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# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Now that October is here, we are really seeing Autumn's true colours. The weather has taken a serious turn – Mrs Chatley insisted on putting the heating on this week much to my objections! – and we continue to see rain, rain and more rain!

However, as we are now most of the way through the term, we are really starting to see the school take shape after all of the refurbishments over the summer. The displays around the school are a real highlight for me at the moment. As the children are now working towards their published work, I can see how much effort they are putting in to produce outcomes that are really excellent. I have also seen the progress that the children are making when I get to see their books at various time through the week.

We were delighted to see so many of you through the doors on Wednesday so that you could see what your children had achieved. We hope that seeing what they had done and how much they had moved on since the start of the year made you feel very proud.

We continue to review our practice at Palace Wood to see how we can make things better. We believe that if better is possible, then good is not enough!

## **Attention Year 6 Parents**

Dear Year 6 parents. On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6:15pm in Oaks Hall, we will be holding a meeting about Secondary Transfer. In this meeting, we will talk to you about the form that needs to be completed, any dates and deadlines and try to answer any questions that you have about the whole process. We hope to see Year 6 parents there.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> October
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **Parent Forum**

The first meeting will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in Oaks Hall. The focus for the meeting will be the most popular from the survey – learning hints and tips. So that we can best support you, and find the best room (!), please could you email [parentforum@palacewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:parentforum@palacewood.kent.sch.uk) to let us know if you are coming to the meeting, and anything specific you want to cover. Please be aware, that this is an open session to discuss techniques we can all apply. It is something we can then hopefully share more widely after the meeting. If you have something specific about your child, please see your child's class teacher.

## **Extended School Club**

Please ensure that if you use the Breakfast and After School club, you have supplied them with any medicines that your children may need. This will also be the case for the Holiday Club. The October Holiday Club, including the school INSET day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October are now available for booking on SchoolsBuddy. We are offering full day or half-day sessions for all 6 days available. However, as was mentioned in the ParentMail that went out earlier in the week, we do need to establish the numbers required so that we can appropriately organise staffing and catering. To do this, you will need to book on to the days by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	96.73	Sheeran	17
Yarnold	97.43	Yarnold	3
Hawking	98.19	Hawking	5
Rowling	98.44	Rowling	4

Overall weekly Attendance 97.69%

### Attendance

This week **Rowling** have had the highest attendance, and **Yarnold** were the most punctual.

### Photos

On Thursday next week, our school photographer will be in taking individual and family group photos. Make sure your children are in their best uniform!

EYFS will be featured in next week's Kent Messenger in their First Class Supplement.

### Harvest Gifts

The children in Years 1-6 will be attending a Harvest Festival celebration at St. Nicholas Church on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Please send in any food donations from now on as we will, once again, make a Harvest food display in the reception area before donating. Please send in any items by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Where possible, can items be non-perishable such as:

Tinned fruit or vegetables	Meat pies/ready meals
Long life milk	Pasta/curry/sweet & sour sauce
Sandwich spread	Marmite, peanut butter, jam, chocolate spread
Mayonnaise/salad cream	Vegetable oil
Custard/rice pudding	Sugar
Tea/coffee/hot chocolate	Tinned mince
Fruit	been/stewing
juice/squash/individual drinks	steak/ham/corned beef/fish

### Friends News

A few notices from the Friends:

- Don't forget to save/collect those 5ps for the 5p bottle challenge in each class.
- The Oaks disco is on Friday (4<sup>th</sup> October) in Oaks Hall. It now starts at 6pm and finishes at 7:30pm.
- The Friends AGM is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm. Please come and attend, support (and maybe stand for a position!).
- Don't forget Cyril the Squirrel!

### And finally

Next week is a really busy week, where we will see the power of the Palace Wood Community. On Monday, we have our first Open Morning and the Friends AGM and Tuesday is Harvest Festival and the Parent Forum in the evening. We also have a maths competition for some of our children in Year 6, our individual photos and a Year 4 trip! So much to look forward to and keep us busy.

Mr Chatley

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

YV	Coach Payment
Yr6	Maplesden Noakes Taster Day
Yr1/2	Film Club Cancelled
Yr3/4	Creative Dance Club

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

4 Oct	Oaks' Disco 6.00 – 7.30 pm
7 Oct	Friends' AGM 2.30 Acorns' Hall
7 Oct	Open Day 9.30 am
8 Oct	Harvest (EYFS 2.30 in Acorns) Year 6 Secondary Transfer meeting 6.15 Oaks
10 Oct	Individual & Sibling Photos
16 Oct	Open Day 9.30 am
18-25 Oct	Holiday Club
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