

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy New Year

It was lovely to see everyone back on Monday morning after what was an unusually long Christmas Break. I was ready for the break after the long term leading up to Christmas, but am even more ready for the term ahead, which promises to be an exciting one, both personally and professionally!

As you may remember, Mrs Chatley is due very soon with our second child. Miss Ridout will be stepping up in my absence, ably supported by Mrs Vincett, Mrs Childs, Mrs Root and the whole staff. I know you will also give them your support. There will still always be a member of staff on the playground, so if you do have any questions or queries, please seek them out and ask!

In school terms, we continue to look at the best ways we can develop the learning for our children. The wider curriculum is something we are proud of at Palace Wood, and we are investigating ways to make that even better for your children.

Highlights this term promise to be our first ever Careers Day, where the children will learn about a wide range of different options open to them when they become adults. It is never too early to light the fire inside someone and broaden their horizons.

We will also be welcoming you in to have a look at your children's work this term in our regular parent book looks, so watch this space for that date.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

New Year, New Book!

What better way to start a new year than reading a new book. This term, we shall introduce the new books we have purchased with the money you helped raise in our recent book fair. Each week in assembly, the Reading Ambassadors shall showcase a

selection of books that will be available in the library.

Sharing a Book

Our 'Sharing a Book' bags are all set to go this week. Please share any photos of you and your child reading either via email to the office, or Twitter using @palace_wood

Book recommendations

This week's recommendations come from Alex in Tigers class. It is always so amazing and powerful when a child recommends a book they have enjoyed to another child (I already have 'The Boy Who Made The World Disappear' on my list). What is even better is that Alex obtained these books from his local library, so they didn't even cost him a thing. Did you know you can search and reserve books via the Kent Libraries App? This is great way to access books across the county. Please send any book recommendations your children may have to the office marked for the attention of Mrs Childs. Keep reading!



Superstar Corner

Don't forget to send in your achievements from outside of school, no matter what they are. We love sharing your successes!

Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	97.67	Sheeran	27
Yarnold	95.13	Yarnold	6
Hawking	97.05	Hawking	13
Rowling	93.49	Rowling	20

Overall weekly Attendance 95.83%

Attendance

Sheeran have the best attendance this week, and Yarnold the best punctuality.

Friends News

A great start to 2020 with a green token cheque for £246, huge thanks to everyone who supported us and to Waitrose Allington. The 5p bottle challenge will end this term so please send any 5 pence pieces into classes by 14th February. Winner will be announced next term!

Dates for diary :-

Friends meeting - Wednesday 22nd January at 6pm in Oaks.

Disco - Friday 7th February 6-7.30pm

Dangerous Driving

New Year, Old problems!

It seems as if some didn't make the New Year Resolution to drive more carefully and conscientiously around school. Already this week, it has been reported to school of a parent/carer driving recklessly (and definitely too fast!) In this instance, the driver, who was on their phone, which is illegal, pulled up on the yellow zigzag lines, that are meant to be kept clear for children crossing safely.

Please can we take more care around the school. It needs to be a place that children and adults can access safely. I genuinely worry that one week, I will be writing here about a child who has been injured as a result of poor driving around school. Please prove me wrong!

And finally

Random fact for the day – did you know that The London Underground was founded on this day in 1863. I'm sure many of you have

been on the underground at least once. So what do you know about it? Here are some great general knowledge facts:

- The network of tunnels extends to 249 miles. For comparison, it's only 204 miles from Hull to London.
- Around 55% of the London Underground is actually above the ground.
- The London Underground has a staggering 270 stations.
- The shortest distance between two adjacent stations on the network is only 260 metres and the longest is 6.3 kilometres.

Who knows when you might need one of these pieces of information?

Have a great weekend.

Mr Chatley

Letters/Parentmails home this week:

Yr4/5/6 Hockey Club
 All Elmer Launch Event, New Menu, Online Safety Newsletter, Careers Day, Friends Update (16.12.19)
 Monk. PE Kit
 Croc. Swimming (17.12.19)

Dates for your Diary (new dates in red)

13 Jan Non Uniform Day for Elmer Launch
 16 Jan Census Day Mexican Menu – open to all
 22 Jan 6pm Friends Meeting in Oaks
 7 Feb Oaks' Disco 6-7.30pm

INSET Days: 16 April 2020, 17 April 2020, 1 June 2020

Reminders:

- Name everything! Biro names fade so please check.
- Children need a PE kit in school at all times.
- Dogs are not allowed on site, unless Guide Dogs.
- Let us know by 9.30am why your child is absent.
- Clubs start next week.
- Children's mobile phones are not permitted.