

# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **Back to normal**

All of the classes are fully back in the swing of things and the school is feeling much more 'normal' again. All of the external building improvements were finally completed yesterday when the outdoor learning area was finished. I am so pleased with it, and the children already seem impressed. Watch this space for some more exciting news about this in the next few weeks!

We have also elected our new House Captains in our first House Assembly this week. Congratulations to Imogen, Eliana and Joshua for Sheeran, Noah, Oliver and Arlene for Hawking, Tilly, Oliver and Jake for Yarnold, and Lily, George and Lottie for Rowling. Well done to everyone who took the time to write, prepare and deliver their speeches. You all did an amazing job and should be very proud of what you did.

Many Year 6 children also had a busy day yesterday when they sat the Kent Test. It is always a tough experience, but they tackled it head on and managed, just about, to come out with a few smiles. Well done to you all. We know you would have given your best, and that is all that we can ask for.

## **School Uniform**

Despite only being a few weeks into term, I have started to see a few children who are moving away from some of the basics, so I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone of some of them:

- School shoes, and not trainers, should be worn. These should be plain black
- One stud earring in each ear is allowed. They must not be worn for PE.
- Only small bows should be worn in hair
- A full PE kit needs to be in school for PE lessons.

Hopefully we can see a return to the full and proper school uniform soon.

## **Open Mornings**

Do you, or anyone else you know, have a child due to start school in September 2020 (born between 1.9.15 and 31.8.16). If so, we have good news! Our open mornings to come and visit the school are:

- Monday 7th October
- Wednesday 16th October
- Monday 4th November
- Friday 22nd November

Please contact Mrs Smith in the school office ([office@palacewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@palacewood.kent.sch.uk) or 01622 750084) if you would like to book to come and see us.

## **Join us for a Coffee**

On the morning of Friday 27th September, we will be holding a coffee morning to help raise funds for MacMillan. We would love for you to join us for a coffee (or tea!) from 9:00 in Oaks Hall. This is a great opportunity for you to come in and have a chat with other parents. We will also be around if you want to ask us any questions about anything school related – we'll be by the cake!

## **Mental Health Support**

You will no doubt have seen and heard in the news almost on a daily basis about the mental health challenges we face today. By entering your postcode into <https://hubofhope.co.uk/> you will be shown services near you that could offer support. If there is ever anything you want to talk to us about, please do come and see us.



## **Superstar Corner**

Lucas's (Pandas) football team, MPE U7s, won the Aylesford Tournament on 1 September, and Lucas was also awarded man of the match for the final, winning a new football. Ella (Monkeys) completed the Summer Reading Challenge over the summer. She read 6 books and at the end received a certificate and medal.

## Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	97.49	Sheeran	10
Yarnold	97.29	Yarnold	5
Hawking	98.27	Hawking	9
Rowling	95.38	Rowling	2

Overall weekly Attendance 97.10%

### Attendance

As last week, Hawking had the best attendance, and Rowling the best punctuality

### Twitter

If you don't already, please download the Twitter app so that you can follow @palace\_wood. We share information, pictures and news on here very regularly and it is a great way to keep in touch with what is going on in school.

### Parent Forum

We are always looking to grow our learning community, and really value the input from parents on this. We are going to be setting up a parent forum to encourage discussion about how to make our school even better. So that we can make these most effective, we will be sending around a survey – don't worry, it's only 4 questions! – to help us get the best time and choose the best topics to talk about. If you have a spare minute, completing it would be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HJ6BTV5>

### Friends Information

Unfortunately, the proposed Friends AGM on Monday night was not quorate, so we have rearranged it for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm.

As I am sure you are aware, the Friends have not only provided some amazing activities for the children over the past few years, but have raised a substantial sum of money for the school that have enabled us to improve the school environment and the opportunities for our children. As the committee members are standing down, we are desperately hoping for some new members to take on the mantle and continue the great work of the last few years.

To start the ball rolling, the date of the first disco of the year is 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please contact the Friends on their Facebook page if you are able to help out.

### Volunteers wanted!

We are again running our Parent Volunteer Safeguarding training. If you currently are, or would like to volunteer in school, you must attend one of these sessions:

- Wednesday 18th September 9:15am
- Friday 20th September 9.15am
- Monday 23rd September 9:15am

### And finally

It is Roald Dahl day today. So many things could be mentioned here, but I like this one!

*"If a person has ugly thoughts, it begins to show on the face. And when that person has ugly thoughts every day, every week, every year, the face gets uglier and uglier until you can hardly bear to look at it.*

*A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts it will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."*

— Roald Dahl, *The Twits*

Mr Chatley

### **Letters/Parentmails home this week:**

Yr3 Museum of Kent Life trip letter  
 All Calling all friends of Palace Wood Volunteers  
 YrsR-4 Maidstone Hockey Club

### **Dates for your Diary (new dates in red)**

18 Sept Safeguarding Training  
 20 Sept Safeguarding Training  
 23 Sept Safeguarding Training  
 24 Sept EYFS KM Photograph being taken  
 27 Sept **McMillan Coffee Morning (9-10 o'clock)**  
 4 Oct **Oaks' Disco 6.00 – 7.30 pm**  
 7 Oct **Friends' AGM 2.30 Acorns' Hall**  
 7 Oct **Open Day 9.30 am**  
 7 Oct House Day  
 10 Oct Individual & Sibling Photos  
 16 Oct **Open Day 9.30 am**  
 21-25 Oct School Holiday  
 4 Oct **Open Day 9.30**  
 8 Nov Flu immunisation – whole school  
 22 Nov **Open Day 9.30**

### **INSET Days, when school is closed to children, are:**

1. 18 October 2019
2. 18 December 2019
3. 16 April 2020
4. 17 April 2020
5. 1 June 2020