it fills me with great sadness to have to announce that, after a lot of thought and consideration and through guidance sent out via Croydon Council, that we have to cancel parents and family members attending the Christmas performances.

But COVID will not stop Christmas at Paxton! The children have worked so hard to learn their lines and sing a chorus of songs. Next week, staff will continue to work with children and will film the performances. We apologise for any upset this may cause but we need to ensure that the children, staff and families of Paxton remain safe.

Paxton PTA

On Wednesday, the PTA got together and filled the building with their fun, fund raising ideas for the New Year.

If you would like to get involved and help make Paxton even better, the next meeting **Thursday 13th January at 9am**. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Tree Cookies

On Friday 10th December, Jenny our Catering Manager, will help raise funds for Paxton by baking and decorating 150 Christmas Tree cookies. The cookies will be on sale at the end of the school day from 3pm and cost 50p each. All of the money raised will go to the PTA.

Meet our Local Academy Committee

Yesterday, members of Paxton's Local Academy Committee (LAC) hosted a meeting to discuss the outcomes of the Autumn Parent Survey 2021 and ways to make Paxton even better.

Together, with parents, they were able to celebrate all of the things that Paxton is doing well and discuss some areas to improve. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the meeting. The LAC members felt that it was very productive and are looking forward to working together in the future.

After School Clubs

The parents spoke and we listened! One of the key areas that parents said they wanted us to improve was After School Clubs.

Behind the scenes, we have already started to get to work. Next week, we will send out our timetable for the Spring Term 2022, which we hope will have up to 15 clubs for children of all ages and will include, Steel Pans and Book Review Club.

OUR CAMPS

With only 10 school days before the end of term, don't forget to book your place. 'Our Camps' will be at Paxton on **Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd December** from **10am – 4pm**.

Children entitled to **Free School Meals** will receive a **free place every day and a hot meal**. For non Free School Meals children, the cost will be £25 per day. To find out more or book a place click here: www.schoolcamp.org.uk

Our Core Values

Our **RESPECT** core values underpin everything that we do at Paxton. Next week our Core Value will be **Care**.

Care

We look after our community, showing we care through our words and actions.

Paxton, Are You Ready for Another Challenge?

After the success of the TimesTable Rocks Stars early morning club, the question is, are the children ready for another challenge?

At Paxton, we love nothing more than to curl up and lose ourselves in the pages of a good book. Each week, 'Reading for Pleasure' allows children from Reception to Year 6 to wriggle their fingers through the bookshelves and in to book boxes to search for their next great read.

This festive Winter season, Croydon Libraries have opened up their doors to invite children from all ages to take part in the Winter Mini Challenge and become a Wild World Hero. If you have not already signed up, click below to find out more.
www.wintermini.org.uk



What's the lunch time Movie?

This week, to help with the smooth transition from the classrooms into the lunch hall and then out into the playground, we have introduced a lunch time movie.

As part of the dining experience, each day, the children will be able to watch a 'U' rated movie either at the start or at the end of their time in the lunch hall. So far, it has been a huge success and the children have transitioned beautifully, you can almost not hear them.

What's on the Menu?

With only five more days before booking closes, if you have not yet booked your child's Christmas lunch, there is still time.

Remember, you only need to book if your child usually has a packed lunch.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 7th December at 9am – **Open Morning**

Friday 10th December – **Christmas Tree Cookies**

Thursday 16th December – **Nasal Flu Vaccinations**

Thursday 16th December – **Christmas Lunch**

Friday 17th December – **Christmas Parties**

****School finishes at 2:15pm****

Tuesday 4th January – **Inset Day**

Wednesday 5th January – **Children return**

Attendance

This week, a record breaking 4 out of 7 classes managed to achieve, and in two classes exceed, our whole school target of 97%. Year 5 were also so close with 96.4%. Congratulations to all of the children and their families.

With only two weeks left before we say goodbye to the Autumn term, let's see if we can all achieve and hopefully exceed, the target.

Class	Attendance
Reception	93.1%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	94.1%
Total	96.1%

Have a great weekend,

Theresa Moses – Headteacher