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Autumn Newsletter 1 - Friday 15th September 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year into what seems like a completely new building! Over the summer the builders completed the major refurbishment of many areas in the existing building; it was "touch and go" at the beginning of last week whether it would all be finished and ready for the children to arrive last Thursday. With the whole staff team working flat out on the three closure days, working around builders and decorators, moving furniture, cleaning, emptying boxes, unpacking and assembling new furniture...the list of tasks goes on – we made it! There were in fact just 30 carpet tiles left to lay on Thursday in a storage cupboard. It all now looks lovely and we are so pleased with it all. We hope the children have also been as enthusiastic about it.



Here is our class set up for this year so that you have all the names and details:

	Class	Year Groups	Teachers
1	Owl	YR	Mrs Moffat
2	Lark	YR	Mrs Rider
3	Dove	Y1	Mrs Stott
4	Starling	Y1	Mr Hall
5	Robin	Y2	Mrs Jenkins
6	Heron	Y2	Miss Freeman
7	Wren	Y3	Miss Stapleton
8	Kestrel	Y3	Miss Sheppard
9	Kite	Y4	Mrs Webb
10	Kingfisher	Y4	Mrs Duffett / Miss Watts
11	Woodpecker	Y5	Miss Jackson
12	Osprey	Y5	Mrs Neal / Mrs Thompson
13	Goldfinch	Y6	Mrs Embrey

I would like to formally welcome Mr Hall as our new Year 1 teacher; Mr Hall spent quite a few weeks with us last year as part of his teacher training programme and so already knows the school and the staff very well.



The new Foundation children have made a great start to their learning journey at Little Paxton; they seem so settled and grown up already! All the children look very smart in their uniforms – thank you to all parents and carers for this! If you have any queries about what is acceptable uniform then please look on our school website or ask at the Office. Thank you.

You will soon be receiving a newsletter from your child's class teacher. This will have lots of useful information on it that is specifically about the class so please look out for this.

I know that our Year 6 have only just become Year 6 but the planning for their transition to secondary school starts very soon! Longsands and Ernulf will soon be sending out their prospectuses for you to look at. You should have received all the application details this week in an envelope sent via us. Both schools will be holding an open evening in October and although they are on the same days as our Parents' Evenings, it should not cause a problem as timings are different. Please let us know if you do have problems with clashes. The Open Evening at Ernulf is Thursday 19th October (we believe from 6.15pm until about 8pm) and at Longsands is Tuesday 17th October also we believe from 6.00pm until about 8pm.



A reminder that for Key Stage 2 pupils the price of a dinner has gone up to £2.30 and for all adults it has increased to £3.30. Please remember that for all Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils, lunch is free. Payments for dinners should be made on the School Gateway please.

One of our pupils, Zac Taylor, has been named as a finalist in the St Neots Sports Person of the Year competition. His mum has asked us if we would pass on the details about how to vote for him. If you would like to vote for Zac then please follow the link below. Thank you.



<http://www.stneotsawards.co.uk/>

With this newsletter you will find our most recent list of Diary Dates. Please keep this safe as you will need to refer to it throughout the term. Thank you.

Kindest Regards

Diane Hawkes – Headteacher