

PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wow! Another school year has come to an end. Every year I seem to reflect back on the year gone by and say something cliché like, 'Hasn't it gone by quickly'. I will try not to say that, but it is hard not to say something like that again!

This year has seen more positive steps forward for Palace Wood. Every year we take another step on our journey, making the school a really positive place to be for children, parents and staff. It is not without its challenges, and we have had to overcome a few this year, but this always gives us the strength to push forward.

I think it is good to reflect back on the year at times like this, as it is easy to forget all of the successes that we have had:

- We will be hosting two satellite classes next year, increasing opportunities and experiences for our children, parents and staff,
- We are an executive partner of the LEAF teaching school,
- We are developing the Extended Schools offer by running our own Breakfast and After School Club,
- We have retained the Sports Gold award for a third consecutive year – bring on Platinum,
- The Friends have raised more additional funds for the school this year than ever before
- The school has 420 children! This is the first time this has happened since the schools amalgamated.

We know that there is still more for us to do, and you can rest assured that we have already started thinking and planning for next year and beyond. One of the things we have started is our long-term strategic plan. Through this, we are hoping that we can share the long-term vision for the school will

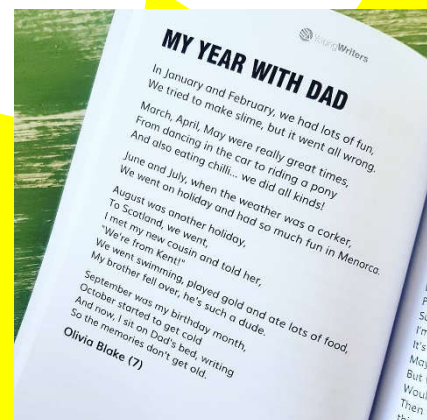
all of you. Please look out for an invitation in September to come in and talk about the school's strategic vision and have your say on the direction of the school.

Some Goodbyes

Today, we have also had to say some goodbyes to some of our fantastic team. Mrs Nolan and Mrs Norris are leaving to explore teaching opportunities in other schools, whilst Mrs Apps is heading to Canada to explore opportunities there. Mrs Perks, Mrs Beadle and Mrs Anderson are also leaving to explore new opportunities and we wish them all the very best for their future. They have all brought so much to Palace Wood, and we wish them well.

Year 6 – 2018/19

Today, we also send our wonderful Year 6 children on their way into the next part of their adventure. We hope that, wherever they go and whatever they do, they remember some of the things they have learnt here and take them on their way. As always, we look forward to seeing them again so that they can tell us of yet more exciting developments.



Superstar Corner

Rosa (Giraffes) received her 10m swimming badge this weekend. She is very proud as she started as a complete non-swimmer in April. Olivia (Pandas) entered a young writers competition and her poem "My year with dad" has been published.

