

# PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Nearly there!

The term has been a long one, and the children continue to amaze us with their hardworking attitude. Despite everything that has been thrown their way, they find ways of making us laugh and feel proud. You should also be proud of how well they have done in the face of such adversity.

## COVID updates

The landscape both locally and nationally, both in school and in the wider community seems to be ever changing. I remember saying early in Lockdown 1 that I would share with you the advice and guidance as soon as I was made aware of it, and I am continuing to try and do that. There have been some inconsistencies about the advice from the government – one is that it comes out with very little notice, and the other is that schools are never consulted or informed of it before it happens!

To try and help you to make sense of the advice I have recorded two videos where I have done my best to provide some clarity on what is a complicated set of circumstances. If you missed them on the ParentMails, you can find links to them below:

Update 1 – 10/12/20 -

<https://youtu.be/guRMjn7T818>

Update 2 – 11/12/20 -

<https://youtu.be/nxfBWotlsxU>

## Spelling League Table

This week, our top three classes are:

1<sup>st</sup> position - Rhinos

2<sup>nd</sup> position - Pandas

3<sup>rd</sup> position - Lions

(As of 9/12/20)



Apologies for not sharing the spelling league table last week. This week, we have a new entry in at number 2: Pandas! Well done to them for entering the top 3 this week. Great work from Rhinos and Lions who both remain in the top 3. Remember to log on to Spelling Shed at home as often as you can to keep your spelling shed score up.

## Book Recommendations! ★

'Pick a Pine Tree' written by Patricia Toht is a lovely book told in rhyme which celebrates the excitement of getting and decorating a tree for Christmas.



'The Christmas Eve Tree' by Delia Huddy. A beautifully illustrated book. A homeless boy takes an ugly, crooked fir tree to decorate at Christmas. A touching tale with messages of hope and love.

## Thank you! ☺

We received another delivery of new books for our school from our Amazon Wishlist.

Thank you so much to the parent who kindly bought these for our children.



If you would like to support reading across our school, please do have a look at our Wishlist on Amazon:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1D2A8IHAQQA10?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1D2A8IHAQQA10?ref=wl_share)

### **Christmas Character Trail ❄️**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Palace Wood as we prepare for our first ever Christmas Trail. From Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> until the 30<sup>th</sup> December, you will spot eleven Christmas-inspired characters, created by our pupils and staff, dotted around the local area. The map of the trail will be sent to you via ParentMail and we warmly welcome voluntary donations of £2 to help with our school fundraising, which has been a challenge to maintain this year due to COVID. Donations are made via your ParentMail account. We wish to thank our school community for hosting these characters in their front gardens. We hope you enjoy the trail and don't forget to use the hashtag #christmasatthepalace in your photos.

### **Christmas Lunch**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, as well as it being our school Christmas dinner, we will be having our annual Christmas Jumper Day. We encourage the children to dress festively in non-uniform, and get into the Christmas spirit. If you don't have a Christmas jumper, don't worry – you can wear Christmas colours like green, red and gold, but NO football kits please. Unfortunately, the deadline to book the lunch has now passed as the caterers have our final numbers.

### **And finally**

Thank you as always for all of the support that you continue to give to everyone at the school. In such trying times, it makes me very proud to work in such a kind, caring and supportive community.

Have a great weekend

Mark Chatley

**Dates:** 4<sup>th</sup> Jan & 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 INSET days.

16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch <i>(booking has closed)</i>
	Christmas Jumper Day
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to School

#### **Letters sent home (parentmails)**

Bears	Update
Monkeys	COVID Update
	Sharing Information
All	Letter from The Friends
	FAQ & Mythbusting
	Air Ambulance Invitation
	Remote Home Learning
	Hot Dinner return

