



Palace Wood Primary School

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Yesterday I spoke to the children in assembly to remind them about our celebration day on Monday....

Cultural Diversity Day/Martin Luther King Day— Monday January 19th

The focus of the day is to discover more about where the children from Palace Wood come from. During our celebration, some classes would like the children to sample food from their chosen country. Teachers have a record of the children with allergies and dietary requirements for this day, but if there are any recent changes then please let your child's class teacher on Monday morning.

The children can dress in their class country's flag colours on Monday Eg: Spain - yellow and red, India—orange and green. See list on the next page for the class countries lists. Thank you to one of our parents for this excellent suggestion!

Look out for pictures of our cultural day on Twitter next week.



Alfie the Attendance Alligator

- Rhinos 98.8%
- Hippos 98%
- Tigers 97.2%
- Lions 97.1%
- Leopards 96.3%
- Panthers 96.4%
- Monkeys 95.5%
- Crocodiles 96.7%
- Pandas 97.8%
- Zebras 96.3%
- Bears 96.2%
- Giraffes 94.7%
- Elephants 93.7%
- Penguins 95.5%

Year 5 and 6 visit to Allington Lock

As part of the Y5/6 Topic work on Maidstone/ Allington this term, Year 5 and 6 will be visiting Allington Lock. The children will be walking to the Lock straight after lunch at 1.20pm and returning in time for the end of the school day. Each class will be visiting the lock on one of the two Monday afternoons below:

Rhinos & Tigers Monday 26th January

Hippos & Lions Monday 2nd February

The children will be supervised at all times; however, additional parent help is always welcome! Please put a note in your child's contact book if you'd like to accompany us.

Parking reminder

We continue to have reports of poor parking, especially around Maple Avenue. Children and parents are being forced to go out onto the road because cars are completely blocking the pavement. Please be considerate about your parking and consider the effect your parking has on others, especially pedestrians. Thank you for your support.

Superstar corner

Please email the office of any achievements (eg. fooball, gymnastics, music) your child has outside of school so we can all share in their success. We would love to hear from you.

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

All: Scarlet fever, Young Voices, Cultural Day allergies

Year R:

Year 1:

Year 2:

Year 3:

Year 4:

Year 5: Netball club

Year 6: Netball club

Dates for your diary: New dates are in red

19th Jan Cultural Diversity/ MLK 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

27th and 28th Jan Year R parents invited into Elephants and Penguins with their children

26th Jan Year R+6 Height and Weight Checks

29th Jan Young Voices to the O2, KS2 only

6th Feb 'Frozen' Movie Night 5-7pm (more info on Monday)

10th Feb Safer Internet Day

13th Feb Friends' Valentine's Disco, KS2

16th—18th February (half term) Year 6 Bikeability part 2

23rd Feb Staff Development Day

24th Feb Early Parents Evening

26th Feb Late Parents Evening

ADVANCE DATE: Friday June 26th AM—Sports Day. We will be extending sports day this year to include a family picnic afterwards (weather permitting!)

Focus countries for 19th January:

Class	Country
Elephants	Ireland
Penguins	Bulgaria
Bears	Turkey
Giraffes	Egypt
Pandas	Jamaica
Zebras	Russia
Crocodiles	Bangladesh
Monkeys	Indonesia
Panthers	Hungry
Leopards	Spain
Lions	Romania
Tigers	Sri Lanka
Hippos	Nepal
Rhinos	India

Beginners climbing courses
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Thinking question.....

Which would you eat first—a frog or a bar of chocolate?
Why?

All suggestions to Miss Ridout welcome, the best will be read in Friday's assembly.
All suggestions earn 2tps.

**Have a good weekend,
Miss Ridout**