



# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **End of term!**

And just like that, term 1 has come and gone! In some ways, the summer holidays seem like a lifetime ago, but it really doesn't seem that long ago that we were welcoming you all back to school.

It has been lovely to see how much the children have already done this year. I saw some children yesterday who came and showed me their books and I was amazed at how everything about their work had improved. The handwriting, the amount of work and most definitely the quality of what the children had done showed such great progress. I was very proud of what they had done.

## **Satellite Provision at Palace Wood.**

I know that there have been lots of questions about the potential satellite unit with Five Acre Wood. With the newsletter you will receive a document where I have tried to answer some of the questions that have come in from you over the last few weeks. Whilst I know there is still some uncertainty, I am still very excited about the possibilities. We will keep you updated on any further information when we receive it, but please still feel free to come and talk to me if you want to ask any more questions.

## **Lost Words**

As you may know, in 2007 The Junior Oxford Dictionary removed a whole host of words that relate to the natural environment from their new edition. Words like heron and magpie, wren and kingfisher, bluebell and dandelion, conker and acorn, ivy and bramble were excluded. The dictionary chooses words using an algorithm based on the most popular words in children's daily language.

The Lost Words, a beautifully illustrated book by Robert Macfarlane, with illustrations

by Jackie Morris was created in response to the dictionary's decision.

The team behind this book are currently fund-raising from October 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup> through the crowd funding website Just Giving. They have asked that, if after reading the information on their website, you may like to make a small donation to their cause. One of the things that they will be doing as a result of the fundraising is donating a copy of this book to the school so that we can share it with our children, and perhaps even use it as a stimulus for some new learning.

The website is <https://lostwordskent.wordpress.com/> and the just giving page can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lostwordskent>

## **Clean Plastic**

Thank you so much for the clean plastic that you have been sending in since mentioning it last week. We have been inundated, and the planning of our project has already begun. So that we can make it as amazing as possible, could you please include white milk containers and crisp packets. We also need a white plastic patio chair so if you have one that you no longer need, please let the office know

## **Superstar Corner**

Half term is a great time to get busy and try new things. It is also a time where, because you might have longer to practise, you finally achieve that thing you have been striving for. Please let us know if you do anything that you would like included in Superstar Corner for after half term.

# Alfie the Attendance Alligator - weekly attendance



Rhinos	95.3%	Panthers	89.3%	Bears	95.3%
Hippos	93.8%	Crocodiles	97.5%	Giraffes	94.3%
Lions	96.1%	Monkeys	96.0%	<b>Elephants</b>	<b>98.5%</b>
Tigers	96.0%	Pandas	97.8%	Penguins	97.8%
Leopards	98.3%	Zebras	98.4%		



Overall weekly Attendance - 96.0%

## Maths Competition

*Zack, Callum, Bella and Dillon went to Oakwood Park Grammar School to represent the school in a maths competition last Friday.*

*As we got there we were greeted by our 6th Form helper and Mrs Watts and began with the practice round.*

*The first round was the speed test, which we finished first in with a score of 39!*

*After this, we had the mini-relay which we did really well by only getting two wrong and missing out on the speed bonus once, but we still finished with 53 points and retained the top spot!*

*The third round was the Logic Round, which we scored lowest in. However, we obtained 42 points and held our nerve at first.*

*The final round was the relay, which we did the best in again and got four questions wrong but we awaited on the final score as Shernolds were catching up!*

*After ten minutes of nervous nail-biting we got the final score...*

*In third, were Roasacre Primary...*

*In Second, were Shernolds Private School...*

*In first, three points ahead of Shernolds, and in the lead for the entire competition, were Palace Wood Primary School.*

*A large cheer went around the room as we went to collect our medals and certificates, and the thing we came for, victory, (and don't forget the trophy)*

## Girls Football Tournament

*On Monday 8th October 2018 a group of Year 5 and 6 went to a football tournament at K Sports academy. It was a hard competition but we worked hard and played well as a team.*

*Scores:*

*Brunswick VS Palace wood = 0 - 0*

*East Farleigh VS Palace Wood = 0 - 2*

*Palace Wood VS East Borough = 1 - 0*

*Palace Wood VS Roseacre = 0 - 0*

*Palace Wood VS West Borough = 1-1*

*We played really well as a team and as a school, we were all proud of our team and hope we progress as a team in the tournaments to come Mollie and Abi*

## Uniform slip

Our uniform slips are now in circulation. We would appreciate you helping us by making sure your child is wearing the correct uniform.

## Parent Consultations

You should have received a notification about booking slots for parents evening, which are on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November. Parents of children in Elephants and Penguins do not use the online booking system. Please see your child's class teacher to book an appointment.

## And finally

How do you spend your half term week? I find that, because of the weather and timing of this half term, that it can be tricky to think of ideas to do to keep the children busy. But the Autumn is a lovely season. You could go on nature trails, complete some beautiful collages with leaves and things fallen from trees, create a photo safari (Google it – I would highly recommend!) to name but a few. Wrap up warm, throw on some unattractive but practical Wellies and get out there and enjoy it if you can.

Happy half term. See everyone on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Mr Chatley

### Letters sent home this week:

EYFS	Writing Workshop
Yr5/6	Pet Journal survey
All	Lost Property/Flu Immunisation
Oaks	Lost Jacket
Yr1-6	Consultations

### Dates for your Diary: (new dates in red)

Mon 29/10	INSET Day (school closed)
5-8/11	Book Fair in Oaks
6-7/11	Parent/Teacher Consultations <i>(booking now open via Parentmail)</i>
Thurs 15/11	Open Morning 9.30 3.30 Kingswood Launch meeting for Yr5
Tue 6/11	Flu Immunisations
<b>Weds 5/12</b>	<b>Yr4 Christmas Show 2.30</b>
<b>Thurs 6/12</b>	<b>EYFS Christmas Show 2.30</b>
<b>Tues 11/12</b>	<b>Year 2 Christmas Show 2.30</b>
<b>Weds 12/12</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
<b>Weds 19/12</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>

### Term Dates:

October holiday	22-26 October
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