

Palmers Cross News



AUTUMN TERM 2020

27th November 2020

PALMERS CROSS
Primary School

It only seems a few weeks ago I was writing my first autumn newsletter to the families of Palmers Cross and now it's my final one, before Mr Nichols starts his exciting journey at Palmers Cross. As you are aware from Mr Grayson's letter sent last week, I will be taking on another role within our Trust and Mr Nichols will be Head of School at Palmer's Cross. Some families may remember Mr Nichols who worked at Palmers Cross previously and I am sure you will also remember how committed he is to the school. He will be an asset to this school and I know he will be warmly welcomed by all the lovely families, pupils and staff.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the families, children and staff for making me feel so welcome during my time at Palmers Cross and the support you have shown me. I have really enjoyed my time here and I will, of course, miss the children. Hopefully, in my new role there will still be the opportunity for me to visit and work with Palmers Cross in the coming months.

I wish you all the very best and I know we may not be in December just yet, but I wish you all a very merry Christmas!

Mrs Wood—Head of School

Christmas Cards



Children will be able to bring in Christmas cards from December 1st for their friends across the school. Each class will have it's own 'post box'. The final date for 'posting' will be Friday 11th December. Staff will make sure cards are quarantined for 72 hours before redistributing to other families.

If you are exchanging any gifts between families please can we ask that you do this on the playground: gift exchange will not be able to take place within school as we do not have the facilities to store gifts for 72 hours before

CIN Day 2020

We hope families have seen the wonderful photographs on our Twitter pages from our Children in Need day on the 13th November. The effort families and pupils all made for this event with lots of 'yellow' and bright clothing was excellent!

We are very happy to announce we raised **£189** Which will all go to Children in Need.

Thank you to families for supporting such a good cause.

November Birthday Party!

What a fun filled afternoon we have had in school today! All children (and staff!) have celebrated for those children who have had their birthday's either this month, October & September. Happy birthday children!

There has been such a lovely vibe across school today—keep a check on Twitter for some photographs of these class parties!



Christmas Dinner



We will still be providing Christmas Dinner to all pupils who wish to sign up! This year Christmas Dinner will be on: **Monday 14th December.**

In order to ensure this is done in a COVID-friendly way, pupils will remain in their class bubble for this. We will invite all children to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day, as part of raising money for the Save the Children's Charity.

Letters were sent home last night for children to sign up for this. Please can these letters be returned by Wednesday 9th December if your child would like this dinner. Thank you.

Attendance

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

Attendance this week was—**95.2%**



Key Dates—

Monday 14th December—Children's Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day

Friday 18th December—Children's Christmas 'Bubble' Party day

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



Children's Christmas Plan's 2020



As you will realise, this year we are unable to celebrate Christmas in the usual way within school as we are unable to allow families to come into the building due to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, we want to reassure you that the festive season will still be in full swing at Palmers Cross!

Here's what we plan to do:

Tuesday 8th December—Class 1 & 2 Movie Night *(letters to follow)*

Wednesday 9th December—Class 3 & 4 Movie Night *(letters to follow)*

Thursday 10th December—Class 5 & 6 Movie Night *(letters to follow)*

Friday 11th December—Class 7 & Reception Movie Night *(letters to follow)*

Monday 14th December—Children's Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day *(letters to follow)*

Wednesday 16th December—Christmas 'virtual' pantomime

Friday 18th December—Children's Christmas 'Bubble' Party day *(letters to follow)*

And finally, because parents are not allowed into school, we also have an online surprise planned for you – but we're not revealing what it is yet! If you have not given permission for your child's image to be used online (website/Twitter), but wish them to take part in our online surprise on this occasion then please let your child's teacher know. Keep your eyes (and ears) open on our website during the last week of term!

We promise to make this year 'A Christmas to Remember' despite the limitations of COVID – Christmas this year may look a little different to how we usually celebrate it, but I can assure you it will be just as exciting!

