

Palmers Cross News

SUMMER TERM 2020

Friday 5th June 2020



PALMERS CROSS
Primary School

Welcome back to the summer term, I guess many of us thought we wouldn't be returning but we have, and how lovely it has been to see the children back in school with their teachers and friends!

We may not be back to 'normal' and may not be for some time but staff and leaders have been working hard over the last few weeks to ensure home learning is provided on the website, children of keyworkers and those most vulnerable have provision in school and that school was ready to welcome children in year 6 and reception back on the 1st June, and of course we will be ready to greet our year 1 children next week! My thanks must go to all staff for their continuous hard work during this very anxious time.

Although of course there has had to be some changes made in school as we have tried to balance the well-being, education and safety of the children and staff. These systems are in place and we have had a very successful week.

However, a significant change for Palmers Cross is the absence of Mrs Richards, Mrs Dudley and Miss Taylor. I am pleased to announce that these ladies are all expecting babies over the next few months, we can't wait for all the new arrivals! However, due to Covid-19 this is also a worrying time for them as they have all been advised to 'shield' and are therefore now working from home.

I must reassure you that despite her absence Mrs Richards is still very much leading the school and guiding staff and families through these difficult times, should you wish to speak to her please email or call school and she will contact you as soon as possible. However, to strengthen the existing leadership on site in the absence of Mrs Richards and Mrs Dudley, I will be based at Palmers Cross for the rest of the academic year, working alongside Mrs Harper. Obviously, we will be happy to answer any immediate queries you may have.

It is certainly a strange term ahead but one which we will do our best to make an enjoyable one for your children.

Louise Dollery



Year 1—Staffing changes

Mrs Williams has now started her maternity leave and I am sure you will join us in wishing her well with the birth of her first child. In order to cover her maternity leave, Mrs L Harper (not to be confused with the existing Mrs S Harper!) will be joining us from Edward the Elder !

We welcome Mrs Harper to Palmers Cross and she will be a real asset to the existing team.

School Uniform

If you would like school to order new uniform for September, please do this on SIMs pay by the end of today , or it can be ordered directly from the company using the following website.
www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk

Message from Mrs Richards

Welcome back to school everyone! It may not be the usual start to the last half term that we are used to however the resilience and adaptability of all our pupils has really shone through this first week and I am so proud of you all, you are a credit to your families. I am missing you all very much and am really sorry that I cannot be there in person to see you, but I will look forward to introducing you all to baby Richards once he or she has arrived!

The teachers are keeping me up to date with everything you are doing in school, from all your exciting outdoor learning and PE, to the English and maths skills you are practicing as well. Thank you for returning to school with such a fantastic attitude already to your learning - keep it up, I look forward to my updates each day!

I know many of our pupils are not yet able to return to school and are continuing to work hard with their home learning. This will continue to be provided by the teachers on the school website. Over the past few weeks, I have received some wonderful emails with pictures of the work you are all completing - please keep doing this as it is fantastic to see all the effort you are putting into your work and keeps me going each day I am not able to be in school either.

I hope that before long, for those who can, we will see you back in school soon, but in the meantime, stay safe and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Richards

Key Workers

We are continuing to provide as much support as we can to key worker families now that Palmers Cross has reopened. Please can I ask that you let school know before the end of the week which days you require for the following week. This allows us to plan the provision effectively and ensures we can support as many families as possible each week.

Thank you for your understanding and help in this.

Reminders for Year 1's return on Monday 8th June

- Children in Year 1 can return to school from Monday— Group 1 Monday/Tuesday (Mrs S Harper)
Group 2 Thursday/Friday (Mrs L Harper New teacher)
- Year 1 children should arrive through normal gate and door at 8.45am and they will be dismissed at 2.45pm through the normal exit.
- Parents please follow the arrow markings on the playground and stay behind the white lines when dropping off/picking up children. Please follow social distancing expectations.
- Only 1 adult per family should be bringing/collecting children from school.
- Children in school should be in school uniform, advice from DFE is that clean clothing should be worn each day.
- Children either need to bring their own packed lunch or school will provide a 'cold' lunch for children.
- Children will be seated 2m apart as much as possible and social distancing will be encouraged at all times.
- Hand washing will become a regular part of the timetable.
- Reading books should be returned to school but will not be sent home again, staff will hear them read in school.

Things maybe different and we know as parents that you may be anxious about your children returning to school but please can we reassure you that staff will be doing their very best to ensure it is a safe environment for your children and that they enjoy their time in school. See you all on Monday, we can't wait!