

# THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

**Edition 86**

**Friday 22nd January 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super week in school, albeit a bit cold! The children are enjoying their new class books in Reading lessons and we have invested in new maths workbooks to support our learning.

This week the school had two audits from our Trust, REACH2. One was for behaviour and the other was for our safeguarding processes. Palmer Academy was highly commended in both of these audits and they recognised the improvements the school has made over time.

Attendance and punctuality remain needing improvement and we need your help with this. Please can everyone have a big push to get to school on time each day. Doors open at **8.40am** and lessons start at 8.50am. Children need to arrive at school by **8.45am** to be in their classes ready for learning on time.

We have had some feedback for parents, that not all doors were open on time on drop off and pick up. I have shared this with staff, but please don't hesitate to let the office know if your entrance is not open on time, so it can be resolved.

## Clubs

We have reopened the club bookings as there are still places available in some clubs, so there is still time, if you missed these.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

*A Higginbotham*

Kind Regards

**Miss A Higginbotham**

Headteacher



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## **Important Dates**

Today - Bikeability level 1 and 2 for Year 5 booking deadline

Next week After school Enrichment clubs commence

23rd January – Year 3 Benjamin – meet the new teacher Miss Haran after school in the classroom

8<sup>th</sup> February -Chinese New Year school lunch- see attached Menu

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Evening: Save the dates, 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.

**Stevensons (Uniform supplier) (flyer attached)**

To celebrate their new Reading store opening in January they will be giving all customers 10% off\* when you shop in store from the **12th to 31st January**.

Stevensons, Chatham Place Reading. RG1 7AR

\*Offer valid until 31st Jan 2024 on instore purchases only, when flyer is presented at till point. Offer excludes web orders, sale items and footwear. Offer is only valid at our Reading Branch

**Reminder: Caterlink**

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.

## 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
97.2 %	96.1%	97.3%	83.3%	94.8%	96.7%	97.2%	98.9%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
92.7%	90.4%	92.7%	92.2%	95.7%	97.7%	97.3%	94.1 %

**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!**

