

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Exciting times ahead

At Palace Wood, we want to continue to develop ourselves as a school so that we are able to continue to offer the best education to our children, and be a positive centre for the community. The development of the school over the past few years has afforded us a new and exciting opportunity that I am delighted to share with you.

Palace Wood is being asked to provide accommodation including access to specialist teaching areas which means it will act as a host to a new Satellite provision for children from Five Acre Wood.

This is an amazing opportunity for the school. A lot of thought and consideration was taken before entering into this venture to ensure that the needs of the children who attend Palace Wood are still met, and that the priority remains to aim for the highest possible standards for our children. As we learned more about this opportunity, we knew that it would bring with it huge benefits for us a school which will further enhance the education of the Palace Wood pupils – the main one of these will be that the pupils and staff will benefit from having specialist SEN staff on the school site who can provide enhanced support for all pupils.

There is obviously a lot more detail to this than I can include in the newsletter, and as such, a document will be coming home with your child today that has all of the information about the Satellite opportunity. There is a formal drop in session which you can attend, but I will endeavour to answer any questions you may have in the meantime.

I am sure that you will agree that this shows real recognition of the school's strengths and ambition to continue to raise standards and challenge children to aspire to great things.

The Circus is coming to Palace Wood

There are still some tickets available for the circus on Thursday 27th September (6pm until 8pm.) You can find out about Happy's circus here - <https://www.happyscircus.co.uk/> and you can get your tickets through the link below or the Friends will be selling them after school next week.

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofpalacewood

As well as the circus, the Friends will have a variety of stalls, so come along and grab a hot dog and a slushie, and maybe have a go at the lucky dip, or get yourself a glitter tattoo!

See what we've been up to

Now we are a few weeks in to term, the children would love to show you what they've been up to so far. If you would like to pop in and see some of their work, and maybe have a quick chat with your child's teacher, please pop along from 3:20pm until 4:00 pm on Wednesday 3rd October.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer

Calling all Year 6 parents. On Wednesday 3rd October at 4:00pm in Oaks Hall, we will be holding a meeting about Secondary Transfer. In this meeting, we will talk to you about the form that needs to be completed, any dates and deadlines and try to answer any questions that you have about the whole process. We hope to see Year 6 parents there.



Superstar Corner!

Buddy (Tigers) got awarded the team player trophy on Saturday which was the first home game of the season and Castle Colts won 5-2.

Alfie the Attendance Alligator - weekly attendance



Rhinos	99.3%	Panthers	93.3%	Bears	99.7%
Hippos	97.6%	Crocodiles	99.3%	Giraffes	99.3%
Lions	95.2%	Monkeys	99.3%	Elephants	97.4%
Tigers	96.7%	Pandas	98.0%	Penguins	98.3%
Leopards	99.3%	Zebras	98.7%		



Overall weekly Attendance - 98.2%



Parking

Despite the mention in the newsletter last week, the parking, specifically on the zigzags on Ash Grove, has not improved. Please can you remember that cars **SHOULD NOT** be parked on the zigzags outside of school as they need to be kept clear to allow safe crossing for our children. If a member of the school community asks you to move on because of the inappropriate parking, please remember that they are only looking out for the children and their safety, and do not deserve to receive any form of verbal abuse. Please consider that little ears could hear this, and that we should be acting as role models for our children, not only by respecting laws and boundaries, but also by our actions. Thank you.

And finally

Today, the 21st September is International Day of Peace when thousands observe a day of non-violence and ceasefire.

The date was established by the United Nations General Assembly back in 1981 and in 2001 the day became one where all should lay down their arms and people able to get access to humanitarian aid.

'Peace begins with a smile.' – Mother Teresa
Mr Chatley



Letters sent home this week:

YrR	NHS Hearing & Vision Screening
Zebras/Tigers	Head Lice
Yr1	Florence Nightingale
Yrs5&6	Basketball Club
	Boys Football Club
	Girls Football Club
Yr5	Trip letter
Yrs3&4	Football Club

Dates for your Diary: (new dates in red)

Thu 27/9	Happy's Circus 6pm
Mon 1/10	Yr3 Trip
Tue 2/10	YrR Phonics & Numicon Café 2.15pm
Wed 3/10	9.00 McMillan Coffee Morning in Acorns Hall
	Yr6 Secondary Transfer Mtg 4pm
	KM "First Class" Photo of EYFS children
	3.20 Book Look
	16.30 Consultation Meeting, Oaks
Thu 4/10	Florence Nightingale in Yr1
Fri 5/10	Yr6 to Maplesden Noakes
	Yr Phonics Café 2.30pm
Sat 6/10	Open Morning for Sept 2019 entry
Tue 9/10	Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church (YrR Autumn Concert at 2.30 in Acorns)
Wed 10/10	Open Morning for Sept 2019 entry
Fri 12/10	Oaks' Disco 6.30-8.00
Mon 15/10	Individual & Family Photos
Mon 29/10	INSET Day (school closed)

Term Dates: