

# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Who needs electricity?

As part of our work towards being an Eco School (passionately coordinated by Mrs Kyte!) we have had two electricity free days this week. Oaks on Wednesday and Acorns on Thursday had an electricity free day to raise awareness of the importance to save energy. During this time, we had the lights off and even the teachers weren't allowed to use their laptops, our amazing Smart Screens or anything else electrical.

As well as raising awareness, it prompted some fantastic learning opportunities. If you have a child in year 6, for example, you could ask them how much using the various appliances around your home is costing you. Many classes also took the opportunity to visit our Polar Bear made from recycled plastic to inspire writing in a range of ways.

You will also be receiving a letter next week, encouraging you to switch off all devices at home for 15 minutes once a week and swap it for a good book.

## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire on Parents Evening. It has provided us with some excellent feedback which we are already working on. We have attached the results to this ParentMail for you to look at, but are really happy that they reflect our own views of the school.

If you were unable to complete the questionnaire, or have any comments, please do come and find me, or another member of the Leadership Team on the playgrounds in the morning, or contact us if there is anything you would like to discuss.

## Open Morning

We had our last scheduled open morning on Thursday this week. The children who helped with the tours did a fantastic job of

representing the school, and feedback from the parents who visited was overwhelmingly positive of both these and the whole school environment.

## 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

Don't forget that 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

Gracie and Paige holding the trophy for their dance troupe Mini -D fuse 3rd place

# Alfie the Attendance Alligator - weekly attendance



Rhinos	98.1%	Panthers	94.3%	Bears	97.5%
Hippos	96.0%	Monkeys	93.1%	<b>Giraffes</b>	<b>99.4%</b>
Tigers	97.5%	Crocodiles	90.5%	Elephants	95.3%
Lions	98.9%	Pandas	98.4%	Penguins	97.5%
Leopards	94.4%	Zebras	96.4%		



Overall weekly Attendance - 96.3%



## Lego

We use Lego across the school for many reasons. This includes tasks during lesson time, as part of choosing time or individual reward time, as an alternative activity at break times or for specific interventions. We would really appreciate donations of Lego, especially special parts such as wheel bases. Please send in the Lego to Mrs Root. Thank you!

## Children in Need

Thank you for everyone who helped support Children in Need today. We are sorry if the hall was a bit crammed for our performance. Having never done anything like this before, we didn't know how many to expect! We hope you were still able to enjoy the children's singing. We know they enjoyed performing for you.

## And finally

Going back to the electricity free time, I thought I would share some of the more 'golden moments' we all had through the process.

In the morning, the teachers, with nothing to do on laptops and having already carefully planned the activities for the day, and having made sure that all the resources were ready the day before, took the time to have chat about 'non-school' things. We sometimes forget the importance of this!

We talked with the children about what they could do if they had electricity free time at home. Could you all have some time to sit down and play a board game? What about going out for a walk? Or even, just like the teachers, having a chat about everything and nothing.

Why not try it this weekend? I certainly will be.

Mr Chatley

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

Yr3	Toys for Maths
All	Children in Need reminder
	Book Swap
	Second hand furniture/offers of help
	School Meals Survey
KS1	Maths Workshop

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

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