



# The Palmer Academy

## Weekly Round-up



Edition 1

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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

It's been great to be at Palmer this week as more of the children and families have got to know me, and I've been able to get a feel of what it's like to be a member of the Palmer community. Thank you for all making me feel extremely welcome.

During my time at Palmer this week, I have been accompanying our leadership team with their visits to classrooms, checking on how well our children are learning and the support we give to each and everyone. We have decided that to support you with knowing what is going on at Palmer for the time being, we would introduce a briefly weekly round-up newsletter so that we keep you informed of all that is happening in school. Given the current pandemic, there may be pieces of important information which we need to update you with on a regular basis. Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe.



*A. A. Wanford.*

**Mr. Aaron Wanford**

### **Face masks and coverings**

Thank you to almost all of our parents/carers who are wearing face coverings/masks when on the school site as we have requested. This helps to keep everybody safe, particularly when it is difficult to socially distance in some areas of the school where paths are narrow. However, we still have some parents/carers who arrive without the appropriate covering, and this is obviously a concern for others who want to keep as safe as they can. Please can we ask for your support to ensure you bring a face mask/covering at any point when you are on the school site. Thank you for your understanding with this.

### **Home Learning information**

By now you will have received 'home learning provision' letters for years 1-6 and EYFS by email. This letter details our expectations of home learning and resources which are available to you should your child needs to self-isolate for a period of time, in relation to government instructions to those who may have symptoms or have been in contact with someone with coronavirus.

The information is a set of useful links and information to support your child in continuing their education at home and not missing crucial curriculum content. The links to these resources will also be available at The Palmer Academy website under the COVID 19 Home learning section on the main page. If you have any issues accessing these resources due to internet access, please contact your child's class teacher.

### **Meet the Teacher Information sessions**

Typically, at this point each year, each class teacher would invite parents/carers into school for a 'meet the teacher' information session. However, this year it is simply not possible to invite parents/carers into the school with the COVID restrictions, and so we have decided that we will deliver the meetings virtually as pre-recorded meetings on our YouTube channel. The purpose of these presentations is for you to understand about the curriculum expectations for your child's year-group, specific arrangements and timetabling matters. The meetings will also give you strategies and ideas of how you can further support your child at home with the curriculum. To access your child's year group meeting please click on the appropriate link below.

Nursery - Miss Harriss

[https://youtu.be/qaKh\\_CWuCo4](https://youtu.be/qaKh_CWuCo4)

Year 1 – Mrs Maddison and Miss Costello

<https://youtu.be/AbY4Rrp37J0>

Year 3 – Miss Davies and Miss Fernandes

<https://youtu.be/c49ikxMj6x0>

Year 5 – Miss Vink and Miss Mulvena

<https://youtu.be/oclJx0JaQiM>

Reception – Miss Kershaw, Mrs Beswetherick and Miss Jones

<https://youtu.be/0lyCUEZhRc4>

Year 2 – Miss Druce and Mr Gardener

<https://youtu.be/wldG9yigRyM>

Year 4 – Mrs Staple, Mrs Robinson, Miss Jackson and Miss Hand

<https://youtu.be/dYWU3opB3AE>

Year 6 – Miss Thomason and Miss Gundry

<https://youtu.be/XJhayCMcMTA>

### KS2 Snacks (Y3-Y6)

Can we please remind parents/carers of children in KS2 that they are welcome to provide their child with a snack for break time on the basis that it is a piece of fruit or a vegetable. A packet of dried fruit such as raisins or cheese is also permitted.

### Attendance Information

At Palmer, we recognise that school attendance is vital to our children's education and opportunities for them to learn and succeed. We want to praise and celebrate the great attendance we have in classes throughout the school, and so will share with you our attendance figures each Friday for that week, so you can see how well we're doing. As a school, we're aiming to ensure our attendance is at least 97%, and of course over the last few weeks with the start of term and some of the annual coughs and colds starting, our attendance has dipped but is already increasing again.

Well done to N1 Moss and Y2 Ahlberg for the best attendance possible this week – every child in, every day!

N1 Moss – AM	100%	Y1 - Cole	95.7%	Y3 - Benjamin	99.1%	Y5 - Hughes	95.8%
N2 – PM	88%	Y1 - Donaldson	97.3%	Y3 – King-Smith	96.9%	Y5 – Morpurgo	96.1%
YR - Kerr	91.2%	Y2 - Ahlberg	100%	Y4 - Binch	97.6%	Y6 – Horowitz	91.2%
YR - Rosen	98.3%	Y2 - Butterworth	97.8%	Y4 – Pullman	99.6%	Y6 - Lewis	89.4%
<b>Attendance for whole school to date this academic year: 93.9%</b>							

We hope that over the year our attendance will continue to increase towards our target of 97%. More information about our attendance expectations will be coming out to you all over the next few weeks.