

# THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 89

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

## In This Issue

- Attendance
- Important Dates
- Information for Parents

Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Thursday 7th March** it is World Book Day and children will be invited to come to school, dressed as their favourite book character.

This academic year, our Reading curriculum is a key focus and Mrs Nash has led this throughout the school through staff training, exciting new texts and changes to the way we teach reading, so all children enjoy a wide range of texts.

We are also promoting the love of reading and World Book Day is one way of doing this.

One of the most memorable things we can do with children is share a great book together. It is a great opportunity to put screens down and share a story with someone they love.

### Benefits of Reading

- Reduces stress and helps relaxation.
- Builds self-esteem.
- Develops emotional understanding.
- Improves concentration and memory.
- Vocabulary expansion and strengthens writing.
- Enhances knowledge.
- Increases imagination and creativity.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to hearing all about our children's favourite characters.

Kind Regards

*A Higginbotham*

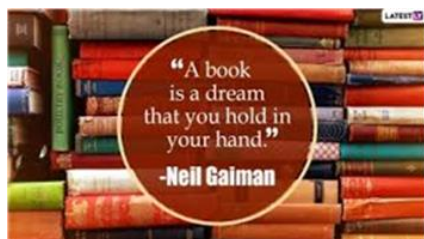
Miss A Higginbotham



## **Important Dates**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Evening: - Remember to book.

7<sup>th</sup> March - World book day



## **Information for Parents/Carers**

### **Update from 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.

### **Reminder for Parents**

**Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines in front of the school in the mornings and afternoon.**

### **Message from Reading Borough Council see attached flyer**

Hexham Community Centre

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm – 4pm

Love Your Neighbourhood Community event

Please help to spread the word through your networks and social media! 😊

The event is for local residents to:

- speak with organisations including Citizen's Advice Reading, Reading Borough Council teams and many more
- find out what is happening at Hexham community centre
- have a say in future activities and events at Hexham

The event is totally free, including hot dogs, veggie options, hot drinks and fruit. There is no need to book, everyone is welcome to just pop in on the day.

We hope to see you there!

SPOTLIGHT UK

Registered charity 1129258

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Spotlight UK are running subsidised activities such as trampolining, laser tag, bowling, soft play swimming and family days out.

We aim to boost confidence, self esteem and overall mental well-being.



CONTACT US AT  
DANIELH@SPOTLIGHTUK.ORG TO BE ADDED  
TO OUR MAILING LIST

WEBSITE: WWW.SPOTLIGHTUK.ORG

## 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
95.5%	97.7%	89.6%	90.0%	97.8%	96.3%	94.6%	96.3%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
90.7%	91.9%	91.2%	90.0%	94.2%	96.3%	95.6%	96.0%

**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!**



**Well done to:  
Cole & Morpurgo  
Classes**