

# THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have another exciting term at Palmer with different trips and visitors working with our children to enhance their learning.

Alongside reading and writing, we develop children's language and communication skills. We encourage the children to be curious about the world around them and use their voices to share their views and make positive changes. To support this development, we are going to take part in a public speaking competition against other schools in Reading later this term.

Another event to get ready for is the Big Birdwatch. All children will be counting how many different birds they can see. We will do this at the same time as all the other 62 schools in REACH2. You can do this anywhere outdoors, on the way to school, in parks, or in a garden. This week Mr Clark and I heard a woodpecker in one of our trees. It is amazing how much wildlife is around us. During this month it would be great to help the children start recognising different birds. Please see this link to help identify different birds you may see.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/identifying-birds>

Kind Regards

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Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher



## **Reminders and Information for Parents**

| <b>PE DAYS</b> |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>CLASS</b>   | <b>DAYS</b>            |
| RECEPTION      | MONDAY                 |
| YEAR 1         | MONDAY and WEDNESDAY   |
| YEAR 2         | TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY  |
| YEAR 3         | MONDAY and THURSDAY    |
| YEAR 4         | TUESDAY and THURSDAY   |
| YEAR 5         | WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY |
| YEAR 6         | MONDAY and FRIDAY      |

### **Reminders**

#### **Parking**

A friendly reminder to please refrain from parking on double yellow lines or zig zag markings. Doing so poses a danger to our children as they enter and leave the school premises. Additionally, we kindly ask that disabled badge holders avoid parking in these restricted areas. If you hold a disabled badge and require proximity to the school for accessibility reasons, please reach out to our office. We're here to support you in finding suitable parking arrangements.

#### **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 note there are no jacket potatoes on Tuesday 's and Thursday's- it will be pasta in tomato sauce.**

**Please remember we are a nut free school (this includes no chocolate spread as this contains nuts) – Please provide your child with healthy snacks for break times.**



## **Parent safe- keeping your children safe: online & beyond**

**It's never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they aren't with us, and sometimes even when are, if we don't know what's happening in their lives or on their devices! Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay? Don't despair though...scroll through this page for help or click a button to go straight to a particular topics.**

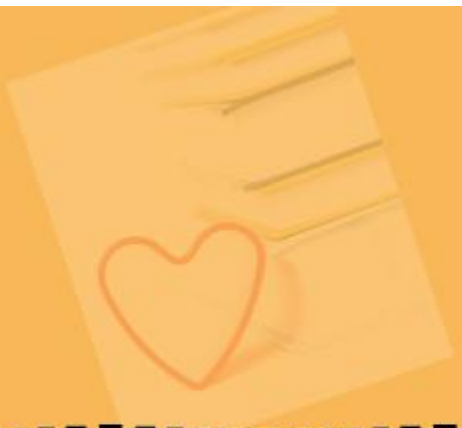
[Home \(lgfl.net\)](#)

**Being a parent has never been easy. There are no manuals for it, and previous generations may not be able to provide the insight you're looking for. The family unit is more dispersed than ever, with some families existing hundreds of miles from what may be called a 'core unit'. The rapid pace of societal change in the UK rapidly outstrips the knowledge of the immediate past. The result is that many parents may find themselves lost in a maelstrom of contradictory advice. For adults, time has never been more compacted. Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses, to make this challenge a little easier. If interested please follow the link below:**

**<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>**

**Family Lives offers a confidential and free\* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.**

***(\* Free from landlines and most mobiles)***



Thanks  
for being  
**amazing**



"A room without books is like a body without a soul."

— 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?

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



|                |            |                  |         |               |           |               |             |
|----------------|------------|------------------|---------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Nursery</b> |            | <b>Reception</b> |         | <b>Year 1</b> |           | <b>Year 2</b> |             |
| am             | pm         | Kerr             | Rosen   | Cole          | Donaldson | Ahlberg       | Butterworth |
| 78.1 %         | 81.5%      | 90.9 %           | 93.6%   | 98.5 %        | 80.8%     | 94.3%         | 90.2%       |
| <b>Year 3</b>  |            | <b>Year 4</b>    |         | <b>Year 5</b> |           | <b>Year 6</b> |             |
| Benjamin       | King-Smith | Binch            | Pullman | Hughes        | Morpurgo  | Horowitz      | Lewis       |
| 90.3%          | 90.1 %     | 82.4%            | 85.7%   | 84.7%         | 95.4%     | 94.3%         | 94.0%       |

**Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 92.6%**

### **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:**

**Classes Cole from Lower School & Morpurgo Class from Upper school**



**Turing wins House of the week- Congratulations.**