

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas is here!

This week our Christmas performances were kick started by Year 4 who performed 'I'm Gonna Shine'. With incredibly catchy music and a sea of smiling faces, it would have been impossible not to enjoy Year 4's performance! It was lovely to see all of the children so involved and proud of their show. Well done, Year 4.



Next it was the turn of EYFS to take centre stage. What a fantastic show! Well done, EYFS. Thank you to all the staff who have helped put these performances together and to parents for coming to support us.

Next week we have the Year 1 and 2 performances to look forward to as well as the Year 5 and 6 carol concert on Wednesday evening at 6pm at St. Nicholas Church.

Sharing a Book



It was lovely to see our first Tweet of Rhea in Year 4 sharing her story and hot chocolate from her 'Sharing a Book' bag with her mum. We would love to see more photos of you sharing the book with your child, so please email these to the office, or Tweet them using @palace_wood

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.

Friends News

5p Challenge

Please don't forget to keep bringing in your 5ps. Each classroom has a collection. All proceeds are going towards the Friends.

Christmas Disco

Next Friday is the Christmas Disco for Years 3 to 6.

Friday 13th December at 6pm.



Superstar Corner

Elena (Giraffes) received her first trophy as player of the week at Maidstone Hockey Club. Rhea (Panthers) came 7th place in the South East Regionals Gymnastics Floor and Vault Competition. George (Lions) as a member of SAMA Karate SE (Maidstone Team), was awarded his 1st Kyu red/white/blue karate belt in November at Uckfield, East Sussex. His next grading will be for a Shodan 1st black belt.

Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	96.37	Sheeran	20
Yarnold	95.09	Yarnold	17
Hawking	97.02	Hawking	2
Rowling	93.87	Rowling	10

Overall weekly Attendance 95.58%

Attendance

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

Waitrose Tokens

Check your pockets for Waitrose green token as our Friends are one of the charities throughout December.

Clubs

Next week is the last week for clubs this term. There will be no clubs the first week back after Christmas. Clubs will recommence the week commencing January 13th 2020.

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.

Rogue Traders

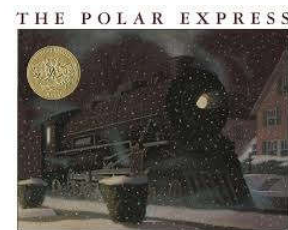
You may have noticed a bungalow in Ash Grove without a roof. This has been a very unfortunate case of rogue traders operating in the area. If anyone has any information about this please let us know so that we can assist the Police with their investigations.

Book recommendations

KS2 *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg

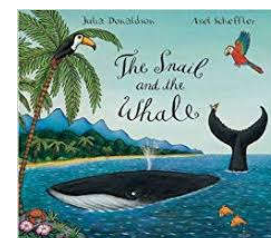
A wonderful Christmas tale, which

should not be overlooked by older children. The illustrations are beautiful and truly bring the story to life. A must-read for the believers, and almost believers...



EYFS & KS1 *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson

An uplifting story of a tiny snail who longs to see the world, and “manages to hitch a ride on the tail of a huge humpback whale.” The story has been made into an animation, which you will be able to watch on BBC1 on Christmas Day.



Letters/Parentmails home this week:

All House Day on 3rd February
Attendance and Punctuality
Christmas Cards

Yr6 Visit to Maplesden Noakes
Yr2 Winter PE Kit Reminder
YV Rehearsal Cancelled on 12th December
Yr4 DT Day

REMEMBER THAT THE SCHOOLBUDDY BOOKING SYSTEM FOR NEXT TERM'S EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS IS NOOOOOOW OPEN!

Dates for your Diary (new dates in red)

10 Dec Year 2 Christmas Show @2.15 in Acorns
11 Dec Christmas Jumpers, Christmas Lunch
Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert 6pm at St Nicholas
12 Dec Year 1 Show @ 2.15 in Acorns
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