

# Palmers Cross News



AUTUMN TERM 2020

25th September 2020

**PALMERS CROSS**  
Primary School

First of all, I would like to officially welcome all of our children, families and new pupils who have joined us at Palmers Cross this term. As my last newsletter was an update on the Covid-19 changes which had to be made in school, I would like to take this opportunity to send out my warm wishes to you all.

It really is so wonderful to see children being back in school looking happy, smart and ready to learn. We have been really impressed with how quickly the children have settled back into their new routines and how sensible they are in following the new rules to keep each other safe. We are very proud of them all!

I must thank you for your continued patience and cooperation with the changes that have been made in school since returning, children and families have adapted extremely well. We have enjoyed having back in school our Year 2 children, after their 2 weeks of isolation and we look forward to welcoming our Nursery children on Monday 28th September. We are so grateful of the support families have shown us in these unprecedented times.

This term we welcome new staff to Palmers Cross; Mrs Priest and Miss Cooper. I'm sure they will enjoy getting to know the families and children as I have done. Whilst on the subject of staff, you may already be aware that Mrs Richards and Miss Taylor left during the summer to welcome their babies into the world. On behalf of the staff and children here at Palmers Cross, we offer them huge congratulations on the safe arrival of their baby boys.

I would finally like to send a personal thank you to families for making me feel welcome into the Palmers Cross community. I very much look forward to working with you all, throughout the coming year.

I wish you all a very restful weekend.

Mrs Wood—Head of School



## Pupil Contact Information

Last year, school sent out to all families the pupil information forms, which were completed by yourselves and returned to school. As we stated in this letter last year, it is a parents responsibility to update the school of any changes to this information you originally submitted.

Please can families inform the school office of any changes there may be for addresses/telephone numbers, emergency contacts, medical or any other changes.

It is extremely important we have the correct contact information in case of emergency.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

## Dropping & Collecting Children

A reminder that all Year 1—Year 6 children can be dropped off at the gates between 8:30am and 9:00am.

Then, we kindly request that **only 1 adult** per family comes to collect their child/ren from the playground during the specified year group time slot. This will help to ensure the amount of people on the playground remains as minimal as possible.

Please can families also refrain from bringing any additional children onto the playground for home time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## One-Way System

Thank you to those families who are following the schools' one way system when collecting their children from the playground. Please can we remind families to avoid standing or blocking this one-way walking system on the ramp, this will help to ensure safe social distance between individuals.

We remind families the importance of keeping social distance between other families and staff, we thank you for your continued support.

## School Photographs

Individual photos will take place on **Monday 12th October**.

This will be done safely in class bubbles.

Unfortunately, we are not able to arrange sibling photos or invite families into school.



### **PE Kits**

A reminder to all families to please ensure children's PE kits have been brought back into school, as children have already started their PE sessions.

As stated in our COVID-19 risk assessment, we ensure all PE kits remain on children's pegs until 72 hours have passed, then these are safe to use. Children will then bring these PE kits home at October half term.

As the weather starts to get cooler and less predictable, it is advisable to put a pair of suitable plain navy/black jogging bottoms into their PE bag for those cold days.

### **Attendance**

A reminder to families that attendance has been mandatory from the Autumn term and has already started to 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.



### **Praise Assembly**

If your child has been nominated to receive a Merit certificate on a Friday then you will receive a text message to inform you of this. The whole school will be part of a live 'Teams Merit Assembly' to celebrate each other's successes. Unfortunately at this time, we are not able to invite parents in for this assembly, however children will receive lots of praise in school and will come home feeling very proud.



### **Safety around the school**

A reminder please to parents that scooters and bikes must not be ridden on the school premises and playgrounds.

We will always encourage families to walk to school and to use bikes or scooters, however please ensure that bikes and scooters are not ridden by children, or adults, once on school grounds.

## **2020—2021 Key Dates**

Monday 12th October—School photographer in for individual pupils photographs

Friday 23rd October—Children break up for Autumn Half Term

Monday 26th October—Friday 30th October— Autumn Half Term

Monday 2nd November—Children return to school

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

Friday 12th February 2021—Children break up for half Term

Monday 15th February until Friday 19th February 2021—Half Term

Monday 22nd February 2021—Children return to school

Thursday 1st April 2021—Children break up for Easter holiday

Friday 2nd April until Friday 16th April 2021—Easter holiday

Monday 19th April 2021—Children return to school

Friday 28th May 2021—Children break up for Half Term

Monday 31st May until Friday 4th June 2021—Half Term

Monday 7th June 2021—Children return to school

Wednesday 21st July 2021—Pupils break up for Summer holiday