

Palmers Cross News



AUTUMN TERM 2020

9th October 2020

PALMERS CROSS
Primary School

Thank you to all families for their constant support and co-operation since returning in September.

We are so proud of how our children have settled back into their learning and school routines. Whilst we are aware there are so many Covid-related changes to their 'usual' school life, they are all coping so well!

Over the past few weeks, local lockdown restrictions have been put in place and we know that some of our families are feeling anxious. Please feel reassured that school are here to offer support to families; we are all in this together! We want to share a number of encouraging messages from our return to school. We have welcomed 232 pupils back into school and our school attendance has been recorded at 93%, which is positive and is heading in the right direction as it continues to improve.

Our aim is now to build on this excellent start and ensure that all pupils have the best opportunity to continue their learning journey at Palmers Cross.

Mrs Wood—Head of School

Flu Immunisations



Once again, the Flu Fighters have returned this year to help protect children from flu, in their latest instalment; 'Close Encounters of the Germed Kind'. All children from Reception to Year 6 will be given a free copy of this book, which contains information about the vaccine.

The flu nasal spray immunisations will be administered to pupils from Reception to Year 6 on Monday 2nd November.

Further information and consent forms will be sent out to families over the next few weeks from Vaccination UK.

IT survey reminder!

Thank you to those families who have sent in their completed IT surveys, these form a part of our remote learning audit.

A polite reminder to those parents/carers who still haven't returned these to school. This information is very important to ensure school has a home email address to provide remote learning in case pupils have to isolate.

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.

Times Table Rock Stars

Times table Rock Stars reminder. Class 1 to Class 6 pupils have access to TT Rock Stars.

Please can you encourage your child to have a go at their tables.



Absences from school

If you are calling our school office to inform about a pupil absence please could you be clear with the reasons for the absence. This will ensure that the correct codes can be put onto the class registers to complete our attendance records.

Thank you for your co-operation.

This week in school:

“Tell me about something exciting that you have learned!”

Class 7— Kieran

“We blew some double bubbles. A bubble in a bubble. That’s my favourite!”

Class 6— Farah

“School life has been very different but very enjoyable. I have enjoyed learning in class and being back in the school environment. Our topic ‘The Mayans’ is extremely enjoyable and I have loved learning key facts about them. School makes me feel safe and happy and I am so glad to be back!”

Class 5— Isher

“I have learnt that people used to think the Earth was flat like a pizza but after sailors had never reached the edge people became open to the idea the Earth was sphere shaped.”

Class 4— Harry

“On Census day, I enjoyed making a Tudor money pouch and in Topic I have enjoyed learning about Amelia Earhart and the Titanic. In Science, I have loved discovering how much carbon dioxide is in fizzy pop.”

Class 3—Asake

“I loved learning about glaciers during the ice age and drawing maps to show where they were. “

Class 2— Luke

“I have enjoyed writing my instructions for Russell to make a jam sandwich in my Golden book.”

Class 1— Hayden

“Today is the best day ever, I can’t wait to learn about Google maps .”

Reception— Georgia

“We made some Gruffalo crumble with some yummy ingredients.”

Nursery— Kaan

“I like Nursery it’s fun ... I can draw my face”

We are so proud of all of our children and their achievements at Palmers Cross!



Dates for the Diary:

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

Monday 2nd November—Flu immunisations for all Reception to Year 6 pupils

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