



# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Tug of War

I tweeted a picture of one of our new displays yesterday – Tug of War. I wish I could take credit for the idea, but I hope it will prove to be popular.

Of all the amazing ideas I could have “magpied”, why did I choose this one? Well, I thought it gave us a few possibilities. Firstly, giving the children an opportunity to discuss, articulate and debate a topic is a great way to develop vocabulary and language. Secondly, the questions will hopefully really provoke some thought and encourage the children to stand by their judgements. This week’s question is ‘Which is the better teacher – success or failure?’ This has already sparked some debate amongst the staff so I am really looking forward to reading what the children come up with. You can also discuss this with your child their thoughts to help them out. I’ll tweet and update you with some of the best answers next week – as well as the next question!

## Diversity Week Celebrations

The week commencing the 28<sup>th</sup> October, Palace Wood will be holding a diversity celebration week. Within this week, we would like to host a multi-cultural fair during the school day on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October just for our pupils. At Palace Wood we have lots of children with first-hand knowledge of cultures/customs from other countries and we would love these to be shared with all of our pupils so that they can enhance their learning and appreciate how fantastic diversity is. I am looking for parents/grandparents/family/friends who would like to come into school for the day and share their knowledge of another country with our pupils. You will be given a table in Oaks hall. The table could include: national dress, language, food, artefacts, flags etc. to celebrate a particular country. Parents can

have their own children helping them at their table.

Each year group will be given a timetabled slot and they will come round to see the table stalls with their teachers.

If you would be interested in coming in to school for the day, please email [emma.ridout@palacewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:emma.ridout@palacewood.kent.sch.uk)

## Open Mornings

Do you, or anyone else you know, have a child due to start school in September 2020 (born between 1.9.15 and 31.8.16). If so, we have good news! Our open mornings to come and visit the school are:

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Please contact Mrs Smith in the school office ([office@palacewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@palacewood.kent.sch.uk) or 01622 750084) if you would like to book to come and see us.

## Come and 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October.



## Superstar Corner

Don’t forget to send in your Superstars!

## Alfie and Percy - Attendance and Punctuality

Percentage Attendance		No. of Lates	
Sheeran	97.15	Sheeran	9
Yarnold	97.62	Yarnold	2
Hawking	96.34	Hawking	4
Rowling	98.01	Rowling	4

Overall weekly Attendance 97.28%

### Attendance

This week Rowling win Alfie for the best attendance, but Yarnold take the Percy prize!

### Join us for a Coffee

On the morning of Friday 27th September, we will be holding a coffee morning to help raise funds for MacMillan. We would love you to join us for a coffee (or tea!) from 9:00 in Oaks Hall. This is a great opportunity for you to come in and have a chat with other parents. We will also be around if you want to ask us any questions about anything school related – we'll be by the cake!

### Parking

Another week comes and goes, and we have had more reports of dangerous and inconsiderate parking. Please think carefully when driving and parking around the school.

### Parent Forum

We are always looking to grow our learning community, and really value the input from parents on this. We are going to be setting up a parent forum to encourage discussion about how to make our school even better. So that we can make these most effective, we will be sending around a survey – don't worry, it's only 4 questions! – to help us get the best time and choose the best topics to talk about. If you have a spare minute, completing it would be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HJ6BTV5>

### Volunteers wanted!

We are again running our Parent Volunteer Safeguarding training. If you currently are, or would like to volunteer in school, you must attend one of these sessions. There is now one session remaining.

- Monday 23rd September 9:15am

### And finally

This time four years ago, not only was I in my first few weeks as the new Headteacher of Palace Wood, but the Rugby World Cup had just begun. It did not go well for England – eliminated in the group stages. It's that

time again, this time in Japan. Anticipation is high and I for one am hoping that the rugby team can replicate the heroics of the cricket team earlier in the summer. Fingers crossed!

### Mr Chatley

#### Letters/Parentmails home this week:

All	Kent Police Information
EYFS	Newsletter
YV	Rehearsal information
Yr5/6	St Simon Stock
All	Diversity Celebration Week
Yr6	Rochester trip
Yr4	Workshops

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

23 Sept	Safeguarding Training
24 Sept	EYFS KM Photograph being taken
24 Sept	5.30pm EYFS Parents' Meeting in Acorns Hall
27 Sept	McMillan Coffee Morning (9-10 o'clock)
2 Oct	3.20-4.00 Book Look
4 Oct	Oaks' Disco 6.00 – 7.30 pm
7 Oct	Friends' AGM 2.30 Acorns' Hall
7 Oct	Open Day 9.30 am
7 Oct	House Day
8 Oct	2.30 EYFS Harvest in Acorns' Hall
10 Oct	Individual & Sibling Photos
16 Oct	Open Day 9.30 am
18 Oct	School Closed for staff training
21-25 Oct	School Holiday
8 Nov	Flu immunisation – whole school
22 Nov	Open Day 9.30

#### INSET Days, when school is closed to children, are:

1. 18 October 2019
2. 18 December 2019
3. 16 April 2020
4. 17 April 2020
5. 1 June 2020