

# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back, both literally and figuratively, to everyone after the half term break. We hope you all enjoyed the time away from school and are ready for another packed term of opportunities.

## Safeguarding and child protection

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is paramount at Palace Wood. Safeguarding is defined as: protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes. As a school community, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. However, every school has designated safeguarding leads. Our school is lucky enough to have five safeguarding leads (from left to right in the photo below): Mrs Ball (Family Liaison Officer), Mrs Vincett (Assistant Head), Mrs Root (SENCO), Miss Ridout (Deputy Headteacher) and Mr Chatley (Headteacher).



Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to one of our safeguarding leads either on the playground or ask the office to make an appointment to speak with us.

## Anti-bullying

Our PSHE focus this term is anti-bullying and friendship. Miss Ridout's Monday assembly discussed the definition of bullying and the children looked at different scenarios and what they should do. Throughout the term, children's learning will cover a range of topics such as different types of bullying, why people bully, the impact on others as well as looking at diversity and friendship. As part of this, the children would like to share what they learn and so we are inviting parents in to see each phase on the following dates:

EYFS - Fri 29 March 2:30pm, Acorns hall  
Yrs 1 & 2 - Tues 2 April 2:30pm, Acorns hall  
Yrs 3 & 4 - Weds 3 April 9:10am, Oaks hall  
Yrs 5 & 6 - Thur 4 April 2:30pm, Oaks hall

## Online Safety

Thank you to all of those parents who completed our parent online safety survey. We have now collated the results and will be holding an online safety parent meeting on Tuesday 2nd April at 9:10am in Oaks hall. This session will be run by our team of Year 6 Safety Surfers as well as our team of Designated Safeguarding leads. A letter will follow for you to sign up for this session.



## Superstar Corner

Christine (Zebras) was awarded her 9th Kyu orange karate belt on 10th February in Tunbridge Wells. Zane (Hippos) was elected both man of the match and parent player for his team Maidstone United Rangers at the weekend - then went on to win "Goal machine" at Soccer Elite's half term holiday club!

## Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		Number of Lates	
Sheeran	95.3%	Sheeran	10
Yarnold	97.4%	Yarnold	10
Hawking	97.6%	Hawking	5
Rowling	93.4%	Rowling	12

Overall weekly Attendance - 95.9%

### Attendance

**Hawking** win this week's attendance AND best punctuality.

### School Fund

You will have received a message this week about the school fund. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

The money that is contributed will only be used for things that will benefit large groups of children (e.g. classes, year groups, key stages or the whole school), and will be linked to resources or activities that will enable us to improve our educational offer to your children.

Thank you again for your support.

### Parents/Teacher Consultations

The bookings for Parent/Teacher consultations have been open for a while now. Please contact us if you have any trouble booking.

Please note that Consultations for children in **Pandas** will be on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

### After school clubs

We are looking to extend our after school clubs. If you have a particular talent and would like to share this by running a club after school, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you. This can be for a year group of your choosing and for however long you would like the club to run from one term onwards. We would be looking for the club to run until 4:15 or 4:30. We would also be happy if two parents wanted to run a club together. If you think this is something you might be interested in, or know of any companies who would be interested in running a club at our school, please get in touch: [emma.ridout@palacewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:emma.ridout@palacewood.kent.sch.uk)  
Many thanks

### And finally

Next week is one of the most anticipated weeks in the Palace Wood calendar – World Book Week. We have a whole week packed full of activities, so make sure you take the time to read through the newsletter that came out earlier in the week so that you know what is happening when!

I am particularly looking forward to our 'Read in' on Thursday at 4pm. Any excuse to read a story! I have two problems this year – the first is that Arthur's bookshelf is so full; I don't know which one to pick. The second is, if I pick one of his favourites, will he get cross with me for having taken it?

Have a great weekend!

Mr Chatley

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

All	Book Week and World Book Day Online Safety Newsletter, School Fund
KS1	Nutritional Ninjas Club
KS2	“ “ “
Yr2-4	West End Extravaganza Club
Yr3-4	Art Club, Football Club
Yr4-6	Hockey Club
Yr5/6	Netball Club
Yr6	SATs

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

Tues 5 March	KS2 SATs Mtg Oaks' Hall @ 3.30pm
Wed 6 Mar	KS1 Reading Workshop @ 5.30pm Author visit
Thu 7 Mar	World Book Day – dress up! Reading Evening 4-5pm <b>Author Book Signing</b>
Mon 11 March	Phonics Café in Acorns
Tues 12 March	Pandas Consultations
Weds 13 Mar	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thurs 14 Mar	Parent/Teacher Consultations (not Pandas)
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day
25-28 March	Book Fair in Oaks
<b>Tue 26 March</b>	<b>Yr to Allington Castle</b>
Weds 27 Mar	Year 3 Easter Performance
8-22 April	Easter Holidays