



The Palmer Academy Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a new term and a new year at TPA. Being a new year we have made a resolution: to improve our communication with our parents and carers. We will now publish a newsletter to share news, celebrations, successes and information every two weeks. In addition to this, we will launch a new school website this term... watch this space! What resolutions have you made?

We also welcome some new staff to the school: Miss Patrick has joined as class teacher of Year 4 Binch, Mr Thomas also joins the Year 4 teaching team and Mr Preston returns as a member of our esteemed P.E. department.

Maths Week

The first week back was Maths Week where the children enjoyed a visit from Captain Morgan, who talked about how he uses maths in his job as a pirate. Throughout the week all children took part in practical maths, including a maths session in the hall with pennies.

It was great to see so many parents at the maths celebration, we hope you enjoyed seeing the games and activities and thank you for your continued support.



Autumn Term Awards

Congratulations to all the Autumn term award winners!



Award	Lower School	Upper School
Maths	Kornelia - Year 3	Nevedya - Year 6
Literacy	Jaspreet - Year 1	Reem - Year 4
Science	Bamba - Year 3	Archie - Year 5
Humanities	Kendra - Year 3	Jessica - Year 6
Art	Lillie - Year 2	Alina - Year 4
Resilience	Jake - Year 1	Alan - Year 4
Communication	Peter - Year 2	Joshua B - Year 5
Kindness	Scarlett - Year 2	Emmanuel - Year 4
Attendance	Pamela - Year 3	Faheer - Year 5
Rights Respecting	Michael - Year 1	Aglaya - Year 5
Leadership	Emmanuel - Year 1	Preston - Year 6
Commitment To Excellence	Godiva - Year 2	Amina - Year 6
Enquiring Minds	Priya - Year 3	TK - Year 6

The Palmer PTA takes off soon...

All parents are invited to the first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the new Parent Teacher Association (PTA) on Tuesday 19th January at 6pm in the school hall.

A successful PTA provides structured support for the school and a forum for parents and carers to discuss school development and share great ideas. A PTA would meet regularly and have 'working groups' organising school events. Some things PTAs might consider organising are: Summer Fayres, quiz nights, film nights, trips and visits, clubs, fundraising, assisting with school projects and much more!

INSIDE OUT – wellbeing and happiness

On Thursday pupils in Year 5 enjoyed the experience of riding a giant beast as they continued to learn all about wellbeing and happiness. All Year 5 pupils will have this fantastic opportunity this year!

The Sports Report

During the Spring Term the two main sports the children will be participating in are gymnastics and basketball/netball. As it's now getting colder, please bring a black jumper for outdoor lessons.

We have already participated in one major event, the Reading Schools Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics Competition, where the team finished in 2nd place. A big congratulations goes to the children that took part.

Thank you for your patience whilst clubs were being organised. Many clubs were over-subscribed so we have allocated them to children as fairly as possible.

The PE team are busy organising fixtures for the next term.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Times
19 th January	Parent Teacher Association Annual General Meeting in the school hall – all parents/carers are warmly invited	6pm
20 th January	Year 3&4 Mixed Football at Ridgeway (selected pupils)	3:30pm
22 nd January	Year 5&6 Indoor Athletics at Madejski (selected pupils)	8am-3pm
22 nd January	Chinese New Year Lunch Menu	Lunch
25 th January	Year 4&5 Football vs Ridgeway at TPA (selected pupils)	3:30pm
25 th January	EYFS Fairytale Workshop	School day
27 th January	Year 5 trip to the Beck Theatre, Hayes	School day
29 th January	Young Voices Concert at the O2 (Choir/selected pupils)	All day (TBC)
2 nd February	Year 3 Build a bear workshop trip	School day
5 th February	Chefs Adopt a School workshop for the Palmer Parliament	School day
15 th – 19 th February	Half-Term	
4 th March	Year 3&4 Tag Rugby Festival at Crosfields (selected pupils)	TBC
8 th March	Edible Playground Planting Day	TBC
8 th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings	3:30pm – 7:00pm
9 th March	Year 5 INSIDE OUT trip (selected pupils)	School day
9 th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings	3:30pm – 5:30pm
15 th March	Year 3&4 Cross Country at Crosfields (selected pupils)	TBC
18 th March	Year 2&3 trip	TBC
22 nd March	Year 1 trip	TBC
23 rd March	End of Term	3:15pm