

# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Baby Chatley is here!

I am delighted to announce that Beau Chatley was born Friday evening (17<sup>th</sup> January) weighing 8lb 10oz. Everyone is doing very well and Arthur is so excited to have a new baby brother. I am sure you will all join me on congratulating the Chatley family on their new addition.

## Book Look

It was lovely to see so many parents on Wednesday after school popping in to see some of our fantastic learning. Our children and staff really enjoy sharing with you the work that they have been doing. Thank you for coming. If you were unable to attend and would like to see your child's learning, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time for you to come in.

## Car engines

If you are waiting in your car to collect your child from school, please can we ask that you turn off your engine. Idling increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air. These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gasses including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.

## Sharing a Book



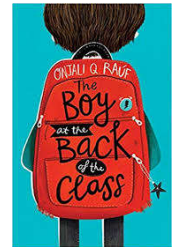
We are so pleased that you and your children are enjoying our Book Sharing Bags. Here's Holly in Monkeys reading her class' book. Don't forget to share

any photos of you and your child reading either via email to the office, or Twitter using @palace\_wood  
Keep reading!

## Book recommendations

KS2: *'The Boy at the Back of the Classroom'* by Onjali Q Rauf.

This is an inspiring and openhearted tale of a refugee and his three classmates who make a massive positive impact on his life through their bravery, curiosity and



sensitivity. This story really teaches us the power of kindness and the importance of not judging a person before you know them.



EYFS and KS1: *'The Lion Inside'* by Rachel Bright. A great story about a shy little mouse who sets off on an adventure to find his roar. This book teaches us about confidence and self-esteem.

## Book Week News

We have begun making plans for our annual book week, which shall be held the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March. It is already shaping up to be our biggest and best book week thus far. In order to give you plenty of notice, we shall NOT be inviting children to dress-up as a book character. However, we do have very exciting alternative plans. Please watch this space for further news about book week, but, for now, here is a little clue to whet your appetite ...



## Superstar Corner

Jack in Leopards had a trial at the end of last year for the Tonbridge Swimming Club and he is now swimming in their Silver squad and training twice a week with them- 3 hours of swimming



per week!

## Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	96.48	Sheeran	7
Yarnold	96.29	Yarnold	4
Hawking	96.86	Hawking	4
Rowling	96.89	Rowling	9

Overall weekly Attendance 96.63%

### Attendance

This week Rowling had the best attendance, and Yarnold and Hawking were the most punctual teams.

### Sports News

Last week both Year 5 and 6 and Year 3 and 4 attended a sports hall athletics competition.

*'We arrived at Maplesden Noakes and we were told to sit on a bench in a big hall. Miss Horne told us which events we were doing. I was doing 2+2 relay, under and over relay, speed bounce and 5 strides. After a while a lady told us what was happening. Firstly, the boys did their field events and the girls did their track events. We were doing very well and everyone from Palace Wood was cheering us on. Once the boys had done their field events and the girls had done their track events, we switched over. The boys were super quick and were amazing. Finally, all the events were over but we couldn't go home yet because we had to find out the results. We were very nervous to see what place we came. In the end we came third out of six. I went up and got the Certificates. We went home feeling very proud because we did very well. We had fun and that's the main thing.'*

By Sophia, Panthers.



Well done to our teams and thank you to Miss Horne for taking the children.

### Disco

Years 3 to 6 Disco - Friday 7th February  
6-7.30pm

### And finally...

You may have heard in the local news that there was a devastating house fire on the Loose Road last week. The fire has completely destroyed the family's home and everything inside; they have only been left with the clothes they put on for school and work that morning. If you would like to donate to this local family, please follow this Go Fund me link:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/uehgz-family-house-fire?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf+share-flow-1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/uehgz-family-house-fire?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)

Have a great, and safe, weekend.  
Miss Ridout

### Letters/Parentmails home this week:

Yr5/6 Football	Cancelled club
Yr3/4 Squash	Collection arrangements
All	Taxis from After School Club
	Behaviour Policy
Yr2	SATs Presentation
Yr1&2 Film	Cancelled club
Yr1	Phonics Screening Presentation

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

3 Feb **Careers Day**  
5 Feb Young Voices at the 02  
6 Feb **16.45 Yr2 SATs Presentation in Acorns**  
10 Feb Book Fair in Oaks, Monday - Friday  
7 Feb 6.00 – 7.30 Oaks' Disco  
11 Feb **5.00 Yr1 Phonics Presentation in Acorns**  
17 Feb School Holidays, Monday - Friday  
**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.
- Children's mobile phones are not permitted.