

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Proud Moments

This week has been one of very proud moments for me. I have seen this week the strength of the Palace Wood family in so many ways and it is one of the many reasons that I love working at Palace Wood.

Every week, the staff pull together and support each other and that has been even more evident this week. They are so passionate about ensuring the children get the best education and always offer their support when we are faced with obstacles to overcome. I am so lucky to work with such a great staff.

Then on Thursday, the Friends worked with all of our children on their Christmas Wishes. This is such a fantastic occasion – one that the children love – and we are so grateful to the Friends for making it happen.

There are so many great wishes this year – far too many to share here – but with the political climate and the upcoming election, I couldn't help but share the one below. I think it encapsulates the general feeling of the nation!



Then on Friday, we had the last of our scheduled open days for next year's new starters. We have seen so many prospective new parents this year and talking about our journey and our vision, and then seeing it in action as we walked around really showed me that Palace Wood is an exciting place to be.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Reading Ambassadors

Our new Reading Ambassadors had their first meeting this week. They discussed ways we could promote reading across our school and came up with some fantastic ideas.

These include reading with the younger children, holding a bookstall and running a book swap event. The Ambassadors will introduce themselves to the whole school in next week's assembly to share their ideas. They are very excited!

Reading Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our reading survey. Your responses will really help us to shape our reading journey in the months ahead.

Book recommendation

Is it too early to mention Christmas? As the children have begun to learn lines for plays and songs, I'm guessing we're in the clear! This week, the recommendation is suitable for all ages (and may even be a great stocking filler).



'The Crayons' Christmas' by Drew Daywalt is the new book in the Crayon series and promises to be another laugh-out-loud story. Packed with envelopes to open and letters to read, this is a wonderful interactive book. Which is your favourite crayon?



Superstar Corner

Amelia and Chloe from Monkeys worked together to overcome their fear of heights to complete the Go Ape course at Leeds Castle.

Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	94.31	Sheeran	13
Yarnold	95.48	Yarnold	10
Hawking	96.25	Hawking	8
Rowling	95.33	Rowling	2

Overall weekly Attendance 95.34%

Attendance

Hawking team had the best attendance this week, and Rowling the best punctuality.

Charity Support

Year 6 would like to send a great big thank you so much to both Barnados and Hospices of Hope, the charity shops in the Mid Kent Shopping Centre. Thanks to their generous donations, our Victorian Fair was a huge success. Please make sure that you visit and pick up a bargain or two before Christmas, helping out these fantastic charities in the process.



Christmas Dates

Next week we have a non-uniform day on Thursday in exchange for some chocolate for the Tombola. Then on Friday, we have the Christmas Fair. Please see the flyer from the Friends for more information about this.

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 11th December, as well as it being our school Christmas dinner, we will be having our annual Christmas Jumper Day. We encourage the children to dress festively in non-uniform, and get into the Christmas jumper spirit. If you don't have a Christmas jumper, don't worry – you can wear Christmas colours like green, red and gold, but NO football kits please.

Palace Wood Wraparound Care

As you know, we have been offering a Breakfast, After School and Holiday club since September. We have now opened bookings for the Breakfast and After School club for the Spring Term, as well as the Holiday clubs for all holidays up to and including the summer holidays so that you can book in advance and spread payments should you need to.

Parking – Again!

A resident in Talbot Road was seriously inconvenienced on Friday by parents parking over her drive. PLEASE consider our neighbours when parking your car, even if it is for only 5 minutes.

And finally

Have a great week!

Mr Chatley

Letters/Parentmails home this week:

Yr1&2 Pedal Tigers Cycling Club
 Tigers Miss Rolph
 All Christmas Lunch menu and booking form.
 Deadline to book is Friday 29th November.

**PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR CLUBS INFORMATION COMING SOON
 VIA SCHOOLSBUDDY**

Dates for your Diary (new dates in red)

25 Nov Friends' Grotto
 28 Nov Non-uniform day (chocolate!)
 29 Nov Friends' Christmas Fair
 4 Dec Year 4 Christmas Show
 5&6 Dec EYFS Christmas Show
 10 Dec Year 2 Christmas Show
 11 Dec Christmas Jumpers
 Christmas Lunch
 Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert
 12 Dec Year 1 Show
 13 Dec Oaks' Christmas Disco
 16 Dec Carols at St Nicholas Church (children)

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