



# The Palmer Academy

## Weekly Round-up



Edition 12

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### ***Note from the Executive Headteacher***

The last two weeks have been somewhat of an unsettling time for us all at Palmer, as we have had to close so many bubbles due to positive COVID-19 test results, in either staff or pupils. I know that this has been an anxious time for you as parents and carers, as well as for the pupils and staff. Each time we have cases reported we inform the Department for Education and Public Health England, who determine what action we take. Please note the decision to keep the school open relies with them, and so we have been duty bound to continue providing an education for all year groups, in person or remotely, until the end of term. Please do be aware of the signs of symptoms of COVID in your child, particularly a new high temperature or cough, and if you are in any doubt, I would urge you to seek a test for peace of mind. This may also have an impact whether other pupils or staff need to isolate or test, so please keep us informed if there are any symptoms or when you have a positive test (or negative) test result.

As we come to the end of what seems to have been an exceptionally long term, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone for your support this term. Please do enjoy the Christmas break as far as you can, spend the time with your families and rest and re-charge. See you back on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January.

**Mr. Aaron Wanford**

### ***Christmas Dinner***

On Wednesday, for those pupils in school, we were able to hold our annual Christmas dinner event. Although sadly not all children were able to enjoy this end of term celebration, we are looking at how we may be able to host a 'new year' lunch for those pupils in Year Two, Four, Five and Six who weren't able to join in this week – we don't want them to miss out! Thank you to our lunchtime and office teams for organising the day and arranging the decorations – the hall looked fab and the lunch was also delicious! Thank you to our cooks for their sterling work with this!

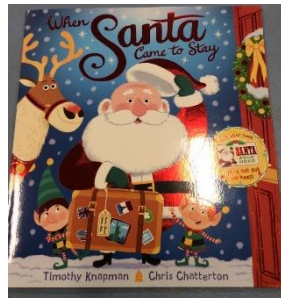


### ***Notifying the school***

Please can we ask that if your child is unwell (or has symptoms of COVID), when you call or e-mail us to notify us of your child's absence, that you carefully explain the reason for the absence – rather than just 'unwell'. In some cases, pupils may have potentially had symptoms of COVID-19 and we have needed to instruct parents/carers to seek a test, but we would not otherwise of known this, unless we had checked. It goes without saying that if your child is displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, they should remain off school until they have been tested to determine what needs to happen next. As a reminder, our e-mail address for reporting your child's absence is [absence@thepalmeracademy.com](mailto:absence@thepalmeracademy.com).

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

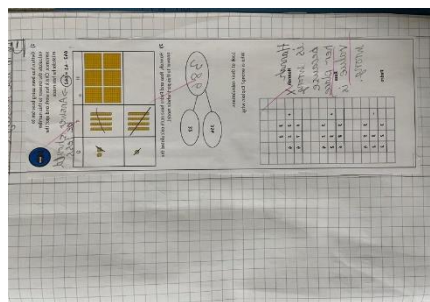
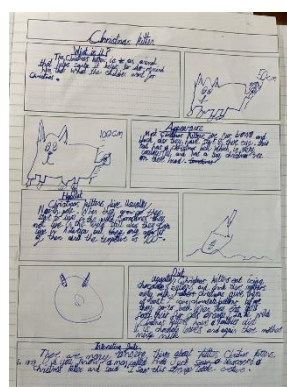
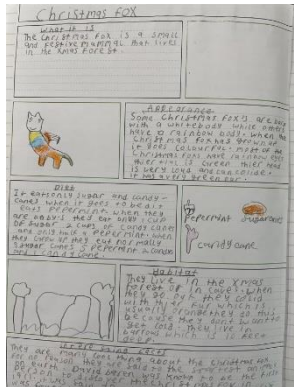
This week in Nursery the children have enjoyed listening to a range of Christmas stories and answering questions about the events that took place. We have made our Christmas cards and enjoyed using sequins and glitter to make some other Christmas crafts like stars, wreaths and trees.



What have Year One been learning about this week?

This week has been a super busy week in Year one with lots of fun exciting activities. We have written instructions for how to make reindeer food, we have learned how to find missing parts in maths, and we even wrote our first science test all about animals. We've been practicing our singing for the virtual school concert and we brought the virtual house down with our rendition of We Wish You a Merry Christmas. Friday was a really fun day with our card decorating, cookie decorating, and Christmas party. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and we can't wait to see you in 2021!

What have Year Three been learning about this week?



Christmas cheer and a happy New Year!

What a fun couple of weeks it has been here at school! Although we have missed the other year groups we have enjoyed coming in and learning. We had so much fun on Christmas Jumper day last Friday where we showed off our best Christmas knits! This week in English, we created our own "festive animal" and then wrote a non-chronological report about it. We used Headings, subheadings and a range of newly learnt features. In maths, we spent the week recapping place value and addition and showed off what we know by completely mastery challenges. Today, we have

such a fun party! We have played lots of games and enjoyed coming in wearing our own clothes. We will miss each other over the Christmas break but we can't wait to see what 2021 has to bring!!!  
 Godfrey and Rumaysah Year 3 Benjamin

What's happening next week at Palmer?

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Staff INSET Day – school CLOSED to pupils
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First Day of Spring 1/Term 3
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	

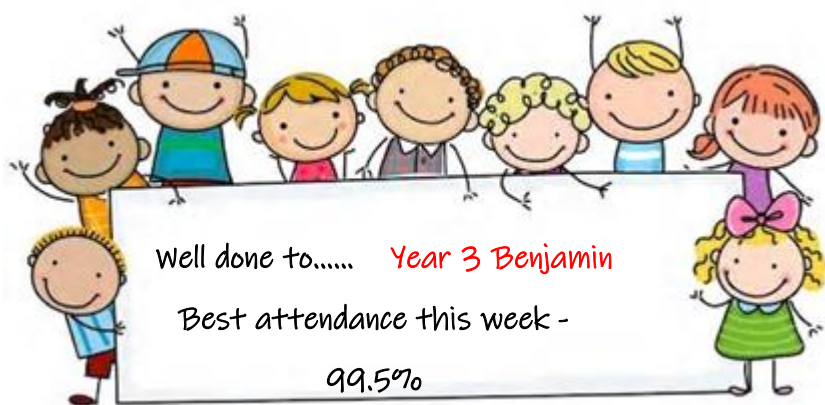
Attendance Information



Nursery Carle AM	Nursery Carle PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
86.7%	70.3%	88.2%	92.9%	94.1%	93.9%	N/A	N/A



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
99.5%	95.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Attendance for whole school to date this academic year: 96%