

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 100

Friday 21st June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The beginning of the week began with our Year 6 students being treated to a special book presentation led by a group of former pupils, who returned to share the rich history of our school. The alumni recounted memorable experiences, highlighted significant milestones, and shared how their time at our school shaped their futures. The event culminated in the presentation of the Year 6 leavers' books, a cherished tradition that celebrates the students' achievements and memories. The former pupils expressed their pride and joy in handing over these final leavers' books, bridging the past and present in a heartfelt ceremony. It was an inspiring moment for our Year 6 students, who eagerly received their books, marking the end of their primary school journey and the beginning of new adventures.

Today, our excited Year 2 students embarked on an adventurous trip to Beale Park, a delightful wildlife and adventure park nestled by the River Thames. The children marvelled at a variety of animals, including meerkats, lemurs, and exotic birds, learning fascinating facts about their habitats and behaviours. A highlight of the day was the park's enchanting train ride, offering scenic views and a sense of adventure. The students also enjoyed exploring the adventure playground, where they could climb, slide, and play to their hearts' content. The trip provided a perfect blend of education and fun, leaving the children with wonderful memories and a greater appreciation for nature and wildlife.

We hope you enjoyed watching England play, however painful it might have been. Over the weekend we hope the England team will be like our Resilient Rhea and prepare for the next match on Tuesday. Come on England!

Kind Regards




Mrs 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 of 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 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)


24 th June	Week 11
25 th June	Reading Girls Transition Day Year 3 Horse riding
26 th June	Year 1 Trip to Bournemouth
27 th June	WEC Olympics
28 th June	
29 th June	
30 th June	
1 st July	Week 12 Year 4 Viking Day
2 nd July	King's Academy Transition Day
3 rd July	King's Academy Transition Day Palmer transition Morning
4 th July	School closed for Polling Day
5 th July	Year 5 Sleep over- 5pm
6 th July	
7 th July	
8 th July	Week 13 EYFS Sports Day Morning
9 th July	Lower School Sports Day Afternoon 1:45
10 th July	Upper School Sports Day Afternoon 1:45
11 th July	
12 th July	Annual reports sent home (inc SATs results)
13 th July	
14 th July	
15 th July	Week 14 Rocksteady Concert pm
16 th July	Year 6 Production afternoon performance -2 pm Year 6 Production evening performance 5.30pm Year 6 Open Classes pm for parents
17 th July	Year 6 Open Classes for parents am. Year 6 trip to Wicked
18 th July	
19 th July	Palmer's got Talent 1:45pm Lower School; 2:30pm Upper School
20 th July	
21 st July	
22 nd July	Week 15
23 rd July	Leavers Assembly
24 th July	Children break from school

There are some spaces left at the **Careers Hub at Hexham Community Centre, on Thursday 27th June.**

To book a place, please contact David Wall David.Wall@reading.gov.uk


The sessions are one to one, for 40 minutes, and an opportunity to discuss anything related to applying for work – the session is free and open to everyone, including people currently in work looking for a change.

See poster below



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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
hello@becalmfoundation.co.uk or 07584518611

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
84.7%	88.2%	92.6%	82.5%	89.6 %	86.5%	89.3%	89.6%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
92.5%	82.6 %	91.4%	88.8%	92.3%	94.4%	85.0%	87.8%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 92.1%

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: Kerr Class from Lower School & Morpurgo Class from Upper school



Anning wins House of the week- Congratulations.