

# THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

**Edition 80**

**Friday 10th November 2023**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Remembrance

Today is Remembrance Day and our children gathered in the hall to lay wreathes of poppies that our classes made. Our house captains shared reflective readings with our Key Stage 2 children. Thank you all for the donations the children have made purchasing poppies and wristbands.

Remembrance Day serves as a poignant reminder of the bravery and resilience displayed by countless individuals who have shaped the course of history. It is crucial that we impart upon our children the values of gratitude, empathy, and respect for others. It is important to have conversations that help our children understand the impact of sacrifice, the value of freedom, and the importance of working towards a more peaceful world.

### Hexagon Performance

On Tuesday evening I had the pleasure of watching our year 5 children perform at the Hexagon with many other schools in Reading. They were incredible! They sang many songs including songs from the Lion King and their voices filled the theatre. Well done Year 5!

Have a good weekend.

Kind Regards

*A Higginbotham*

**Miss A Higginbotham**



## **Important Dates**

**13<sup>th</sup> November: Odd Socks Day – Children to wear odd socks to school to mark the beginning of anti-bullying week.**

**13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November- Bikeability for Year 6**

**15<sup>th</sup> November-Reception trip to Ella's Kitchen**

**17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need - Children can wear spotty clothes, non-uniform or any 'Pudsey' style clothing and bring £1 to donate to the children in need charity.**

**14<sup>TH</sup> December – Xmas Jumper day, Xmas lunch and Xmas Fayre-further details will be sent- Lunch menu is attached**

## **Information for Parents/Carers**

**Understanding and supporting attention for learning 13/11/23 10.00 - 12.30pm. Free online session via MS Teams.** For parents/carers with children of school age in a Reading school.

*This workshop is targeted towards parents/carers whose children struggle with attention. This may include children who have a diagnosis of ADHD / ADD but is also open to parents of children who struggle with attention but do not have a diagnosis. The workshop explores how attention difficulties may present, support strategies and how SEN support may look in school. **To book or for more information email [Wilma.Williams@brighterfuturesforchildren.org](mailto:Wilma.Williams@brighterfuturesforchildren.org).***

**Raising your child's self-esteem 29/11/23 4.30 – 6pm. Free online session via MS Teams.** Any Reading parent/carer of a child aged 5-18. For any Reading parent/carer of a child aged 5-18.

*Is your child struggling with feelings of low self-worth? Do they not recognise their strengths? compare themselves to others? lack self-confidence? This 90 minute MHST workshop is aimed at parents, carers and professionals. We will explore the causes of low self-esteem and discuss strategies to raise self-esteem and build positive self-worth. To book complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/izupGmac24>*

## 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
92.2%	93.6%	91.7%	86.1%	95.2%	93.3%	89.7%	88.5%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
89.6%	92.2%	92.5%	91.1%	99%	90.3%	92.0%	97.9%

**Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 93.1 %**

## **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!**



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Classes**