



Palace Wood Primary School

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It was lovely to see everyone back on Monday morning, well rested and ready to go for what is always a very busy term leading up to Christmas (is it too early to say?).

Ahead of Parent Consultations next week, I met with all class teachers this week to hear about some of the fantastic learning that has been going on already this year. It is clear that we are continuing our high expectations for children, and that the children have really responded to the level of challenge we have been presenting them with.

If you haven't yet booked your parents evening appointment, please do so as soon as possible through the ParentMail booking system. We have had over three quarters now book in, which is amazing, but we want to see everyone! It is such an important part of our relationship with you, and we want you to be part of your child's learning journey. If you have had any difficulties using the system, please contact Mrs Smith in the office and she will be able to help you.

A few reminders

I know there are always so many things to remember, and that they are always being added to, but I wanted to reiterate a couple of things:

Scooters

Children are allowed to ride their scooters to school. However, they should not be riding them on the school grounds, as it can be dangerous to others. Please make sure your children are off their scooters (or bikes) on the school grounds.

Before school

Before the classroom doors open in the morning at 8:45, children should be ready and waiting to go inside. They should not be playing games, or using any equipment, including anything brought in from home. This again is because it is an unsupervised time and could be dangerous.

Early Work

As mentioned above, the classroom will be open at 8:45. We will always have work for the children to do, and even run some interventions at this time, so please try and make sure that your children are ready to go at this time.

Coats

As the weather has started to turn colder, please make sure your child has a coat with them. It is always better to have it and not need it, than need it and not have it!



Superstar Corner

Buddy (Crocodiles) scored a hat trick and was awarded man of match at the weekend. Harris (Giraffes) achieved his 15 meter swimming certificate over the holidays. He managed to battle through too as he was not 100% with a cough and cold. On Friday evening Callum (Hippos) did the Monster Dash at Mote Park and raised money for Charity. He was also the mascot on Saturday for the Maidstone United Game against Macclesfield Town, he walked out with the players and got to do penalty shots at half time. The Stones won 2-1 with a great goal in the 89th minute.

Alfie the Attendance Alligator



Rhinos	98.7%	Panthers	98.9%	Bears	91.3%
Hippos	97.7%	Crocodiles	96.3%	Giraffes	94.0%
Lions	93.8%	Monkeys	98.6%	Elephants	95.2%
Tigers	93.0%	Pandas	95.5%	Penguins	96.7%
Leopards	96.8%	Zebras	92.6%		



Book Fair

The Book Fair is back! This is a great opportunity to find a new reading book for your child. There is always a fantastic range of books for all ages. You will be able to view and purchase the books in Oaks Hall on Monday to Thursday after school until 3.45pm. If you are in one of the earlier parents evening slots, why not see the book fair before, or just after you have seen your child's teacher – they might even be able to recommend a good one for you!

Remembrance

Children will be able to buy poppies in school from Monday 7th November ready for our Remembrance Assembly which they will attend on Friday 11th.

And finally

*Remember, remember the fifth of November,
Gunpowder treason and plot.*

We see no reason

Why gunpowder treason

Should ever be forgot!

Such a memorable and immortal rhyme that will undoubtedly go on for generations. I am sure that many of you will be visiting local displays over the weekend, or even having your own in your back garden, but please be careful. Remember that fireworks can be dangerous, so enjoy yourself, but stay safe.

Mr Chatley

Letters/Parentmails home this week:

All year groups: Term 2 Newsletters

Year 6: Kingswood 2017

Year 5: Kingswood 2018

EYFS: Phonics Café

Dates:

7-10 Nov Book Fair in Oaks
8 Nov Parents' Evening
9 Nov Parents' Evening
23 Nov Open Morning III from 9.30

INSET Days 2016/17

19, 20, 21 December 2016
5 June 2017

Christmas Dates: Performance time may alter slightly

2 Dec Oaks Disco (6.30 – 8.00)

6 Dec Christmas Story Night (4.30)

7 Dec Yr 6 Carols at a care home (2.00)

8 Dec Yr 4 Christmas Performance (2.00)

9 Dec EYFS Show (2.00)

12 Dec Yrs 1&2 Performance to EYFS (1.45)

13 Dec Yrs 1&2 Performance to Yr 1 Parents (2.00)
Yrs 5 & 6 Carol Concert (6.00)

14 Dec Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch

15 Dec Yrs 1&2 Performance to Yr 2 Parents (2.00)

16 Dec Father Christmas visiting Acorns

