

# Newsletter

## Message from Mrs Moore

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and that 2019 is going to be a great year for us all.

The end of term came very quickly, with truly fantastic Christmas performances across the whole school. We are very proud of our talented children. We were sad to say goodbye to several members of staff at the end of last term, Mrs Gray, Mrs Colledge, Mrs Dixie and Miss McDonald. We wish them all well and are grateful for all their hard work and time spent at Little Paxton. We are delighted to welcome Mr Reast who is the new teacher in Nightingale class.

We started the New Year with a new, whole school approach to managing behaviour. We always aim to recognise positive behaviour rather than focus on the negative. The children have all responded very well and staff and children are commenting on the immediate differences. I have been delighted to receive some very positive feedback from parents too and am always grateful for any feedback. Of course, there have been some questions asked and concerns raised which are always taken seriously and allow adjustments to be made as necessary. Thank you to those parents who have been offering feedback through email or on the playground. It really is appreciated.



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We are still collecting used Christmas card donations – please ask your friends and neighbours too!! There is a collection box outside school and we will continue to collect cards until the 30<sup>th</sup> January.



Our school choir is looking for a piano accompanist starting as soon as possible. Do we have any talented parents who would be willing to spare an hour after school on a Tuesday to accompany us? Perhaps you have a friend, family member or neighbour who may be interested? Please contact the school office in the first instance for a chat. Thank you.

Next week, our Year 6s are going away for a residential to Hilltop in Norfolk. I am sure it is going to be an adventure for all involved!!

## Office info

The cost of our school meals will be rising from the 25<sup>th</sup> February. The cost for children will be £2.30 per day and the cost for visiting adults will be £3.50. Also, after half term there will be no pick and mix option available on a Friday, just the hot meal choices.

We have received the following request from a pupil:-

I recently visited London for a lovely family occasion but was saddened by how many hungry and cold people were sleeping rough on the streets.

As the days and nights are getting ever so cold this time of year and some people may be lucky enough to replace some of their belongings after Christmas. I am asking people of the community to donate any unwanted coats, scarves, hats, gloves, blankets, sleeping bags or wet wipes (to help wash) for the homeless. They must still be in good condition in order for us to pass them on. Thank you - Olivia Wild Year 4

If you have any donations we would be happy to take them in the office and pass them on to Olivia

We have attached a few flyers that may be of interest to you from One Leisure, Half Term Football Club and Hungry Historians.

I also attach a **Diary Dates** list detailing key things to remember up to half term.

Have a Great Weekend.

