

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 84

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are in full swing preparing for our Christmas Performances next week. We look forward to seeing you at your child's performance.

Uniform

School uniform brings an opportunity to develop pride for a child's school and create a sense of belonging and unity. We would like your support in have a big push to improve this in the New Year.

Over this term we have seen more children coming to school without the correct uniform. Examples have been:

- Hair accessories that are not school colours (burgundy, maroon, grey, white, black or blue)
- Non- uniform jumpers
- Trainers or shoes that are not solid black.

We have attached the guidance to remind you. We ask that you support us with this.

- If you are having any challenges getting uniform for your child, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of SLT.
- If your child needs a change in uniform due to a medical need you will need to contact the school to set up a medical plan using doctors' advice and evidence.
- If you'd like to discuss a uniform adaptation due to your child's special educational need, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance as this will need to be part of your child's individual educational.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a good weekend.

A Higginbotham

Kind Regards

Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher



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Important Dates

11th December - Reception Carol Service at 9:30am

12th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Concert at 2pm

13th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Concert at 6pm

14th December - Farm visit for Reception and Nursery (at school)

**14th December – Christmas Jumper day, Christmas lunch and Christmas Fayre
(Please remember to book Christmas school lunch by tonight 8th)**

14th December – CLUBS ARE CANCELLED TODAY DUE TO CHRISTMAS FAYRE

15th December – Teacher led school clubs finish

18th to 20th December - No clubs this week

18th December – Christmas Carol Service at Christchurch Church – 10am start

20th December – End of term

9th January – Pupils return to School

Information for Parents/Carers

Parent Pay accounts.

Please ensure your Parent Pay lunch account is not in debt by Friday 16th December. The school need to send a debt report to our catering provider after this date for costs to be received. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

World of Emotions (WoE) 12/01/24 9.30-12.30pm Free online session via MS Teams. Anyone who is closely involved in a child who attends an MHST school, is welcome to attend. See list [here](#). *World of Emotions is not a parenting course, but rather an opportunity for parents/carers to gain more skills to understand and support their child/young person's wellbeing. It will cover a range of emotions and difficulties (e.g. low mood/depression, anxiety, self-harm, disordered eating, challenging behaviour towards others etc). Complete the [MHST Referral Form](#), saying you would like to attend.*

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
97.8%	98.7%	89.7%	78.6%	96.7%	93.1%	83.1%	90.4%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
94.6%	90.0%	90.0%	88.9%	91.8%	95.4%	90.4%	91.2 %

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently: 92.5%

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!

