



The Palmer Academy Newsletter

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Welcome back! – Mr Wyld & Mrs Ducker



What a great start to the year we have experienced at school this week. We have been excited to hear from children and families about all of the summer adventures you have been taking and we are glad that all of you have returned to The Palmer Academy safe, happy and ready to learn. Thank you very much for your continued efforts to arrive at school on time with beautifully-presented uniforms. We have seen more pairs of new shiny shoes than in a very long time! Over the next term there will be many opportunities for everyone to share our hopes and dreams for the year and to enjoy the great learning community that we are building together. If you have any questions or comments about your child's

learning at school this year, please ask your child's class teacher as soon as possible, so that we can all move ahead with confidence! Enjoy the start of the school year. It promises to be the best year so far!

Welcome to our new staff – Mr Wyld, Mrs Ducker & Mr Prendergast

This term we welcome some new staff to the TPA team, please take time to welcome them personally!



Miss Majer joins us as Year 5 lead and teacher. She is an experienced and highly enthusiastic teacher who is going to add to the buzz and enthusiasm around the school. She's looking forward to planning lots of exciting learning experiences for the children in year 5.



Miss Jackson has come especially from Cape Town in South Africa to teach Benjamin class in Year 3. She is also an experienced and creative teacher who has already got into the TPA spirit! Miss Thomassen and Miss Jackson have been working hard together

already and plans are afoot for Year 3 to do lots of amazing learning and have incredible experiences. 



Miss Makki joins us to teach Cole class in Year 1. She is another experienced teacher who is looking forward to providing a rich and varied curriculum for her children. She will be working alongside Miss Caldwell to make this happen!



School Uniform – Mr Wyld, Mrs Ducker & Mr Prendergast

The children look so smart! This is great to see and helps us continue to shape our wonderful school and take pride in ourselves and our appearance. As we are one team we wear one uniform. This is an important reminder to all parents to adhere to the school uniform policy (especially smart black polished school shoes!). A reminder of the uniform is at the bottom of this newsletter. From October school uniform should be purchased from Stevenson's in Reading, until then Mrs Binks will be available from 2:45pm every day.

Attendance & Punctuality – Mr Wyld, Mrs Ducker & Mr Prendergast

What an amazing turnout this week! Well done for getting your child to school on time (at 8:40am ready to line up at 8:50am!). It is so important that they feel part of the team and their class. All children must strive to achieve 100% attendance and 100% on time and ready to learn! Let's work together to make sure we are all ready to learn at 8:50am! Thank you

Birthday celebrations – Mr Wyld, Mrs Ducker & Mr Prendergast

A reminder that, as a healthy school, only healthy birthday treats are permitted if your child wishes to share something with the class. Fruit is a perfect example of this!

P.E. and clubs – Mr Soares-Mistry

P.E. starts next week! Please have P.E. kits ready on Monday!

Look out for the clubs letter and timetable which is published today. We will endeavor to ensure all children get a place, but unfortunately cannot guarantee it!

Improvements – Mr Wyld, Mrs Ducker & Mr Prendergast

We've had plenty of work done to improve the environment, including: new carpets in some of the rooms and stairwells, new lights throughout the school and many of the rooms have had a fresh coat of paint!

There will also be a few changes this year to encourage our parents to visit the school more regularly. One of these is the introduction of class assemblies where your child's class will perform to you and their peers. We look forward to seeing these throughout the year. Look out for the date on these newsletters and the school website.

Year 6 Residential – Mr Prendergast, Miss E Davies & Miss Hand

We would like all children to go. If you would like to arrange an alternative payment schedule please make an appointment to see Mrs Knight and myself.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Times
Tuesday 13 th September	Roald Dahl extravaganza in celebration of his 100 th birthday!	School day
Friday 16 th September	'People who help us' workshop for Nursery & Reception	School day
Friday 16 th September	Meet the Teacher Information Sessions for all parents	3:30pm – 4pm
Wednesday 21 st September	Year 4 trip to London Sea Life Centre	School day
	Steel Band workshop for Reception & Year 1	School day
	Nursery & Reception Family Picnic	School day
Friday 23 rd September	Year 2 Windsor Boat trip on the River Thames	School day
Thursday 29 th September	Year 3 trip to Windsor Castle	School day
	Year 6 Horowitz Class Assembly – parents welcome!	9:15am
Thursday 13 th October	Year 3 Ahlberg Class Assembly – parents welcome!	9:15am
Friday 14 th October	Year 2 trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum	School day
17 th – 21 st October	Year 6 Residential	
Thursday 20 th October	Last day of Autumn 1	3:15pm
Friday 21 st October	Staff INSET	All day
	Year 6 Residential returns	TBC

Uniform

Our uniform, worn by all the children, is a distinctive feature of The Palmer Academy. We place an emphasis on maintaining high standards of dress and appearance because we believe it encourages the children to take pride in themselves and their Academy. We therefore ask parents to ensure that their children always wear the correct uniform and that it is clearly labelled. Children also need to wear the appropriate kit during PE lessons.

Boys

- School jumper
- White shirt/white polo shirt
- Grey/black trousers or shorts
- Plain grey/white/black socks
- Black shoes (No boots, trainers, or sandals to be worn)

Girls

- School jumper/cardigan
- White shirt/white polo shirt
- Grey/black trousers/skirt/pinafore
- Blue gingham summer dress
- Plain grey/white/black socks or tights
- Black shoes (No boots, trainers, high heels, open toed shoes or sandals to be worn)

Uniform can be ordered and purchased from the school office; however, September is a particular busy time. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name – including coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

Hair should be neat in appearance without extreme of length or style. Hair should be natural in colour. It must be no shorter than a Grade 2 and without steps, lines or patterns. For reasons of health and safety, long hair must be tied back.

PE Kit

- Black shorts/track suit bottoms
- School House PE T-shirt
- Plain black hoodie
- Trainers

Earrings cannot be worn during PE, children will need to be able to remove and put earrings back in themselves.

