

WEEKLY NEWS

From the Headteacher: 5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

Autumn Term 2

Welcome back to the start of the Autumn 2 term. We hope you and your family have had a great half term and are looking forward to what the next seven weeks have in store.

In the words of Dinah Washington's 'What a difference a day makes', this week we have had four amazing days with the children back in the building. Each day, the corridors have been filled with smiles and the sounds of children's laughter. Inside the classrooms the children have settled in well to their learning and the teachers have been able to do what they do best: Teach!

This half term is packed full with learning and a sprinkle of all things festive. On Tuesday, staff began to unpack the curriculum through quality texts which have been handpicked to provide the children with awe and wonder. The class 'Curriculum Webs' will also provide parents and family members with the opportunity to extend and enrich the learning at home.

On Monday 8th November, we have decided to make Maths Week England even more exciting and take part in the Times Tables Rock Stars competition.



The competition will take place from 7:30am and 7:30pm until Thursday 11th November, involving schools from across England.

To give us an even better chance at being on the leader board and showing off our Times Table skills, we will run an early morning club from 8:15am – 8:45am, where children in KS2 will have the opportunity to come into school early and log onto TTRS.

We will also run a 15-minute lunch time club. Please click the link sent out to parents to sign them up.

The competition will take place online via play.ttrockstars.com. For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, the children will earn their class a point. However, each child is only allowed to play for 60-minutes each day, so every correct answer counts.

Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

Change of PE Days For Autumn 2

This half term, we have made some changes to the days which PE will take place on.

Please can we ask you to ensure that children wear their full school uniform on non PE days and to come to school in their Paxton sports kits on days when PE takes place.

Year Group	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Reception	Friday	n/a
Year 1	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 4	Monday	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 6	Thursday	Friday

What's on the Menu?

On Tuesday, Pabulum launched their new menu filled with all things yum. To find out what is on the menu, please click the link below.

[Paxtonacademy.org.uk/uploads/Paxton%20Menu.pdf](https://paxtonacademy.org.uk/uploads/Paxton%20Menu.pdf)
Please remember, the cost of a school meal has now been reduced to **£2.35 per day**.

If your child has a dietary need or currently has a packed lunch and you would like to discuss them having a school meal, please speak to Miss Ingram in the school office.

Our Core Values

Our **RESPECT** core values underpin everything that we do at Paxton.

Excellence

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Parents' Evening

On **Wednesday 17th November**, we will hold our first parents' meeting from **2:30pm – 6:45pm**. If you have not yet managed to book your preferred time slot please note that places are becoming limited. Please click on the link sent to parents.

If your child usually attends after school club, please note that Youngstars will be operating on this day from 2.15pm.



School Photos

If you have not yet pre-registered please do so, as the photos are now available for you to view and purchase. Registration only takes a minute and it will enable you to access to your child's photograph and order. Please visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk and enter the following code: **JRW2SGN**

Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th November – **Anti bullying week**

One Kind Word

Wednesday 17th November – **Parents' Evening**

School closes at 2:15pm

Friday 19th November – **9am Paxton PTA**



Monday 22nd November – **5pm LAC Meeting**

Thursday 2nd December – **9am Paxton Parent Tour**

Friday 3rd December – **9am LAC Meeting**

Wednesday 8th December – **Christmas Concert**

'Our Traffic Light System'

At Paxton Academy, we expect all our children to make at least good progress. It is therefore essential that they attend school every day.

As you are aware this year our attendance target is 97%. To help us monitor attendance each half term, we have created our own Traffic Light System.

100%	Platinum	Outstanding attendance
97%-99%	Gold	Excellent attendance
95%-96%	Green	Good attendance with room for improvement
91%-94%	Amber	Cause for concern
90% and below	Red	Persistent absence, significant cause for concern



At the end of the Autumn Term 1, across the school a grand total of 28 children managed to achieve the school target of 97%.

Even better was 69 children who manage to exceed the target and achieve 100%. Congratulations to all the children and their families.

Attendance

At the end of last week of term, children in Year 6 managed to exceed our whole school target of 97% and achieve **100%**. As a reward, they have chosen to watch a movie and eat popcorn. Well done Year 6.

Congratulations Paxton, 6 out of 7 classes managed to achieve the target this week. What an Awesome way to start the term.

Class	Attendance
Reception	88.8%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	98.6%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	96.6%
Total	96.4%

Have a great weekend

Theresa Moses – Headteacher