

Palmers Cross News



AUTUMN TERM 2020

13th November 2020

PALMERS CROSS
Primary School

It has been so lovely to welcome our children back into school following the Half Term break. We do hope that you all enjoyed a rest from the daily school run and that you are all keeping safe and well at this time.

As we are now into our second National Lockdown, whilst it is a nuisance, we are delighted that this time we can stay open for all of our children – as I am sure you are too! This is by far the best thing for the childrens' education and general health and well-being, so we will keep doing what we do best. I would like to thank families for their cooperation whilst on school grounds, for adhering to our requests of maintaining social distancing and the wearing of face masks/coverings during collection/drop off times.

Please can we request that if pupils are waiting for siblings with an adult on the playground that they stay with their adult and avoid mixing with other class bubbles. We work extremely hard in school ensuring pupils safety through not mixing class bubbles, therefore we would kindly request that you support us with this during home times.

Can I also add my thanks to those parents who virtually joined us for the parents consultations this week. Positively, 75% of parents engaged within these Teams meetings. We hope families found it informative and for those who couldn't meet with Teaching staff this time, we do hope you will let us know how best to accommodate your needs. The partnership between school and home really is so important and the impact it has on children's learning.

I wish you all a very happy weekend. *Mrs Wood—Head of School*

Parking

A polite reminder to please follow the parking rules to avoid any accidents or fines.

Parents should not park on the zig-zagged area at the front of the school gates. This area must be kept clear to ensure children's and families safety when coming into school each day. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Baby News

All the staff and pupils send their happy wishes to Mrs Dudley, who safely delivered baby Edward into the world this week. We wish them all well for their exciting new life together. Many congratulations Mrs Dudley!

CIN 2020

What a fantastic CIN day we have all had today! Pupils have enjoyed taking part in the virtual Joe Wicks workout and have learned all about Children in Need and how the raised funds are used to help many young people. Thank you to our families for their very kind donations and support for this very special cause. We will let you know the total raised when all donations have been counted!



Anti-bullying week

A reminder that Monday 16th November is the start of 'Anti-bullying week' and that children across the school are encouraged to wear odd socks to mark the start of this week. As mentioned in a previous letter, classes will be linking activities through their weekly PSHE lessons. Class assemblies across the week will also be focusing on anti-bullying.



Attendance

★ Thank you to those families who are helping to support us with our attendance.

Attendance this week was—**94.8%**

Nursery 2020 Parents—2021 Reception

Just a reminder of a deadline for the current Nursery pupils applications, who are due to start Reception in 2021.

These applications need to be submitted by **15th January 2021**.

If families need any support with this, please let us know.

Key Dates—

Monday 16th November— ‘Odd Socks’ for Anti-Bullying week
Friday 18th December —Children break up for Christmas holiday
Monday 21st December until Friday 1st January—Christmas holiday
Monday 4th January 2021 — INSET - no children in school
Tuesday 5th January 2021 —Children return to school

Birthday Party Class Celebrations!

We have seen a wonderful idea from another school and we think it is something really special that we would like to introduce here at Palmers Cross. As a result of the current Covid restrictions, many children are missing out on celebrating their birthday with family and friends as they usually would, with parties or gatherings that are currently not allowed during this time.



We understand our children have already had so many changes and had to adapt to new rules and regulations both at home and school, and their emotional wellbeing is something that is very important to us. Therefore, we would like to give them the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays in school with their class friends!

We have decided we will hold a birthday party within each class on the last Friday afternoon of each month, this will be to celebrate all children who have had their birthday that month.

All children will have their packed lunch or school dinner as normal. During the afternoon (the last Friday of every month), school will provide fun games, activities, snacks and a party atmosphere. There will also be an extra little treat for each birthday child! All of the party costs will be covered by school.

Children must still come to school in their normal school uniform. If your child has already had their birthday during September, October and November, then they will be included in the first birthday celebration at the end of November.

We look forward to beginning this exciting event, giving every child the opportunity to celebrate with their friends and mark their special day!