



# Palace Wood Primary School

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Activities around school this week have been wide ranging! We have finished all of our assessments, Year 3 performed brilliantly in their Christmas performance, Hippos and Lions made Welsh cakes for their topic work, we held our SEN coffee morning and today we had a lovely Christmas dinner.

### Christmas Journey

On Tuesday and Wednesday we all took part in the Christmas journey to Bethlehem. Thank you to all the parent helpers and to the St. Nicholas Church volunteers for a fantastic, interactive experience. When the children met characters on their journey, they asked interesting questions and were engaged with the theme. We received a lovely note from one of our parents 'Please congratulate the Panthers who were in my group today; they were amazing with my Year 1 group, behaved brilliantly and were very caring and responsible.' Well done Panthers!

### Dinner money KS2

Next term has 28 school dinner days. If you would like to order dinners for the whole term the cost is £63 for Term 3. Dinners are £2.25 per day.

### Outgrown yellow polo tops

If anyone has any good condition but outgrown yellow school polo tops, we would be really pleased to receive them in the office for use as spares. We have ample stocks of other uniform but no yellow polos. Thanks in advance.



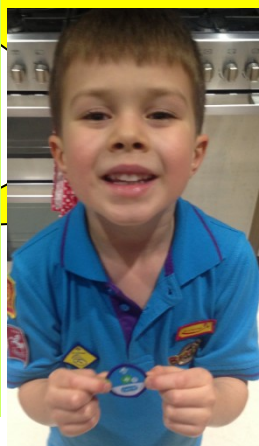
### Alfie the Attendance Alligator

- Rhinos 99%
- Hippos 99%
- Tigers 97.9%
- Lions 97.1%
- Leopards 96.1%
- Panthers 97.8%
- Monkeys 92.8%
- Crocodiles 98%
- Pandas 91.4%
- Zebras 96.2%
- Bears 99.2%
- Giraffes 96.8%
- Elephants 88.5%
- Penguins 93.8%



### Superstar corner

Congratulations to **Finley** in Zebras who achieved his Emergency Aid Beavers badge.



Well done to **Katie** in Penguins who won a silver medal at her gymnastics competition.



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

All: Young children at performances

Year R:

Year 1, 2:

Year 3:

Year 4:

Year 5:

Year 6:

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

16th December Year 6 to Maplesden to see Sixth Form panto

**Post Christmas dates:**

5th Jan Return to school

12th Jan Staff Development Day

22nd Jan Year 6 'Wasted' drug awareness theatre group

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.

27th and 28th Jan Year R parents invited into Elephants and Penguins with their children (more info to follow)

26th Jan Year R+6 Height and Weight Checks

29th Jan Young Voices to the O2, KS2 only

10th Feb Safer Internet Day

13th Feb Friends' Valentine's Disco, KS2

16th—18th February (half term) Year 6 Bikeability part 2 (more info will follow)

23rd Feb Staff Development Day

**Warning - dangerous toy ring with light**

**10 December Incident**

A battery operated rubber ring that emits flashes of light can easily break leaving the small button batteries accessible. If the battery is swallowed by a child it can cause choking, internal bleeding and even death.



Risk level: Serious risk

This product does not comply with the requirements of the Toy Safety Directive.

Due to the serious potential risk to children KCC Trading Standards advises consumers to throw away the ring or return it to the place of purchase for a refund.

**REPORT IT**

Have you seen these products on sale?

Citizens Advice consumer service  
03454 04 05 06 Monday to Friday  
9am-5pm  
[kent.gov.uk/tradingstandards](http://kent.gov.uk/tradingstandards)

Register for email alerts about scams, rogue traders and doorstep callers at [tsalerts@kent.gov.uk](mailto:tsalerts@kent.gov.uk)

Be the first to hear the latest scams - follow us on Twitter @kent\_ts



**E-Safety**

E-safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe on-line. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers, please log on to <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Other useful websites you might like to visit:

<http://support.xbox.com/en-GB/xbox-live/online-privacy-and-safety/online-safety>

<http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parent-Factsheet-0413.pdf>

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/ufiles/Facebook-checklist-Nov2013.pdf>

<http://www.digizen.org/downloads/cyberbullyingOverview.pdf>

<http://www.connectsafely.org/guides-2/>

**Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP)**

is a police agency tackling child abuse on the internet. This website includes a unique facility that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online. [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

**And finally.....**

We are working hard to practise spelling at Palace Wood. If your child is in KS2 and loses their Big Spelling sheet, you can download every sheet from the school website under 'Parents' zone', 'Phonics and Spelling'.

[http://www.palacewoodprimary.org.uk/page\\_viewer.asp?page=Phonics+and+Spelling&pid=191](http://www.palacewoodprimary.org.uk/page_viewer.asp?page=Phonics+and+Spelling&pid=191)

**Thinking question.....**

If you could create another ghost for Scrooge where would you take him and what would you teach him?(Question from Esha, Year 6)

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

Have a good weekend,

**Miss Ridout**