



# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been lovely to see some of the children with their work this week. I have seen everything from maths, and English, to PE and even learning attitudes. Many of the children are now developing a much deeper understanding of not just what they are learning but also *how* they are learning. This is so important to children's development as it gives them the opportunity to reflect on what they have done and how they can improve it next time.

## **Come and see what we've been up to!**

You will have seen the reminders in the last two newsletters about our parent drop in. Now we are a few weeks in to term, the children would love to show you what they've been up to so far. If you would like to pop in and see some of their work, and maybe have a quick chat with your child's teacher, please pop along from 3:20pm until 4:00 pm on Wednesday 2nd October.

## **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 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.

## **Happy News**

We are delighted to announce that Miss Gower is expecting her second baby, due in March (hopefully with no early surprises this time!). I am sure you will join us in passing on many congratulations. Arrangements are, of course, in hand to appoint a maternity cover teacher and we will let you know the details nearer the time.

In addition, Mrs Chatley and I are also expecting our second child, who should be making an appearance at some point in January. Mrs Chatley hasn't managed to keep it a secret, and Arthur thinks the baby is in his tummy! I'm sure he'll figure it out in the end!

## **Parent Forum**

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Parent Forum questionnaire. It provided some really useful information, so hopefully we will be able to support you through these meetings. The feedback suggested that the forum should run half termly with a 7pm start.

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.

# Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	97.30	Sheeran	24
Yarnold	96.90	Yarnold	13
Hawking	98.19	Hawking	10
Rowling	96.56	Rowling	10

Overall weekly Attendance 97.23%

## Attendance

Hawking had the best attendance last week, and Hawking and Rowling share the punctuality prize.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for everyone who came to the MacMillan Coffee morning. We raised over £100 to contribute to this amazing charity.

## 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!

## Extended School Club

Thank you for your continued support with our Breakfast, After School and Holiday Club. Please ensure that you have read the

ParentMail that came out this week regarding medicines.

In addition, the October Holiday Club, including the school INSET day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October are now available for booking on SchoolsBuddy.

## And finally

So far so good with the Rugby World Cup. Two games in and two wins. Neither have seen England at their best, but they have got the job done so far. However, England have set high expectations for themselves, and so have been rightly disappointed with their performances so far. This is such an important lesson. The process is very often more valuable than the outcome. England have not learnt anything with the outcome, but have learned plenty from looking at their performance and where they could improve next time. This is something that we hope we are impressing on all of the children.

If better is possible, then good is not enough!

Mr Chatley

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

YV	Collect from Acorns after rehearsal (4.20pm)
All	Attendance Newsletter

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

2 Oct	Parent Drop-in
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 Year 6 Secondary Transfer meeting
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