

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

READ ALL ABOUT IT! Reading Ambassadors



Our Reading Ambassadors had their first assembly on Monday! They all spoke with such enthusiasm and confidence as they introduced themselves to the school and shared their ideas for developing reading at Palace Wood. First on the list, was our new Sharing a Book bag (please see below) and a class wish list of books following our successful book fair in which you helped raise over £700 for us to spend on new books for the school. What a great start our Ambassadors have made.

Sharing a Book



Reading with children is one of the most important things we do. Reading aloud, whatever your child's age, helps share the pleasure of books and brings them to life! Children develop as readers and build upon their reading skills when they read with an adult. Even when children can read for themselves, spending time with an adult, discussing a book, its meaning and how it makes them feel all contribute to our children becoming skilled and life-long readers. Our new 'Sharing a Book' bag aims to give you the opportunity to share a high-quality picture book with your child over a mug of hot chocolate (sachets included). Every Friday, a child from each class will return home with a tote bag designed by Mrs Lembo containing a book and two sachets. Please return the book in the bag by Wednesday of the following week so another child has the opportunity to take the book home. We would love to see photos of you sharing the book with your child, so

please email these to the office, or Tweet them using @palace_wood

Book recommendation

KS2 *The Hodgehog* by Dick King-Smith
Max is a hedgehog who dreams of living in the park. The busy road is a dangerous barrier but Max notices that humans seem to cross it quite easily. If they can, why can't hedgehogs? So Max sets out on a quest to find a safe way to reach the park.



EYFS & KS1



Supertato by Sue Hendra

A laugh-out-loud story about a very special potato who will do his utmost to protect his fellow vegetables. He will be there for you when the chips are down!

Friends News

Thank you to the Friends for such an amazing Christmas Fair. Super effort to see all the children getting to experience the different stalls – much fun was had by all. The Friends have also secured a 'token drop' at Waitrose in Allington, so if you need a pint of milk, loaf of bread or more, pop over there and drop your token in their box!



Superstar Corner

Poppy (Lions) has been taking part in the family mile and regularly walks with her Family. They have clocked up over 25 miles so far and received family rewards including tshirt, wrist band, family skating and family swimming. Anyone else that wants to join in can find out details on the Mason Family Mile facebook page or website. Henry (Crocodiles) achieved his level 4 swimming assessment and swam 25 metres



Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	95.20	Sheeran	26
Yarnold	97.35	Yarnold	13
Hawking	96.35	Hawking	14
Rowling	95.53	Rowling	17

Overall weekly Attendance 96.1%

Attendance

Yarnold had the best attendance and punctuality this week, but our punctuality is VERY poor at the moment! Please make sure that you leave home early enough to get to school on time.

Sports News

The basketball teams played very well at the basketball tournament. For some children, it was the first time they had represented the school in a competitive situation so there were some nerves but Jake and Simeon were fantastic captains, leading by example. After some hard fought and very close matches, the A team finished 5th, just missing out on the semi-finals. The B team grew in confidence as the tournament progressed, finishing 7th. Thank you to all the parent spectators and well done to all of the children who represented the school with great sportsmanship as always.

Freddie (Lions), Jake (Hippos) and Esme (Crocodiles) represented Palace Wood at the cross country Kent finals. They were representing our school and their parents were kind to take them to a schools event at the weekend. It was such a miserable day and Esme had sideways rain to battle with for her race. This was the first time she has ever done anything like this and she did so well. The year 3 race was 1.2k. She came 27th out of 98 runners with a time of 7.12.

The year 5 and 6 races were 2.2k. Jake came 29th out of 160 runners with a time of 7.06.

Freddie pulled 2nd place out the bag for his race out of 131 runners with an amazing time of 6.37



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 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. Unfortunately, the deadline to book the lunch has now passed as the caterers have our final numbers.

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.

Letters/Parentmails home this week:

- All Book Sale (after school today in the Library)
- Sharing a Book
- Extra Curricular Clubs
- 2 Reminders
- Yr3 Polar Express
- Yr6 Head Lice

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR CLUBS INFORMATION COMING LATER TODAY VIA SCHOOLSBUDDY

Dates for your Diary (new dates in red)

- 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