

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome Back

It was lovely to see everyone back on Tuesday morning, well rested and ready to go for what is always a very busy term leading up to Christmas (is it too early to say?).

Ahead of Parent Consultations next week, I have been meeting with all class teachers to hear about some of the fantastic learning that has been going on already this year. It is clear that we are continuing our high expectations for children, and that the children have really responded to the level of challenge we have been presenting them with.

If you haven't yet booked your parents evening appointment, please do so as soon as possible through the ParentMail booking system. It is such an important part of our relationship with you, and we want you to be part of your child's learning journey. If you have had any difficulties using the system, please contact Mrs Smith in the office and she will be able to help you.

Admission to Primary School, September 2019

If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, the time to apply for a primary school place is NOW! The link below will take you directly to the online application portal of Kent County Council, where you will find it a simple process to apply for a place. Please note that, even if you already have a child at Palace Wood, you do still need to apply. The full booklet is available at www.kent.gov.uk/schooladmissions, and the application process will open on 5th November via the following link www.kent.gov.uk/ola until 15th January

Lateness

The classrooms will be open at 8:45. We will always have work for the children to do, and even run some interventions at this time, so please try and make sure that your children are ready to go at this time.

If your child is going to be late arriving at school in the morning for any reason and they require a school dinner, please could you inform the office by 9.30 a.m. when the meals are ordered for the day. If we do not hear from you by then you will need to bring a packed lunch for your child please.

Children in Need

We will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 16th November. In exchange for a suggested donation of £1, we would encourage children to Go Spotty for the day and wear spotty themed clothing.

In addition, we would like to invite parents in to watch our children perform This Is Me. As the performance is only short, we will be doing the performance shortly after drop off for children in Acorns and at 3pm, just before pick up for Oaks. If you have some loose change, we will have some collection buckets to raise some additional money for a very worthwhile charity.



Superstar Corner

Alice in Giraffes competed in her first horse show this half term. She was extremely pleased with her 3 rosettes she won for Clear Round jumping, Best In Hand and First Ridden.

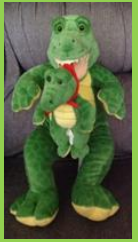
Freya in Hippos took part in a mile run on Saturday at Lee Valley park in Stratford. She came 11th out of 62 runners.

Alfie the Attendance Alligator - weekly attendance



Rhinos	97.5%	Panthers	97.0%	Bears	92.9%
Hippos	96.1%	Monkeys	97.9%	Giraffes	95.8%
Tigers	97.5%	Crocodiles	98.7%	Elephants	97.6%
Lions	98.8%	Pandas	98.0%	Penguins	94.9%
Leopards	93.4%	Zebras	97.5%		

Overall weekly Attendance - 96.7%



New Houses

As you know, we have been looking at relaunching the Teams. After all of the entrants, we whittled it down to inspirational British people who had overcome adversity, and Famous people of Maidstone. Each class voted on which option they would prefer and I am pleased to announce that the new teams are:

Rowling – Red

Yarnold – Yellow

Hawking – Green

Sheeran - Blue

Book Fair

The Book Fair is back! This is a great opportunity to find a new reading book for your child. There is always a fantastic range of books for all ages. You will be able to view and purchase the books in Oaks Hall on Monday to Thursday after school. If you are in one of the earlier parents evening slots, why not see the book fair before, or just after you have seen your child's teacher – they might even be able to recommend a good one for you!

Book Swap

Are your children bored with their selection of books at home? Would you like them to read more and not have to spend any money on new books?

Problem solved! Palace Wood will be running a book swap stall every Thursday after school in Tigers' classroom from 3.30pm until 3.45pm. On this day your child can bring in any book they no longer want and swap it for another.

This will start on Thursday 8th November 2019. We look forward to seeing you there.

Attendance Incentive

The children will receive their Christmas Tree tracking sheets ready to start on

Monday. The aim is to colour all days on the tree to earn extra playtime.

And finally

This weekend is sure to see many firework displays, either in local parks, or with family in back gardens. Fireworks are great, and standing around the bonfire to keep warm whilst watching the kaleidoscope of colour in the sky makes it easy to forget the dangers that fireworks can pose. I read an interesting fact on the internet, and that is 'a sparkler burns at a temperature between 1000°C and 1600°C.' Considering that water boils at 100°C that is mighty hot! Please take the time to explain to your children how to be safe with fireworks.

Enjoy the weekend, and any displays you might be going to.

Mr Chatley

Letters sent home this week:

Yr6 Secondary school application deadline

Dates for your Diary: (new dates in red)

5-8/11	Book Fair in Oaks Poppies on sale 🌸
6-7/11	Parent/Teacher Consultations (booking now open via Parentmail)
Tues 7/11	Flu immunisation YrsR-5
Thurs 15/11	9.30 Open Morning 3.30 Kingswood Launch for Yr5
Fri 16/11	Children in Need
Wed 28/11	YrR & Yr6 Height & Weight check
Weds 5/12	Yr4 Christmas Show 2.30
Thurs 6/12	EYFS Christmas Show 2.30
Fri 7/12	Oaks' Disco 6.30 – 8.00
Tues 11/12	Year 2 Christmas Show 2.30
Weds 12/12	Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day
Weds 19/12	INSET Day

Term Dates:

Christmas holiday 20 December – 3rd January

Please return photo proofs by
9am on Monday.