

# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Statutory Assessment Tests

This is the time of year where children across the country in Year 2 and Year 6 will be sitting their SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests). These tests have been subject to much debate and change over the years, but they still remain in the system. Our job is to make sure that the children are as ready for them as they can be. The Growth Mindset ethos that we truly believe in across the school helps us to understand that we can't all get full marks on a test, and we might not all be the best at maths or English. It does; however, tell us that we can improve and be better if we work hard. I know that the children (and teachers) have worked incredibly hard not just this year but in previous years too. We can only ask the children to do their best, and I know they will.

It is also important to remember that, whilst the outcomes of these assessments are important, they do not have to define who you are. SATs are only taken in English and maths, so they don't measure success in PE, geography, art or any of the other subjects. This doesn't mean that they aren't important too, or that we haven't noticed them. We encourage children to take risks in all of their learning, and take on new challenges, especially in different subjects. I was once told that the highest paid job in 30 years time doesn't even exist yet. Better to have a broad and balanced set of skills, but also, a strong set of learning beliefs and values which you can apply to any new area of learning.

Anyway, I shall step down off my soapbox to wish Year 2 and Year 6 the best of luck in their SATs. We know they will do their very best, and will deserve the outcomes they get.

## Year 6 SATs

The KS2 SATs have to follow a very strict timetable of tests that the children will be going through. If you have a child in Year 6, we would encourage you to help them get into school on time (or even a bit earlier) so that the tests can proceed without interruption. We would also ask that if your child is ill, please call the school so that we can support with any alternative arrangements that may need to be made.

Don't forget that if you have a child in Year 6, we are offering an early morning breakfast club from 8:30 to help ease the children into the day. If you have any questions about the Year 6 SATs, please come and speak to me, Miss Ridout, Mrs Vincett or Mrs Fullagar who would be happy to help you.

## Win £5000 for the school library

Did you know that you could help the school library by winning £5000 for new resources? Just click on the link below and nominate the school to win. The more entries, the more chance we have of winning!

[https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm\\_source=nbt&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=schools-prize&utm\\_campaign=20190508\\_schoolsprize19](https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=schools-prize&utm_campaign=20190508_schoolsprize19)



**Superstar Corner**



Well done to Freddie, Miles and Charlie (Pandas). They have had a great first season playing for Larkfield Boys. Winning two cup finals and runners up trophies at the Invicta Primary League finals weekend at K Sports Cobdown. Kate Tweddell in Panthers saved a penalty to help her football team, K Sports under 9s, win the challenge cup tournament last weekend.

## Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	96.7	Sheeran	10
<b>Yarnold</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>Yarnold</b>	<b>3</b>
Hawking	96.4	Hawking	6
Rowling	95.6	Rowling	13

Overall weekly Attendance 96.9%

### Attendance

**Yarnold** win Alfie and Percy!

### Rainbow Run

Next Thursday will be our Rainbow Run. The children do not have to take part, but we know it will be an amazing event that will lots of fun. Hopefully, you have all been out collecting sponsors. We also have some photographers coming in for the afternoon to capture some of the fun. You will be able to see and purchase photos after the event should you wish to.

A few pictures to whet the appetite!



### Friends Update

There will be a 2nd hand school uniform sale after school during the next few weeks (date to follow).

We have lots of grey shorts/trousers and pinafore dresses. Please dig out any unwanted/outgrown uniform and leave in the bike sheds for us to sell. All proceeds going to the Friends of Palace Wood Charity. Thank you

### Health News

Headlice have been reported in Year 2 this week; please can all children's hair be checked and treated if necessary. Children can attend school once treatment has been given. Threadworms have also been reported and NHS advice is attached.

### And finally

You may have seen from our Twitter Page, that Percy has made it big, being a focal point for Maidstone Borough Council's own Twitter page!

Mr Chatley

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

Yr6	Yearbook
All	Fantastic Plastic
	Rainbow Run Sponsor Form

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

13-16 May	KS2 SATs
16 May	Rainbow Run
20-24 May	Yr6 to Kingswood
27-31 May	School Holiday
<b>3 June</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
5 June	Class Photos
7 June	Yr5 to Horton Kirby
21 June	Sports Day
27 June	Welcome meeting for new parents
28 June	Yr6 to Kent Police Open Day
29 June	Summer Festival
(2 July	Reserve Sports Day)
4 July	Summer Reading Event
5 July	Reports to Parents & Oaks Disco
11 July	Transition Day (date changed)
	Book Look
15 July	Year 6 Production (2.00)
16 July	Year 6 Production (6.00)
18 July	Year 2 Party (3.30-5.00)
	Year 6 Party (6.00-7.00)
19 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (2.45)