



# Palace Wood Primary School

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### Friends' Christmas Fair

Please come along to our Christmas Fair this Thursday (4th Dec) 3:30-5:30. We have lots of outside stalls, a frozen stall, cards, Avon, candy-floss and lots more—plus our own chocolate tombola, raffle, Christmas crackers, Santa's socks and cuddle or candy! Thank you for all the chocolate donations on Wednesday.

### Christmas Performances

To clarify, the list of performances overleaf give the dress rehearsal day for you to know when the children need full costumes and the actual performance time which is the performance that parents are invited to watch. Dress rehearsals are for not for parents.

### Road Crossing

We are still looking for a road crossing patrol officer. This is a paid role and job share applications are welcome.

### Eco Council Reminder—BULB COMPETITION

Thank you for all the bulbs we have received so far. We would like to remind everyone about our bulb competition to re-vamp the tyre garden. The winning class will earn themselves a non-uniform day. The deadline for bulbs is **MONDAY 1st DECEMBER**. Thank you, from the Eco-council.

### Cake Sale

Today's bake sale for KS2 was a great success. Don't forget that on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, the bake sale will be repeated for KS1 children. Year 6 will be selling cakes/biscuits to the KS1 children during morning break. 20p a cake.

### Christmas Journey

We are taking part in St Nicholas' Journey to Bethlehem where the children will be walking from school to the church but on the way they will meet a variety of characters from the Christmas Story which will bring this event that we remember and celebrate each year alive to the children. If any parents would like to help, please let the class teacher know.

### Alfie the Attendance Alligator



- Rhinos 97%
- Hippos 98%
- Tigers 95.4%
- Lions 94.6%
- Leopards 92.9%
- Panthers 96.9%
- Monkeys 95.3%
- Crocodiles 95.7%
- Pandas 99.6%**
- Zebras 90%
- Bears 96.8%
- Giraffes 93.8%
- Elephants 97.2%
- Penguins 97%

### Superstar corner

Congratulations to **Ryan** in Panthers who became an uncle last week to beautiful baby Lania.



**This week's letters home (or via parentmail):**

All: Journey to Bethlehem,

Year R: Panto

Year 1, 2: Panto

Year 3, 4:

Year 5:

Year 6:

**Dates for your diary: New dates are in red**

1st December Year 5+6 Childline Workshops

4th December Friends' Christmas Market 3:30pm

5th December Year 6 Bake Sale for KS1

5th December Friends' Christmas Disco 6:30pm

9th December Coffee Morning SEN update 9am

12th December Christmas Dinner

ADVANCE DATES— Parent School Dinners sessions

Mon 19th Jan—Y3 parents

Tues 20th Jan—Y4 parents

Thurs 22nd Jan—Y5 parents

Mon 26th Jan—Year R parents

Tues 27th Jan—Year 1 and 6 parents

Thurs 29th Jan—Year 2 parents

More info, including how to book, will follow next term.

**Christmas dates for your diary**

Thursday 4th Dec—3:30-5:30pm Christmas Market

Friday 5th Dec—6:30 -8pm Christmas Disco

9th +10th Dec—Christmas Journey with St. Nicholas Church

12th December Christmas Dinner—Yum!

**Morning performances will be at 9:15am, afternoon at 2pm.**

Wednesday 10th Dec - pm - Year 3 dress rehearsal

Thursday 11th Dec - am - Year 3 performance

pm - Year 4 dress rehearsal

Friday 12th Dec—Friends' Secret Santa Day

Monday 15th - pm - Year 4 performance and year 2 dress rehearsal

Tuesday 16th - am - Year 1 dress rehearsal

pm - Year 2 performance

Wednesday 17th - am - FS dress rehearsal

pm - Year 1 performance

Thursday 18th - pm - FS performance

Friday 19th - Party Day in school - non-uniform (Last Day of term)

**Sports News**

Since September, Mrs Shaw and I have been running a basketball club with Year 6. Last night, we attended the Maidstone basketball tournament and were able to take all children who have attended every week. This meant Palace Wood entered 3 teams. The teams played extremely well and showed great team spirit. All 3 captains – George, Matt and Will—led their teams to 5 wins, 4 draws and 3 losses. Our best win was from George's team who beat Sherolds 7-0. Special mention must go to Charlotte who played with sheer determination throughout scoring lots of goals for her team. An extra well done to Matt's team who only conceded 1 goal in the whole tournament (right before the final whistle of their last match!) and have qualified for next week's finals. Well done to all the children who have been a pleasure to coach and really made us proud last night.

**UNSAFE HATS**

**BE AWARE!** DANGEROUS CHILDRENS HATS HAVE REAPPEARED IN THE COUNTY

- These hats have failed expert safety tests and could cause strangulation.
- The hats are made in China.
- They have been found in a number of outlets, including discount shops, market stalls and internet sites.
- The hats come in various designs including Hello Kitty, Despicable Me, Angry Birds, Sponge Bob Square Pants, Kermit - all of which are trademarked items and likely to be counterfeit.



Kent County Council Trading Standards have already seized many of these hats and advise parents not to purchase them. If they see them on sale to contact Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06.

**Thinking question.....**

If you could climb a ladder up into the clouds, what would it be like there?

All suggestions to Miss Ridout welcome, the best will be read in Friday's assembly.

All suggestions earn 2tps.

**And finally.....**

You can find out how we teach the 4 operations (x, +, -, ÷) as well as fractions on the 'About Us' tab, under 'Policies and Curriculum'. Click on 'Calculation Policy' and 'Progression in fractions'. [http://www.palacewoodschoools.org.uk/page\\_viewer.asp?page=Policies+and+Curriculum&pid=162](http://www.palacewoodschoools.org.uk/page_viewer.asp?page=Policies+and+Curriculum&pid=162)

**Have a good weekend,**

**Miss Ridout**