

# Palmers Cross News



SUMMER TERM

July 2020

**PALMERS CROSS**  
Primary School

Wow, it is amazing to think that we are once again coming to the end of the school year! It has certainly been an unusual last term, however there are so many happy memories from the whole year that have made it a success!

One of these successes is how our pupils and staff have adapted to the changes in school life over the past few weeks. Those pupils who have attended school have shown amazing resilience, determination and exemplary behaviour, following guidelines and rules brilliantly; while at home, pupils have continued to work hard on their school learning! It has been fantastic to see much of this emailed to us, thank you!

We are now looking forward to returning in September with all our pupils back in school. All staff have been busy preparing classrooms to welcome you back as they are so eager to see you all again. Further plans for this return can be found on the back of this newsletter.

While we look forward to seeing everyone in September we do have a few goodbyes also. At the end of the school term, Miss Jones will sadly be leaving us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best for her future endeavours. Miss Taylor will be beginning her maternity leave in July therefore will not be in school in September - we wish her all the luck with her new arrival! I myself will begin maternity leave in September, but will be leaving the school in the excellent care of Mrs R Wood as Head of School, a senior leader from within the Trust.

Thank you once again for your continued support over this difficult time and throughout the year. Stay safe and have a wonderful summer with your family and friends.

Mrs Richards

## Farewell to Year 6

On behalf of all the staff and pupils at Palmers Cross, I would like to wish our Year 6 pupils good luck as they continue on their education at Secondary School. We may not have been able to say goodbye in our usual ways, but we are so proud of everything that they have achieved through their time with us. You will all be greatly missed however I have no doubt that you are all more than ready to move on to your new schools.



## Staff news

In September, we will be welcoming three new members of teaching staff to our school. Miss L Whitehouse will be teaching in Year One, while, Mrs L Harper and Mrs C Priest will be teaching in Year 5. I know that they will all be an asset to our team and are looking forward to getting started.

## Returning safely to school in September

Across school we will continue to follow the Public Health hygiene guidelines. This means that all staff and pupils will wash their hands on arrival and departure from the school.

### Have you washed your hands?

Remember to do this ...

- After going to the toilet
- After playtime and PE
- Before you leave the house
- When you get to school
- Before you eat



### CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



### BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



### KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



Posters will be in place around school to maintain a high level of hygiene.

## Contact details

Please could you ensure that the school office has the correct contact numbers for your child. This is very important in the current climate.

## Key Dates

Tuesday 1st September - INSET School closed to pupils

**Wednesday 2nd September - All pupils return to school**

## Attendance

Attendance will once again be mandatory from the Autumn term and as such will be monitored in school as government guidance requires. The regular attendance of all pupils will be vital in order to make up for lost learning time in the past term. Thank you for your continued support and understanding with this.

## September Plans

Please find below the plans for our return in September which have been organised in accordance with government guidance. The times when pupils will start and finish school may be different, therefore please read these carefully. All pupils will be returning to school on **Wednesday 2nd of September**.

| Year Group | Drop off time        | Pick up time (normal playground) |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Nursery    | 9.00am (normal door) | 3.15pm                           |
| Reception  | 8.30am (normal door) | 2.45pm                           |
| Year 1     | 8.45am (KS1 door)    | 3.00pm                           |
| Year 2     | 9.00am (KS1 door)    | 3.15pm                           |
| Year 3     | 8.30am (KS2 door)    | 2.45pm                           |
| Year 4     | 9.00am (KS2 door)    | 3.15pm                           |
| Year 5     | 8.45am (KS2 door)    | 3.00pm                           |
| Year 6     | 8.30am (KS2 door)    | 2.45pm                           |

- All children will stay as a 'class' bubble and will be taught within their rooms (exception PE) as much as possible.
- Classrooms will still be welcoming and we hope to make them as 'normal' as possible however the tables will be laid out to ensure all children can sit front facing
- Individual stationary packs have been introduced so pupils don't have to share resources
- There will be a one way systems for parents dropping and collecting pupils, please do not congregate on the playground and please adhere to social distancing guidelines
- Washing hand routines will continue and will become part of the daily timetable. Pupils will be expected to wash their hands on entering the building and again before leaving. Plus key times throughout the day.
- Playtimes, assemblies and lunch times will also be on a rota system to ensure bubbles do not cross.
- There will be no clubs including breakfast and afterschool clubs provided initially as it would be impossible to staff and keep pupils within a year group.
- Unfortunately, there will be no hot meals served on site due to children eating within their own classrooms. School can provide cold lunches should parents require them. All Free School Meals and Universal School Meals will be provided with cold lunches.
- ♦ Please note that the FSM vouchers will no longer be provided in September and the school will return to providing meals in school (cold meals initially)

We do appreciate that staggered start and finish times may cause problems for families who are working but as always we would appreciate your continued support with this. If you should have any further questions regarding these arrangements, please contact the school and we would be more than happy to help.