



Palace Wood Primary School

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Well done to all the children who performed their Christmas plays beautifully this week. Please can I remind you that photos from the plays should not be put on social media websites. Acorns have had a lovely day with a special visit from Father Christmas as well as seeing the panto.

Mrs Gaul and Mr Perry

As you are aware, this week has been the last week at Palace Wood for Mrs Gaul and Mr Perry. Mrs Gaul has worked at Palace Wood for 25 years and was in fact my Year R teacher! On behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to thank them for their hard work over the years. We wish them well in their new adventures!

A letter home from the Christmas Truce by Mia Schopman

'We just waited uselessly for something to happen, until something wonderful did. Abruptly, the noise of triggers being clicked echoed through the trenches as, emerging from the misty morning air, was a German. The cold, winter morning fell silent as he waved a white flag, pleading not to fire. He shouted: 'Merry Christmas!' It was truly magical. Quickly, my fingers began to tremble; I was perplexed—was it a trick? All different emotions darted through my body as a smile grew upon everyone's face. Peace.'

Lost property

We are currently looking for 2 lost items which are distinctive-

- 1) A Chelsea FC towel which got lost at swimming
 - 2) A Barcelona FC coin purse with a zip lost at the disco
- Please let the office know if you have seen either of these items. Thanks.

Scooters and dogs

Please remember that children should walk their scooters or bikes on school grounds for the safety of themselves and others. Also, only guide dogs are allowed on school grounds. If you are seen with a dog on the playground which isn't a guide dog, you will be asked to leave.

Parent thanks

Many thanks to all our parent helpers this term. We've had lots of help with reading, making props, helping out with trips and from our Friends committee. You will be pleased to hear that the KS2 disco raised £275 for the school. The winners of our hampers from our Christmas performance raffle were Noah (Penguins), Poppy S (Elephants) and William L (Zebras). Well done!

Alfie the Attendance Alligator



- Rhinos 97.3%
- Hippos 77.3%
- Tigers 95%
- Lions 74.6%
- Leopards 88.9%
- Panthers 92.8%
- Monkeys 87.3%
- Crocodiles 90.7%
- Pandas 100%**
- Zebras 95.4%
- Bears 96%
- Giraffes 93%
- Elephants 86%
- Penguins 93.4%

Superstar corner

Congratulations to **Chris** in Tigers who won a medal at his first gymnastics competition.

Well done to **Poppy** in Pandas who achieved her 5m swimming badge this week and her brother **Jack** in Panthers who achieved his 100m swimming badge and an orange belt in his kickboxing grading this week.

Well done to **Cowyn** in Panthers who achieved his black belt in Kung Fu last week!



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

- All:
- Year R:
- Year 1: Phase Newsletter
- Year 2: Phase Newsletter
- Year 3:
- Year 4:
- Year 5: Phase Newsletter
- Year 6: Phase Newsletter, Life after death

Dates for your diary: New dates are in red

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

Thinking question.....

If you could have anything on the top of your Christmas tree, what would you have and why? (Question from Ryan And Tommy, Year 4)

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

Poplar Pre-school have a vacancy for the following post:
Qualified One to One Assistant (Temporary Contract)

15hrs per week over 3 days (Mon / Weds / Thur) to support two children on a one to one basis. Term time only. Starting immediately. Requires NVQ II qualification or equivalent. Knowledge of Early Years Foundation stage essential. Sign language and Special Educational Needs an advantage. Wage dependent on experience. Temporary contract to July 2015.

Position requires a DBS check. If you would like more information and an application

form please speak to Andrea or Samantha on 01622 763638

Open Visit: Friday 16th January 2015

Closing date for applications : Wednesday 21st January 2015

Interviews : Friday 23rd January 2015



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

And finally.....

From all of the staff at Palace Wood we wish you a very Merry Christmas. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holidays. See you on Monday 5th January.

**Have a good weekend,
Miss Ridout**