

# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back everyone. I hope you managed to enjoy the Easter break, especially the glorious weather that we had over the Easter Weekend.

This term is a bit of a whirlwind as it is so short, but we will keep you updated with what's going on, building up to the rest of the busy summer term ahead.

We are delighted that the proposed Satellite from Five Acre Wood has now completed its consultation phase and has been agreed. This means that from September, there will be a KS1 and KS2 Satellite class from Five Acre Wood in the school. As I have mentioned before, we are incredibly excited about this opportunity and what it can bring to our school. We will keep you updated as we continue through the process.

We are also excited to share with you that we have refurbished the library. Over the Easter Holidays, some staff, ably directed by Mrs Emmerson, repainted the walls, painted the new bookshelves and rearranged the furniture so that we now have a beautiful, open and welcoming library. We found we had a surplus of furniture and books that were no longer relevant to our children, and these were gratefully received by a new Special School that has just opened in Chatham who had no resources. Thank you to all of the staff who helped with the library.

## **Friends Fundraising**

As you know, the Friends of Palace Wood play a vital role in raising funds for the school to enable us to invest in resources that our budget would otherwise not allow. Over the past few years, much of the funding has been spent on the new interactive boards in the classrooms, to allow our teachers to deliver their lessons effectively.

However, now the Friends have a new target. They would like to raise funds to have an 'outdoor classroom'. Have a look on page 2 of the brochure: [www.outdoorplaces.co.uk](http://www.outdoorplaces.co.uk) to see what we are hoping for! This would be a fantastic space to allow our children to experience learning in a different environment, as well as offering an additional space for interventions. We hope that you continue to support the Friends, and the school, by taking part in the huge variety of events that they put on. Make sure that you have a look at the letter coming out today about the Palace Wood Rainbow Run!



## **Superstar Corner**

Ella in Giraffes had a busy weekend in her gymnastics. She was awarded gymnast of the term for the second term in a row and won first place in her first competition. Over the Easter holiday, Holly and Ava (both Pandas) played against each other for their respective teams, Larkfield and Castle Colts. Both matches were keenly fought, and both girls showed great skill and determination. Carys in Lions had 11 inches cut off her hair which she wished to donate to the Princess Trust which makes wigs for little ones with cancer. It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> time she's done this.

## Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		Number of Lates	
Sheeran	94.8	Sheeran	9
<b>Yarnold</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>Yarnold</b>	<b>0</b>
Hawking	95.0	Hawking	1
Rowling	88.7	Rowling	5

Overall weekly Attendance 93.4%

### Attendance

By a very narrow margin **Yarnold** win attendance this week, which is low overall, but they must be congratulated on their amazing punctuality!

### Eco Update

Our 'walking to school day' has changed for this term to a Wednesday. The children chose 'Waddle on Wednesday'!

Next week, your child will be coming home with a small box that we encourage you to use for recycling batteries. The children fill them and bring them in and we empty and resend the boxes home. Here is the link for more information.

<https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/>

We are also delighted to announce that we have been awarded with the Eco-Schools Silver Award. Next step – GOLD!

### And finally

It is the time of year for Spring-cleaning, and we have been doing lots around the school. We have also asked the children to be a little more careful in the way that they look after things around the school so that we can maximise their use. We hope you can see the difference.

Mr Chatley

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

Yr2 Warburton's permission  
 Oaks Request for board games  
 All Nuts!  
 Yr6 SATs Breakfast Club  
 Yr5 CATs letter  
 EYFS Afternoon Tea reminder

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

26 April EYFS Afternoon Tea  
 29 April Mock SATs Week  
 2 May Yr2 Warburtons  
 3 May Oaks Disco (6.30-8.00)  
 13-16 May KS2 SATs  
 20-24 May Yr6 to Kingswood  
 27-31 May School Holiday  
 5 June Class Photos  
 21 June Sports Day  
 27 June Welcome meeting for new parents  
 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)