

# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

It was lovely to see so many of you at parent consultations this week. We really try to use this opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress with you so hope that you found it useful and informative. The partnership between home and school is so important if children are going to reach their potential.

If you were unable to make it, please contact your child's class teacher to see if you can make a mutually agreeable date to hear about your child's progress

Thank you also to everyone who completed one of our parent questionnaires. We really value feedback from all of our stakeholders. We are sorry if we ambushed you but hoped the biscuits softened the blow! We will be going through the questionnaires and will publish our findings when we have them.

If you have any questions that weren't addressed at parents evening, or any or other concerns, we would really encourage you to come and talk to us. If it is about your child's learning, then the first port of call should be the class teacher. If it is something else, please come and find one of the Senior Leadership Team. Myself, Miss Ridout, Mrs Vincett, Mrs Childs or Mrs Root will always be on the playground before and after school, and we also have Mrs Wallace who you can talk to about any Early Years issues and Mrs Nolan for anything concerning Year 3 and 4.

## **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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/schooladmissions), and the application process opened on 5th November via the following link [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) until 15th January

## **Friends Updates**

With this newsletter, you will be receiving two flyers about upcoming Christmas events. Crafty Christmas was such a success last year, and enjoyed by so many children, that we are doing it again! There are dates for the different age groups so please check the list carefully.

The second flyer is about our Christmas Fair. Our Christmas Fair will take place in school time on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. If you would be interested in helping out at the Christmas Fair, please contact Vicki from the Friends.

Finally, there is a table top sale at St Nicholas Church on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm to 3pm. It will be a sale of second hand baby and children's clothing, nursery equipment, books and games, maternity wear and toys. Funds raised will also kindly be donated to support the new furniture required for the library in school, so please go along and support if you can.



## **Superstar Corner**

Christine (Zebras) was awarded her 11 Kyu red karate belt on 21st October in Tunbridge Wells.

# Alfie the Attendance Alligator - weekly attendance



|          |       |               |              |           |       |
|----------|-------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-------|
| Rhinos   | 98.1% | Panthers      | 98.6%        | Bears     | 94.4% |
| Hippos   | 98.6% | Monkeys       | 94.7%        | Giraffes  | 95.8% |
| Tigers   | 97.2% | Crocodiles    | 99.1%        | Elephants | 93.5% |
| Lions    | 97.6% | Pandas        | 98.7%        | Penguins  | 98.5% |
| Leopards | 97.8% | <b>Zebras</b> | <b>99.2%</b> |           |       |

Overall weekly Attendance - 97.3%



## Children in Need

We will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the book fair, looking for the next good read. We were able to raise £613 for new books for the school!

## Kingswood 2020

Calling all Year 5 Parents. We will be holding a launch meeting for you to get a better understanding of Kingswood and all that it entails on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> in Hippos class straight after school.

## And finally

In Flanders Fields by John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

Mr Chatley

### **Letters sent home this week:**

Yr5 Tudor project & electricity free day  
Yr4 Helpers needed for trip

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

5-8/11 Poppies on sale   
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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
Children return to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January