

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 106

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, we have seen significant improvements in the children's attitude towards learning. You may remember that I previously wrote to you about our focus on Palmer Powers, with a particular emphasis on *responsibility* this term. I am pleased to share that the children have embraced this, taking greater responsibility for their actions. They are consistently demonstrating that they are *ready, respectful, and safe* throughout the school day.

A special highlight of the week was a visit from some of our Trust leaders on Wednesday, who observed lessons and met with Year 6 pupils and staff. They were impressed with how well-behaved the children were and noted their enthusiasm for learning. The Trust leaders also commented on how our teachers are using their knowledge of the children to create supportive learning environments that cater to individual needs, ensuring continued progress.

Well done, Year 6, for making us all proud!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards




Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher

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Reminders and Information for Parents

PE DAYS	
CLASS	DAYS
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 (for next 10 weeks- Swimming)
YEAR 6	MONDAY and FRIDAY

Other important dates

Open Events for secondary schools for Year 5 and 6

The Wren Thursday 26th September 5-7pm – Booking required see attached flyer

The River Academy Open evening – 1st October 5.30-7pm for year 5 &6 pupils- no booking required

The River Academy Open mornings for Year 6 – Tuesday 24th , 26th September and 9th October- booking is required

The Bulmershe School- Open evening event for Year 5 and 6 5.30-7.30 28th September- no booking required

The Bulmershe Open mornings for Year 6 – 1st, 3rd and 8th October 10-11am – booking required.

MER-Open Evening Tuesday 24th September 5.30-7.30pm -No booking needed- see flyer attached

JMA- Open Evening Thursday 3rd October 4.30-7.30pm – booking is required- see flyer attached for details

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.

From 4th November 2024 Meal prices are changing to £2.57- Please see new menu attached – commencing 4th November

Beat the street

Beat the street is a real life free, fun game running across Reading South & East from 25th September to 6th November where you can earn points get active and win awards and prizes for you and your school- Details how to join will be sent home with pupils next week- Also you can visit: beatthestreet.me/readingse.



Reading Families' Forum

Registered charity no 1166585

A voice for families of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities



INFORMATION AND FUN DAY

LOTS OF INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS AGED 0 - 18 AS WELL AS ENTERTAINMENT FOR CHILDREN

28TH SEPTEMBER 2024
FREE 2:30PM - 5:00PM

YMCA, MARLBOROUGH HOUSE,
34 PARKSIDE ROAD, READING
RG30 2DD

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE,
MOBILOO ON SITE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
FACE PAINTING, REPTILES
CIRCUS SCENE

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**Next Start date
30th September**

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Safeguarding & Prevent
CACHE Certificate in
Understanding Challenging Behaviours
CACHE Certificate in the
Principles of SEN
Levels 1, 2 & 3

**Six Week
Course**

Mon - Fri

9:30 - 11:30am

12:30 - 2:30pm

4 - 4:30pm

**(last optional session for
reflection and support if needed)**



WALK TOGETHER ON A WEDNESDAY



MEET AT HEXHAM ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

1:15PM TO 2:30PM

ALL AGES AND ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

SEPTEMBER 4TH, 11TH, 18TH, 25TH

OCTOBER 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD

NOVEMBER 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, 27TH

HEXHAM.ROADCC@READING.GOV.UK

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FOUR REASONS
TO GO ON A WALK



MOVING YOUR BODY FEELS NICE



CONNECT WITH NATURE



VITAMIN D



LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOURHOOD



Reading
Borough Council



HEXHAM COMPUTER AND COFFEE CLUB

Hexham Community Centre

Suitable for all
abilities, including
beginners

FREE!

Last Thursday of
the month 11am -
1pm





FSE



FOODSEQUAL

FSE in Whitley

We have been doing our research about food in Whitley from 2021! Yep, it's been awhile!

Below is what we have gathered from various conversations through workshops, interviews, focus groups that we've held.

Views about food from Whitley



we don't want unhealthy chemicals and additives



we want more fresh fruits and vegs



Keeping families well-fed and happy is challenging!

End the Stigma
Stop the Shaming

No to stigma and inequality!

What are your thoughts on these ?

From £3 per person

Jungle Mania Soft Play in Woodley



Friday 27th September
6.15-8.15pm

Unit 4, Headley Park Nine, Headley Rd E,
Woodley, Reading RG5 4SQ

Bookings must be confirmed in advance please email
activities@spotlightuk.org
www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258

WELLBEING SESSIONS

—HEXHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE—

Led by qualified instructors these chair-based sessions are perfect for gently rebuilding your strength, suppleness, stamina and skill and more importantly, provide an opportunity to reconnect and socialise with others.



CLASS: FUN SEATED EXERCISE AND DANCE

DAY & TIME: MONDAY 2.00pm - 2.30pm

**VENUE: HEXHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, 1A
BAMBURGH CLOSE, READING RG2 7UD**

START DATE & COST: MONDAY 3rd JUNE 2024, FREE

To book your place email/call Kate

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for being
amazing



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

— Marcus Tullius
Cicero

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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

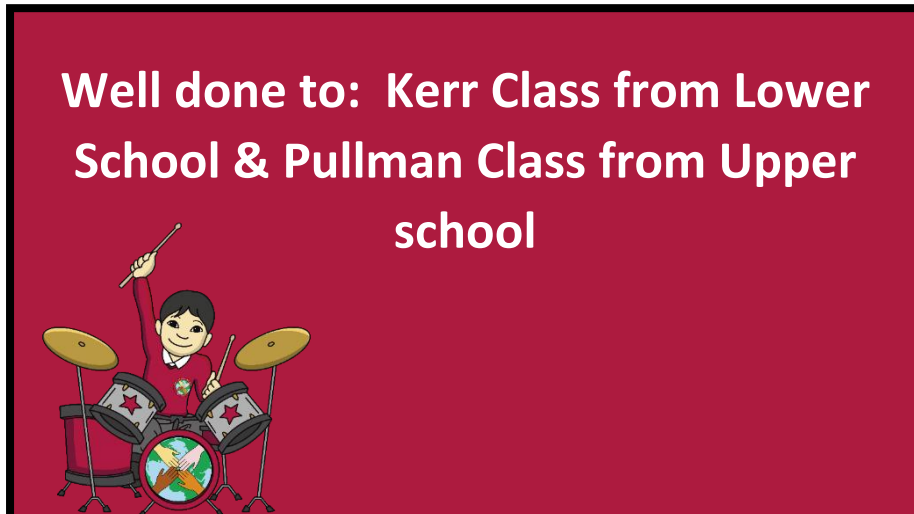


Nursery		Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
am	pm	Kerr	Rosen	Cole	Donaldson	Ahlberg	Butterworth
85.9 %	90.4%	98.5 %	90.8%	98.0 %	97.1%	92.5%	89.7%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
93.7%	91.1 %	94.2%	98.9%	91.9%	88.0%	90.3%	92.2%

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!



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