



# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## The Circus visits Palace Wood

Last night, the field was transformed into an amazing circus. I have absolutely loved hearing about everything that happened. The children are buzzing about it. Huge thanks must go to The Friends for organising it all.

## Teams/Houses

As you know, all children in Palace Wood belong to one of our four teams. These teams have been in place for some time and I want to build on these so that we can maximise their effectiveness. I also want the children to have a bit more ownership over what goes on with the teams.

With that in mind, I have a challenge for the children. We would like to rename our teams, moving away from the Sapphire, Diamond, Ruby and Emerald. We would like to know what the children would like their new houses to be called. We want it to be something the children can get behind, and something unique, so, despite the school name, we were hoping to look passed trees and palaces! Have a chat with your child, and if you have an idea of what our new houses could be called, please pop it on a piece of paper, maybe with a few reasons why you think they would be good, and hand them to your child's class teacher. We will let you know the outcome soon!

We will be working between now and half term to think about how we relaunch the teams (soon to be Houses) and have already started. You may have noticed that all staff now have a coloured lanyard. This is because staff (and soon Friends and governors) will belong to one of our houses. We have had plenty more ideas too, so watch this space!

## See what we've been up to

Now we are a few weeks in to term, the children would love to show you what they've been up to so far. If you would like to pop in and see some of their work, and maybe have a quick chat with your child's teacher, please pop along from 3:20pm until 4:00 pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## Year 6 Secondary Transfer

Calling all Year 6 parents. On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 4:00pm, we will be holding a meeting

about Secondary Transfer. In this meeting, we will talk to you about the form that needs to be completed, any dates and deadlines and try to answer any questions that you have about the whole process. We hope to see Year 6 parents there.

**Please note – this meeting will now be in Hippos classroom due to the drop in consultation which is in Oaks hall at 4:30. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.**

## School Uniform

I am still really loving the school uniform. I am so impressed with how smart the children look. However, despite only being a few weeks into term, I have started to see a few children who are moving away from some of the basics, so I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone of some of them:

- School shoes, and not trainers, should be worn. These should be plain black
- One stud earring in each ear is allowed. They must not be worn for PE.
- Only small bows should be worn in hair
- A full PE kit needs to be in school for PE lessons.

Hopefully we can see a return to the full and proper school uniform soon. We will be reminding the children, and parents, if the children are not wearing the appropriate uniform.

Remember to name everything too! We already have quite a lot of lost property accumulating, and if it isn't named we can't return it.

## Parent Code of Conduct

Parents play such an important part of our life here at Palace Wood. Unfortunately, there have been some instances recently where parents have spoken or acted inappropriately in front of staff. You will have no doubt seen the signs in hospitals and doctors' surgeries about appropriate use of language and behaviour, and we have now had to release our own Parent Code of Conduct. Please take the time to read the details of it, and send the signed section back in to school. We take the wellbeing and safety of all our stakeholders, including staff, very seriously, and hope that this will continue to allow them to do the great jobs that they do. Thank you for your support.

# Alfie the Attendance Alligator - weekly attendance



Rhinos	100%	Panthers	97.7%	Bears	99.0%
Hippos	98.3%	Crocodiles	98.3%	Giraffes	99.3%
Lions	95.3%	Monkeys	98.0%	Elephants	94.6%
Tigers	96.7%	Pandas	99.3%	Penguins	94.1%
Leopards	98.6%	Zebras	94.7%		



Overall weekly Attendance - 97.5%



## Cross Country

Oaks children gave their best at the Cross Country tournament on Wednesday last week. Attended by most schools from Maidstone, Palace Wood were very competitive at Mote Park. A second place finish in the girls' year 3 and 4 race was followed up by winning the boys year 3 and 4 race. Palace Wood also placed highly in both girls' and boys' year 5 and 6 races. All children who raced represented Palace Wood with pride. Yrs 3&4: Max, Evan, Kate, Poppy, Freddie, Noah. Yrs 5&6: Leo, Simeon, Noah, Freya, Ethan, Ewan, Jamie, Henry, Dylan, Finn

## Harvest Gifts

The children in Years 1-6 will be attending a Harvest Festival celebration at St. Nicholas Church on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Please send in any food donations from now on as we will, once again, make a Harvest food display in the reception area before donating. Please send in any items by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Where possible, can items be non-perishable such as:

Tinned fruit or vegetables	Meat pies/ready meals
Long life milk	Pasta/curry/sweet & sour sauce
Sandwich spread	Marmite, peanut butter, jam, chocolate spread
Mayonnaise/salad cream	Vegetable oil
Custard/rice pudding	Sugar
Tea/coffee/hot chocolate	Tinned mince/been/stewing steak/ham/corned beef/fish
Fruit	
juice/squash/individual drinks	

## Silly socks for Slideaway

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, we will be supporting Slideaway by wearing silly socks for the day. We have attached some information about this very important charity, and would encourage the children to wear silly socks on Friday for a suggested donation of £1.

## Wallpaper!

The EYFS are issuing a plea for any wall paper or lining paper that it is strong enough to sellotape to the floor and get our EYFS children mark making and exercising their arms, elbows, shoulders, backs and then wrists and fingers. If you have any old wallpaper in the loft that you no longer need, or some extra rolls that won't get used, please could you bring them either to Elephants or Penguins, or to one of the offices who will pass it on.

## Miss Ridout

Miss Ridout would like to thank everyone for their kind words before she had her surgery. I heard from her yesterday and she said that the surgery went well. I know you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

## And finally

Following my assembly on 'You can learn anything', and me mentioning it on the newsletter a couple of weeks ago, I was given the most amazing thing. Lottie in Tigers started learning the drums around a year ago having never played them before. At first, as you would imagine, she found it tricky, but she practised and practised and is now almost ready to take her grade 1 exam. Her parents have made a video diary of her learning experience, which I have uploaded to the school website. I would urge you all to have a look at it as it is the most inspirational Growth Mindset in action that I have ever seen. Well done Lottie!  
Mr Chatley

## Letters sent home this week:

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

Mon 1/10	Yr3 Trip
Tue 2/10	YrR Phonics & Numicon Café 2.15pm
Wed 3/10	9.00 McMillan Coffee Morning in Acorns Hall Yr6 Secondary Transfer Mtg 4pm, <b>in Hippos</b> KM "First Class" Photo of EYFS children 3.20 Book Look 4.30 Consultation Meeting, Oaks
Thu 4/10	<b>Oaks' Office closed</b> Florence Nightingale in Yr1
Fri 5/10	Yr6 to Maplesden Noakes Yr Phonics Café 2.30pm
Sat 6/10	Open Morning for Sept 2019 entry
Tue 9/10	<b>Yr 5 Trip to Kent Life</b> Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church (YrR Autumn Concert at 2.30 in Acorns)
Wed 10/10	Open Morning for Sept 2019 entry
Fri 12/10	Oaks' Disco 6.30-8.00
Mon 15/10	Individual & Family Photos
Mon 29/10	INSET Day (school closed)

### Term Dates:

October holiday 22-26 October