

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 88

Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope this message finds you well. Today was a fantastic Numbers Day, and we want to express our appreciation for your kind donations to support the NSPCC. Your contributions make a meaningful impact, and we are grateful for your continued support.

We would like to remind you about regular check-up appointments for your children. Whenever possible, kindly schedule these appointments outside of school hours to ensure minimal disruption to their attendance. We understand that urgent requirements may arise, and we appreciate your cooperation in managing these situations.

Recently, we have observed some challenges with children bringing in Pokemon cards and footballs for trading, leading to disagreements among the students. Please be informed that these items are not allowed in school. We kindly request your support in reinforcing this policy at home to avoid any further issues.

Lastly, we would like to remind you that our Bird Watch Day is scheduled for Thursday, 8th. It promises to be an exciting and educational experience for the children, and we encourage their active participation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

A Higginbotham

Kind Regards

Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher

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Important Dates

6th February 2024 Safer Internet Day—see below for details.

8th February -Chinese New Year school lunch

8th February -National Bird watch

9th February – end of term

19th February – Pupils return back to school

5th and 6th March- Parents Evening: Save the dates, further details to follow.

7TH March - World book day - Save the date- further details to follow.

Information for Parents/Carers

Reminder: PE days for this half term

Reception- Monday

Year 1- Monday and Wednesday

Year 2- Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 3- Monday and Thursday

Year 4- Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5- Wednesday and Friday

Year 6- Monday and Thursday.

Reminder: School lunches

Parents are now able to cancel and book school dinners up to 9am in the morning. Please remember to order for your child before this time and cancel any meals not required should your child be absent for the day. Meals should only be ordered by the school office on the rare occasion that you may have forgotten to order. Thank you for your support.

Free Half term activity - Family fun day Thursday 15th February

An exciting new event at Reading station offers the opportunity to get involved with several activities including a quiz around the station, a Lego signalling activity, and if it is not called away an opportunity to sit inside a BTP police van! We will also create a piece of artwork to be displayed at the station.

There will be information about enjoying days out by rail and saving money on booking train travel.

Booking is essential, we do hope to see plenty of families and make this an annual event. – please see flyer below

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6th February 2024

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. The theme for this year's Safer Internet Day is: Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online. This includes:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

The children will be learning more about this through assemblies and their computing lesson next week. However, if you would like to find out more information and discuss this more with your children at home then there is some great advice and resources on the website below:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Thursday 15th
February 2024

You are invited to a **FREE**

FAMILY FUN DAY

— at Reading Station —

Brunel Arcade
Reading Station
RG1 1LT

Enjoy activities including:

- Quizzes to enjoy exploring the station
- Meeting British Transport Police; you may be lucky enough to see inside a police van
- Using props to take photos as someone who works on the railway
- Signalling activity for Lego fans
- Decorating signs for the station

Suitable for ages 4-11. Children must be accompanied by adults.

Time slots between
10 am & 3.30 pm

Booking essential



<http://tinyurl.com/58xbdbw9>



FEBRUARY HALF TERM

GIRLS & BOYS 5-14 YRS

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10-3PM



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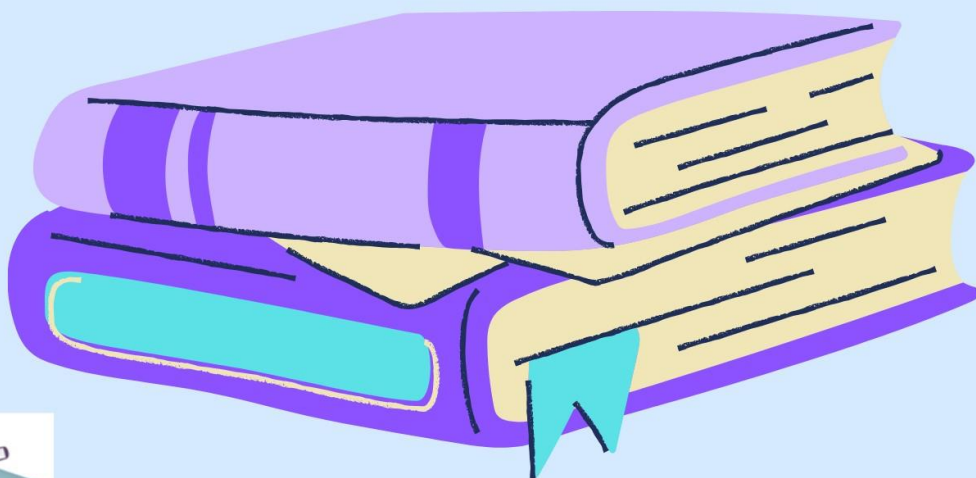
Do you have a couple of hours
spare each week to be trained
as a reading mentor?

Contact- info@abctoread.org.uk

www.abctoread.org.uk

0118 9511336

for further information



Attendance Information

Attendance is a key priority for our school this term. We want to ensure that all children's attendance percentages are in line or above national average of 97%. Children with an attendance of 97% above are more likely to be happier attending school, make better progress and eventually achieve better in formal exams. Please see below how even missing a few days of school can lead to many hours of learning missed.

Yearly Attendance	Days Missed	Hours Missed
100%	0	0
97%	6	30
95%	10	50
90%	20	100
80%	40	200



Nursery		Year R		Year 1		Year 2	
AM	PM	Kerr	Rosen	Cole	Donaldson	Ahlberg	Butterworth
95.7 %	95.9%	88.9%	93.5%	94.4%	90.7%	89.7%	94.4%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
95.2%	88.8%	93.5%	94.4%	95.8%	87.0%	92.0%	89.3 %

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently: 92.3%

Attendance Raffle

You have to be in it to win it! If you attend school every day you will automatically be put into our attendance raffle which will be drawn on a Friday afternoon. A winner from each class will be selected and win a special prize. We are also now holding a half term raffle for those children who have 100 percent attendance where they can win prizes such as amazon vouchers, roblox points, art kits and pencil cases. All the children have to do to be in with a chance of winning is to be in school every day!

A special well done to ANNING HOUSE who won the most HERO (Here, Every Day, Ready on Time) tokens

