

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 102

Friday 5th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share the success of the transition morning on Wednesday! It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to meet their new teachers and participate in fun and engaging activities. Our pupils had the chance to spend time with their new teachers, who warmly welcomed them into their future classrooms. This initial meeting has helped to ease any anxieties and build excitement for the upcoming school year.

The morning was filled with a variety of activities designed to be both fun and educational. Students participated in team-building games, creative arts and crafts, and interactive learning stations. These activities not only entertained the children but also fostered collaboration and creativity.

Both students and teachers have shared positive feedback about the transition morning. The children loved the chance to meet their new classmates and teachers in a relaxed and enjoyable setting. Teachers appreciated the opportunity to get to know their new students better, setting the stage for a smooth and successful school year.

We want to bring to your attention an important safety concern. Recently, there has been an increase in the number of strangers present around our local area. To ensure the safety of all our students, we urge you to speak to your child about the importance of not talking to strangers. Here are some key points to discuss with your child:

- **Do Not Engage:** Advise your child to avoid engaging in conversation with strangers.
- **Stay in Groups:** Encourage your child to stay with friends or trusted adults when outside.
- **Seek Help:** If approached by a stranger, your child should seek help immediately from a trusted adult, teacher, or police officer.
- **Report Suspicious Activity:** Teach your child to be aware of their surroundings and to report any suspicious activity to a trusted adult.

We ask for your cooperation in keeping our community safe. If you notice any concerning individuals or activities around the school, please report it immediately to the school administration or local police.

Your vigilance and prompt reporting can make a significant difference in ensuring the safety of all our students.

Contact Information

- **School Office:** 0118 9375481
- **Local Police:** 101

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for helping us keep our community safe.

Polite reminder to not use the school car park unless you have a blue badge present.

Kind Regards


Mrs A Nash

Deputy Headteacher



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Reminders and Information for Parents

Palmer's Got Talent

We are all very excited about our exciting talent show this Summer - "Palmer's got Talent". The children will be having auditions in their classrooms in the week beginning 17th June, so any talent your child would like to showcase they need to let their class teacher know. All talents welcome – from magic to singing, to football skills to gymnastics. 2 acts will be selected from each class to represent their classes in the talent show final on 19th July. We can't wait to see the talents the Palmer Academy has.

Uniform

Could we please ask Parents/Carers to make sure all uniforms are clearly labelled. Nearly all the uniform emptied from the lost property bins is unnamed, making it impossible to return to the rightful owners.

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, you will still be charged if meals aren't cancelled. Meals should only be ordered by the school office on the rare occasion that you may have forgotten to order. We are still experiencing a high number of pupils every day that have no school dinner ordered – if this continues we will phone parents to bring in a packed lunch so could you ensure you have booked for the week ahead. Please speak to the school office if you need a reminder of how to order through Parent Pay.

Please see attached menu for Paris Olympics themed day menu for 22nd July 2024

From 4th November 2024 Meal prices are changing to £2.57

Please could we ask if your child (Excluding Year 6) is leaving The Palmer Academy at the end of the school year (July 2024) -could you email details to:

admin@thepalmeracademy.com .

SUMMER TERM 2024 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- (further information will be sent nearer the time)

6th July	
7th July	
	Week 13
8th July	EYFS Sports Day Morning
9th July	Lower School Sports Day Afternoon 1:45
10th July	Upper School Sports Day Afternoon 1:45
11th July	
12th July	Annual reports sent home (inc SATs results)
13th July	
14th July	
	Week 14
15th July	Rocksteady Concert pm
16th July	Year 6 Production afternoon performance -2 pm Year 6 Production evening performance 5.30pm Year 6 Open Classes pm for parents
17th July	Year 6 Open Classes for parents am. Year 6 trip to Wicked
18th July	
19th July	Palmer's got Talent 1:45pm Lower School; 2:30pm Upper School
20th July	
21st July	
	Week 15
22nd July	
23rd July	Leavers Assembly
24th July	Children break up from school

FREE!



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YOUTH CLUB



FRIDAY EVENINGS 5PM - 6:30PM

FOR AGES 7 - 11



Whitley Wood Community Centre
28 - 35 Lexington Grove
Reading, RG2 8UG



Starting Friday 7th June 2024

Arts, Crafts, Pool Table, Board Games, Workshops and
most importantly **FUN!!!**



Places are limited - To reserve a space please contact
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All staff DBS checked



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— Marcus Tullius Cicero

If you would like to purchase books for our new reading spine, scan the code and shop away!

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

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
90.5%	90.5%	90.0%	92.1%	97.6 %	91.2%	92.1%	92.9%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
95.9%	88.0 %	95.4%	93.9%	94.0%	94.5%	92.6%	88.6%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 92.2%

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!

Well done to: Cole Class from Lower School & Benjamin Class from Upper school

