



## Palmers Cross Primary School

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## School News

14.09.18

Welcome back to the new school year; I hope that you all had a wonderful six weeks off even though it did seem to fly by! It has been fantastic to see all the children and I have enjoyed hearing all about their holiday news.

Welcome to our new families who have joined Palmers Cross this year, both in Reception and in other year groups. Returning after a holiday can be a challenge, especially when it is a new school, however all the staff have been so impressed with how well the children have settled in, with great attitudes towards their learning and behaviour. Our focus will continue to be driving the school forward this year, providing the best possible education we can for all the pupils. Keep an eye out for the Parent Workshops we will be running over the next few weeks. These will be designed to help you support the children at home as well as giving you an understanding of what we do in school.

Just as we have welcomed new children to our team, we have unfortunately had to say a few goodbyes over the summer, including Andrea Bishop who will no longer be working with us. We wish them all well and good luck for the future.

The term is already full of exciting events; Harvest, Remembrance Day Celebrations and theme days. It is set to be another successful year here at Palmers Cross and we are all looking forward to working closely with you! As always, if you have any questions, please ask and we will help as much as we can.

Miss Collett

### Class 8 Make-over

During the summer holidays, all the staff across the school have worked hard to get classrooms and outside environments ready for the new school year. We would like to say a heart-felt thank you to a few local businesses who have helped by kindly donating resources to us. Our thanks go to:

Mr Pile

Codsall Tree Services

Codsall and Wergs Garden Centre  
Rio Services (at New Cross Hospital)

### Science Award

I am pleased to announce that the school has been awarded the Primary Quality Science Mark award for our work in Science. This award demonstrates our commitment to ensure that the quality of our provision in this subject is of a high standard. We will now continue to develop this even further in the following year creating even more scientists as we go!

### Compton Hospice

There are many charities which are close to our hearts. Last week the staff in school took part in a 5k fun run, raising over £960 for Compton Hospice! A fantastic achievement.

### Dropping off and Picking up

Thank you for making sure pupils arrive at school on time, however, when dropping them off in the morning, please remain with them until a member of staff is on the playground at 8.30am. We also ask that, for safety reasons children do not ride bikes or scooters once on the school premises.

Please notify the school office if a different adult will be picking up your child otherwise we will not be able to release them. Safeguarding procedures also mean that we are unable to release pupils to siblings who are also minors. Thank you for your understanding with this.

### School Trips

Staff in school are busy planning some fantastic trips for the children this term and throughout the year. Your continued support when paying for these trips is always greatly appreciated, as without it, we would be unable to provide as many of these important learning opportunities. Throughout the year, children will also be organising and running fundraising events in order to help reduce the cost of visits.

### Safeguarding at Palmers Cross

The national agenda for keeping children safe quite rightly continues to grow with more documentation and expectations placed on schools as we look to ensure children are always safe.

At Palmers Cross we will always try to discuss concerns with parents/carers and consent for any referrals for support will always be sought. This may well be a discussion with the class teacher or indeed a conversation with a member of our safeguarding team.

However there are instances where legislation demands we follow an immediate process that is in the best interests of safeguarding children - this process is not open to individual interpretation. There may be occasions when the school has to consult with other agencies without a parents or carers prior knowledge. Our first concern and responsibility is the child's welfare and we have a duty to protect children first and always. Such consultation may result in a formal referral which could prompt visits from social care and/or the police. We fully understand that this can be a very distressing set of circumstances, however staff will try to do everything to be supportive whilst ensuring we follow the procedures required by the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children Board.

### Coats

Although the weather is still warm, please can I remind you to send children into school with their coats on as we like to get them outside as much as possible, even when it is a little damp.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 17th September - Clubs begin

Tuesday 25th September - Phonics Workshop (Reception parents)

Wednesday 26th September - Year 6 Parents SATs meeting - 6pm

Thursday 4th October - English Workshop (All parents welcome)

Wednesday 10th October - Y6 Trip to 'Open Door'

Monday 15th October - Individual School Photos

Wednesday 17th October - Parents Evening

Thursday 18th October - Parents Evening

**Friday 26th October—break up for half term**

**Monday 5th November—pupils return to school**

Friday 9th November - World War One Centenary Celebrations

**Friday 21st December—break up for Christmas holidays**

**Monday 7th January - INSET day - school closed to children**

**Tuesday 8th January - pupils return to school**