



Palace Wood Primary School

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This week has been assessment week. The children have all been working really hard. Teachers will be feeding back to you about how your child has done and what their next steps are at parents' evening in November.

Harvest festival was a great success. Thank you to the parents who walked groups of children to the church. I hope you will agree that the singing was excellent as was the children's behaviour. Thank you for all the harvest food donations.

Next week I will be attending Kingswood with a very excited Year 6 group! Please rest assured that I am leaving the school in the very capable hands of the rest of the leadership team. I will also be popping back on Tuesday. I will be tweeting from Kingswood for you to see how we are getting on. To answer a few queries, you don't need to join twitter to see our twitter page. You can access it via the school website.

A few key messages from across the school.....

Smoking

Please remember that the school is a non-smoking site. Please also avoid smoking in the immediate vicinity of the school.

Message from Year 1 and 2 staff

Please can Year 1 and 2 not bring in any toys and books to show because we don't have time to show them and the children often get upset! When there are opportunities to show items from home, the Year 1 and 2 teachers will let you know.

Message from Year R

A reminder that the Foundation Stage assembly is on Tuesday 21st October at 9:10am in Acorns' hall. We look forward to seeing parents there.

Lost property

Please name everything! There are lots of un-named items in all classrooms.

Alfie the Attendance Alligator



- Rhinos 99.5%
- Hippos 98.1%
- Tigers 98.4%
- Lions 98.3%
- Leopards 98%
- Panthers 97.3%
- Monkeys 95.6%
- Crocodiles 97.6%
- Pandas 99%
- Zebras 95.2%
- Bears 93.5%
- Giraffes 94.1%
- Elephants 93.5%
- Penguins 97.8%

Don't forget the Friends' disco for Y3-6 in Oaks' hall tonight 6:30-8. Hope to see you there!

Superstar corner

Henry in Pandas got his 200m swimming badge.

Charlie in Lions was part of the Aylesford Bulls Rugby team that won the under 10s final at the Medway Rugby festival last Sunday.



This week's letters home (or via parentmail):

All: Parent Consultations

Year R, 1, 2: -

Year 3: Young Voices rehearsals

Year 4: Young Voices rehearsals

Year 5: Young Voices rehearsals

Year 6: Young Voices rehearsals

Dates for your diary: New dates are in red

20th-24th October Year 6 Kingswood trip

21st October 9:10am Year R Assembly in Acorns

31st October Deadline for Year 6 secondary admissions form

3rd and 4th November Staff Development Day

5th November Children return to school

5th November Parents' Evening

6th November Parents' Evening

7th November 9am Year 5/6 Poetry in Performance in Oaks' hall

14th November Children in Need Day—PJs day

20th November 6pm Phonics Evening for parents from Acorns

Christmas dates for your diary

Although it may only be October, we want to give you advance warning of dates. Morning performances will be at 9:15am, afternoon at 2pm.

Friday 5th Dec—6:30pm Oaks' Christmas Disco

Wednesday 10th Dec - pm - Year 3 dress rehearsal

Thursday 11th Dec - am - Year 3 performance

pm - Year 4 dress rehearsal

Friday 12th Dec—Friends' Secret Santa Day

Monday 15th - pm - Year 4 performance and year 2 dress rehearsal

Tuesday 16th - am - Year 1 dress rehearsal

am—Year 6 to Maplesden Panto

pm - Year 2 performance

Wednesday 17th - am - FS dress rehearsal

pm - Year 1 performance

Thursday 18th - pm - FS performance

Friday 19th - Party Day - non-uniform, Santa visiting Acorns



Meet Steve Watt

Captain of Maidstone United

at the Kent History and Library Centre

Tuesday 28 October 2014 3.00pm

Free event but booking recommended

Tel 03000 41 31 31



Year 6 Boys' Football tournament

Palace Wood took part in a football competition on Tuesday. Our team of 10 boys were fantastic. Special mention must go to Freddie who, as captain, made all the difficult decisions, who to play, positions etc. You did a fabulous job Freddie! You supported and helped your team mates; you should be proud of yourself. Excellent football skills were shown by Jamie and George; Alfie was great in defence and Sam was a star keeper. Liam was our loudest supporter with everyone knowing exactly which school he was behind! Unfortunately the team did not make it through to the playoff due to goal difference but that should not stop every single member of the squad feeling proud of their achievements. Thanks to Mrs Shaw and parents who supported the team. **Next week—cross country news!**

Thinking question.....

If you could visit a time in history where and when would you go? Why?

All suggestions to Miss Ridout welcome, the best will be read in Friday's assembly.

And finally.....

If you'd like some advice on key phonics teaching vocabulary such as phoneme, grapheme, then check out our 'Parents' zone' tab on our school website:

http://www.palacewoodschoools.org.uk/page_viewer.asp?page=Phonics+and+Spelling&pid=191

We are holding a phonics evening on Thursday November 20th at 6pm in Oaks' hall.

Have a good weekend,

Miss Ridout