

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Palace Wood's Got Talent

Monday afternoon saw our first House Talent show. The children went to their House room where a range of different skills were showcased. A thing that impressed all of the staff was the confidence and courage of the children who had a go, and the support that they were given by their fellow house mates. It is really lovely to see how the new houses are helping to build relationships across the school in a way that was not as prominent before.

The finalists will perform on our first House Day, which is next Friday, 25th January. As well as the Palace Wood's Got Talent final, we are also encouraging all children to come in dressed in their house colours – an even clearer visual reminder of which house everybody is in. I just don't know what I can wear! Anyone got a rainbow jumper I can borrow?

Come and see what we've been doing

On Wednesday 23rd January, we would love you to pop in to see what your child has been up to. We will have the children's books out for them to show you their learning and the teachers will also be around for you to chat to if you would like.

In addition, this time, we have an added bonus. You may remember that, towards the end of last term, we had some professional photographers come in to school to take some of the more informal shots for us to use on the website and around the school. When parents see these photos, they often ask us if we are able to give them copies. The new company we have used have said that we are able to distribute the images. So, in the classrooms will be a contact sheet of the photos for that year group and an order form. We are asking for only £2 for a digital copy of the image. The quality is good enough for them to be made as big as A1.

Uniform

We have been informed that the Tesco uniform embroidery service is ending on 12th February. From then, "My Clothing Limited" will be our supplier and there is a leaflet attached today containing their details. We have spoken to the new company about the quality of the uniform and they have assured us that, if you are not happy, they will refund/replace without question.

Five Acre Wood Satellite at Palace Wood

It has been some time since I have been able to provide you with an update on the proposed Five Acre Wood Satellite provision at Palace Wood. This is because the consultation process is very lengthy, with many things needed in order to progress.

I am delighted to let you know that the Cabinet Member formally made the decision to increase the designated number at Five Acre Wood, set up the Five Acre Wood satellite at Palace Wood and expand the Five Acre Wood satellite at Holmesdale School. The 'call in period' has expired without concern and we are ready to start the 4 weeks Public Notice period, which commences today with the notice in the KM newspapers and online.

You can read the notice as it will be sent via parentmail and access the consultation here - <https://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/westkentSEN/consultationHome>



Superstar Corner

Lottie passed her Grade 1 drum exam with a Merit. Holly Ryan in Pandas attended her first football training session with Larkfield Ladies. The coach was so pleased with her effort and attitude she was awarded Star of the Week.

Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		Number of Lates	
Sheeran	95.00%	Sheeran	14
Yarnold	98.91%	Yarnold	8
Hawking	97.22%	Hawking	1
Rowling	96.44%	Rowling	5

Overall weekly Attendance - 96.89% 😊

Attendance

Yarnold win Attendance, and Hawking win Punctuality

Walking to school

Don't forget March on Monday – every Monday this term!

Spring Disco

A new date for your diaries. The spring disco will be on Friday 15th February.

And finally

One of our targets for the children this year is to try to get them to understand how to improve their work with greater precision. We hope that when you come in next week, you will be able to see areas where the children may have assessed some of their classwork themselves, or chosen to use a specific resource that would help them to achieve a better outcome. We are hoping that by giving the children slightly more autonomy, they will be more intrinsically motivated to meet their own targets and gain that deeper level understanding of their own work, and what makes it successful.

We are still at the early stages of this, so any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Chatley

Letters home this week:

Yr4	Computing Club
KS1	Reading Workshop for Parents
Yr2	SATs
Yr6	Bikeability
Yr5&6	Boys' Football Club

Dates for your Diary (new dates in red)

Weds 23 Jan	3.20 Book Look
Fri 25 Jan	PW's Got Talent Finals Children to wear house colours
Fri 1 Feb	Young Voices (Yr5&6)
11-14 Feb	Book Fair in Oaks
Wed 13 Feb	Yr4 to British Museum
Fri 15 th Feb	Oaks' Disco (6.30-8.00)
18-22 Feb	School Holidays
Thurs 7 Mar	World Book Day Reading Evening
Weds 13 Mar	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thurs 14 Mar	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day
Weds 27 Mar	Year 3 Easter Performance
8-22 April	Easter Holidays