



# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another week has come and gone! They are quite literally flying by. It really is a pleasure to have all of the children back in school and learning.

I wanted to say a huge thank you again for all that you are doing to support the changes and amendments that we are making as we discover the pinch points in the routines that we have in place.

You may have seen the news nationally about the increase in cases. This is obviously a concern but perhaps not entirely unexpected. From hearing stories from other Headteachers across the country (you have to love the power of Twitter!) the challenge when receiving news of a positive case is how to manage this with the least amount of disruption as possible. Although we are operating Year Group bubbles at lunchtime, the arrangements we have in place should mean that if we had a confirmed positive case, we would only need to ask the Class to self-isolate for 14 days. We would obviously need to confirm this with Public Health England, but this seems to be common in schools of our size that have reported positive cases so far.

## **School actions if a child returns a positive test**

- Please notify the school as soon as possible. Email [headteacher@palacewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@palacewood.kent.sch.uk) as soon as you have confirmation of a positive test result (this includes evenings and weekends)

- The class bubble will immediately be closed. A ParentMail will be sent to the class informing them of the closure and the next steps.
- A ParentMail will go to the whole school informing them of a positive case.
- School will contact PHE as soon as possible to discuss next steps.
- If further bubbles need to self-isolate, then this will be shared at the earliest opportunity.

## **Oaks and Acorns one-way system**

To avoid 'pinch points' at drop off and pick up, we ask that parents follow a one way system.

In Acorns, this would be walking from Talbot Road, past Giraffes class and onto the playground, and then leaving via the gate at the top of the playground and walking towards the bike shed, following the path back round towards Talbot Road.

In Oaks, please enter the school site via the 'ramp' gate and leave the school site using the 'stepped' gate. We understand that parents with buggies and pushchairs will need to use the 'ramp' gate for both entry and exit.

Finally, please do not linger at the gate, especially after exiting as this can cause a bottleneck and cause difficulties with social distancing.

Thank you for your support.

## Homework

You will have received a ParentMail with information about homework today. With it was a link to a video which I would encourage you to watch as it does explain the process in more detail and hopefully addresses any questions you may have.

## How to help your children

I would like to run a series of short sessions for parents to support you with 'How children learn'. These will have to be virtual due to not allowing large numbers into school. There will be an option to join the virtual meeting 'live', or access a recorded version at your leisure. In the 'live' meeting, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and therefore make it more interactive.

The sessions will last approximately 30mins with some time for questions at the end. So that we get the best time for the 'live' meeting, please could you email me ([headteacher@palacewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@palacewood.kent.sch.uk)) with what you the best time would be and I will go with the majority!

## October Holiday Club

The Holiday club will run from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> (INSET) to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October from 8am until 5pm at a cost of £25 per day including breakfast and light snacks. Please provide a packed lunch. If you are interested in booking a place please email [lynne.emmerson@palacewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:lynne.emmerson@palacewood.kent.sch.uk) by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September when we will decide if there is sufficient interest for the club to be viable.

## School Backpacks – the perfect size!

Outstanding orders for backpacks should come home with your child today. We now have good supplies which are available to children in Year 1 and above, priced £10. Please order through your parentmail account.



## And finally

We managed to celebrate our 'Always' children this week with our first Hot Chocolate Friday since March. It was not quite the same as sharing a hot chocolate with the children altogether and discussing their week, but it was wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces and how supportive the class were of each other.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mark Chatley

### **Dates for your Diary:**

3 remaining INSET days: 23/10, 4/1, 7/6  
Flu immunisation – whole school – 20/11  
Individual Portrait Photos – 13/10

Term dates:

[https://www.kent.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/94125/Kent-term-dates-2020-21.pdf](https://www.kent.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/94125/Kent-term-dates-2020-21.pdf)

### **Parentmails:**

Times Tables Rock Stars, Attendance  
Knowledge Organisers, Packed lunches  
Spelling Shed, Submitting Home Learning,  
Morning Drop-Off  
Year 1 Maths, Microsoft Teams



## Superstar Corner

Fraser (Crocodiles) received two trophies on Saturday, winning players player of the year and parents' player of the year. During lockdown, Rose (Giraffes) wrote to The Queen as part of her home learning. Yesterday, she received a reply! How amazing is that! Holly in Panthers had her first U10s league football match on Sunday they won 4-0 and Holly scored a great goal. She also played in an U11s tournament the week before and won a medal.