



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

COVID update

As we continue to be faced with the increasing challenges of the Coronavirus, I just wanted to add in a timely update and reminder.

- If your child or anyone in your household starts showing symptoms (temperature, new and continuous cough or loss of taste/smell), the entire household need to self-isolate. Only the person displaying symptoms needs to get a test.
- If the test result is negative, then the household can return to normal providing you feel well enough.
- If the test result is positive, then the household need to self-isolate. **Please inform the school if a member of your household tests positive.** Action in school only needs to be taken if a child or staff member has a positive test, but we would still like to know as it helps us in preparing.
- Email headteacher@palacewood.kent.sch.uk as soon as the test outcome returns as positive, even if this is at evenings and weekends. The sooner we have the information, the more time we have to take the appropriate action.

Children will only have to isolate from school if they have been a close contact of a child or adult, who tests positive within their infectious period. This period is 48 hours prior to symptoms.

I am sure that you will have seen, read or heard of the increase in cases and school bubble closures across Kent and Maidstone. We are taking as many steps as we can to prevent closing bubbles but we need to be prepared

that this is something that is likely to happen at some point. All I ask is that you continue to support the school in following the procedures that we have in place, and also observe the national guidance outside of school. There have been a couple of things brought to my attention this week:

- Please follow the one way systems onto and off of the playgrounds in Acorns and Oaks. In Acorns, enter the playground coming past Giraffes classroom and exit the playground by heading to the top of the playground and around. In Oaks, enter the playground by coming down the ramp and exit the playground using the steps (if you have a buggy then you can exit using the ramp).
- Please observe social distancing. On the playgrounds in the morning I still see many parents within 2m of each other, and often within 1m. This is for your own protection as well as ours. If you are within 2m for 15mins or longer or within 1m for any length of time, you will be classed as a close contact if there is a positive case. Wearing a mask does not change this.

Thank you so much for your support. I cannot tell you how grateful that I and all the staff are that you continue to follow our guidance and help us to stay safe.

Parent Consultations.

Thank you for your patience with Parent Consultations. Overall, I think these were very successful and I hope that you found them useful in getting information about your child and how we can continue to work together to support their learning.

Spelling League Table

This week, our top three classes who have practised their spellings the most are:

1st position - Rhinos

2nd position - Lions

3rd position - Monkeys

(As of 18/11/20)



Well done to Monkeys, who are new in the top three and a massive well done to Rhinos and Lions who maintain their positions from last week. Which classes will knock them off the top spot, or will Rhinos and Lions go for the hat trick next week? Remember to use Spelling Shed as often as possible.

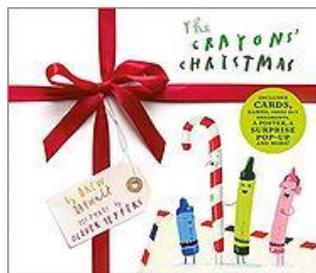
Book Recommendations! ★

Last week, we shared Iceland's book-giving tradition during advent. Here are some Christmassy books that may be a good choice if you decide to gift books for your children (or to give variety to your bookshelf):



'The Snowman' is a new novelised adaptation of Raymond Briggs' classic story, written by Michael Morpurgo and Robin Shaw. A must for all ages.

The Crayons are back and this time they are feeling festive. 'The Crayons' Christmas' is written by Drew Daywait and Oliver Jeffers. The children at school always love reading books from this series. A definite win!



Flu Immunisations

We had the school nursing team in today to administer the Flu immunisation for children. As with all things at the moment, even more consideration had to be given as to how we could run these in a COVID-safe way so thank you to Mrs Smith for coordinating this so effectively!

Drone spotted!

If you live near the school, please don't be alarmed if you see a drone over the school on Saturday. The governors are creating a promotional video as part of the recruitment package for the new Headteacher. They will be observing all social distancing guidance and wearing masks.

And finally

This week is National Anti-Bullying Week. The theme is United against bullying and this is their manifesto for change:

This year, more than ever, we've witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge.

Anti-Bullying Week is no different. Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference.

We're all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we're united against bullying.

Dates: 4th Jan & 7th June 2021 INSET days.

16th December Christmas Lunch
(deadline to book 2/12)

18th December Last Day

5th January Return to School

Letters sent home (parentmails)

All Christmas Lunch
Christmas Cards

Yr1 Handwriting

Bears Morning Routine

Yr3 PSHE

EYFS Teams

Classroom Organisation

Morning Routine



Superstar Corner

Max in Monkeys has just received a green blue Peter badge for all his gardening and bug hotel he built in Lockdown number 1