

# Palmers Cross News



AUTUMN TERM 2019

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**PALMERS CROSS**  
Primary School

Welcome to the second newsletter of the Spring term, it is flying by and I can hardly believe we are already at the end of January.

It has been an exciting few weeks for leaders in school as we have been out and about in classrooms across the Trust observing some excellent practice through the teaching of our 'exciting thematic' curriculum. I can see why the children are enjoying their learning so much!

Thank you for your support with booster sessions which are running this term for Year 6 pupils. We are sure children will benefit from these, building on their learning and increasing their confidence with tackling the 'trickier' aspects of their curriculum.

Thinking ahead to the summer (I think we are all ready for some sunshine) we will be having an INSET on Tuesday 1st September and children will return to school on Wednesday 2nd September. Please can I remind you that all holidays should be taken outside of school time.

Other exciting news for our Trust is that from the 1st February, our Trust will be joined by another school - Pheasey Park Farm Primary School in Walsall. They are a 'Good' school and the Trust is looking forward to working with them, sharing expertise and expanding the opportunities for our children. Exciting times ahead!

Sunita Richards

## Year 2 Multi Skills

Last week a Year 2 team of pupils represented the school at a local Multi-skills competition. We are proud to say they earned 3rd place and received a bronze medal for their fantastic efforts. They were all an absolute credit to the school and their families with their brilliant behaviour! Well done Year 2.

## PE Workshops

Thank you to all parents who have attended our PE workshops so far this year. It has been wonderful to see so many parents joining their children for a PE sessions, testing out their skills! Over the following terms, we will be arranging further workshops for other year groups in the school so please watch out for the letters.

## What's Coming Up

Wednesday 5th February - Y3 Recorder Concert

Thursday 6th February - Y5 Parent PE morning

**Friday 14th February - Last day of half term**

**Monday 24th February - Pupils return to school**

## Attendance

**Whole School - 96%**

Reception - 94.7%    Year 1 - 96.6%

Year 2 - 97.3%    Year 3 - 95.4%

Year 4 - 95.6%    Year 5 - 94.7%

Year 6 - 96.6%

## Playground Safety and general reminders

As the winter weather continues a reminder to ensure children have suitable clothing for cold days (wellies should we see any snow). Where safe; we will always choose to take children onto the playground for their break times to enjoy outdoor play. The same is the case for outdoor P.E. particularly in Key Stage 2. Please make sure children have P.E kit available, including a warm tracksuit/sweatshirt and trainers.

Dogs - Please can we again remind you that dogs (unless they are guide dogs) are not permitted anywhere on school grounds.

Bikes and Scooters - May we also remind you that children, or their siblings should not be riding bikes and scooters on the playground during drop off and collection times. Even though these are brilliant ways for children to get to and from school, for everyone's safety they need to be carried / pushed until you are off the playground and it is safe to ride.

Christmas Holiday - Break up Friday 20th December 2019

INSET DAY - School Closed to pupils - Monday 6th January 2020

Pupils Return to school - Tuesday 7th January 2020

Thursday 9th January 2020	Year 5 Parents Space Gallery	Class 5 pupils - 2.15pm
Thursday 23rd January 2020	Y4 PE Parent workshop	9am—10 am Class 4 Parents and Pupils
Thursday 23rd January 2020	Y1 Phonics Parent Meeting	3.15pm Y1 Parents
Thursday 30th January 2020	Y1 PE Parent workshop	9am—10 am Class 1 Parents and Pupils
Wednesday 5th February 2020	Y3 Recorder Concert	8.50am Year 3 Parents and Pupils
Thursday 6th February 2020	Y5 PE Parent workshop	9am—10 am Class 5 Parents and Pupils

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21st February 2020 Half Term

Pupils return to school - Monday 24th February

Monday 2nd March - 5th March 2020	Book Fair in School	Whole School
Friday 6th March 2020	World Book Day	Whole School
Friday 20th March 2020	Mother's Day Assembly led by Reception	Reception parents
Wednesday 25th March 2020	Parents Evening (4pm—6pm)	Reception—Year 1
Thursday 25th March 2020	Parents Evening (3.15pm—5pm)	Reception—Year 6
Thursday 2nd April 2020	Easter Assembly led by Year 2	8.50am Year 2 Parents

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 – Break up for Easter

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Children Return to School

Week beginning 11th May	SATs week – ALL year 6 children must	Year 6
Tuesday 21st - Wednesday 22nd April	Y2 Residential to Shugborough	Year 2 pupils

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Half Term

Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th June	Y6 Residential to Laches Wood	Year 6 pupils
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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – Break up for Summer

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – INSET Day School Closed to Children