

Palmerston Primary School

Head Teacher's Newsletter

'Together we will succeed'



Attendance:

Summer - 88%

News this half term:

This year seems to have raced by with so many exciting events taking place! Luckily, we had excellent weather for our annual Sports Day and Summer Fayre which were really well attended – thank you so much for your support. Our pupils also enjoyed lots of different trips this half term which has really helped bring their learning to life. Nursery enjoyed their visit to Wiggley's Farm, Year 2 explored Cosmeston Park, Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Cardiff Museum, Year 5 experienced a great day at Llancaiach Fawr and Year 6 loved their traditional trip to Barry Island.



I would like to say a big thanks to our fantastic PTA for their support throughout the year. Their contributions have made a significant difference in enhancing the school experience for everyone. To continue to strengthen parental engagement we are looking to appoint two parent representatives for each class in September – keep an eye out for more information about these new roles when we return to school.

Our Year 6s have been outstanding! Your Leavers Assembly showcased all of your fantastic skills and qualities. I know that you will continue to excel and make us proud in the next chapter of your academic journey.

We are looking forward to next year, but sadly must bid farewell to some valued staff members. Ms. Johnson and Mrs Harrison will be taking up new positions with additional responsibilities in other schools. Ms. Breed and Mrs Gape will also be leaving in order to pursue other passions and interests. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and they will be greatly missed by our school community. Joining the teaching team next year are Mr. Haynes and Ms. McAuley who are already familiar with the school, as they were



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PGCE students. They will be joined Mrs Steele and Miss Roberts who all share the same vision and values of the school.

Attending school every day and arriving on time is so important – our whole school target is 92%. I am also aware of numerous issues with parking, but please can I ask that you park respectfully, We work closely with the residents of Greenacres and encourage our families to consider walking to school where possible.



Our CAVC family groups have been very well attended, but we want to improve family engagement further. Please, look out for future coffee mornings and parental workshops. If you have any ideas, please let us know as we have some wonderful spaces in the school that we would love our school community to use more regularly.



I would like to remind everyone of the importance of using social media responsibly. While it is a valuable tool for communication, we must be mindful of the implications of sharing negative comments online. If you have any concerns or issues, please use the correct channels to bring them to our attention so that we can address them appropriately and constructively.

Finally, a polite reminder that we are committed to being a healthy school and have high standards for uniform. We encourage students to bring water rather than squash to school, except where this has been agreed upon. Please ensure that your child wears school uniform every day (except P.E. day). If you are eligible for free school meals you may be entitled to the School Essentials grant – ask the office for more details. Thank you for your support and if you have any ideas on how we can further improve our school, please let me know. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable summer.

Rights Respecting Article

Article 6 – You have the right to live
And grow as a person



Value of the Month

June – Respect
July – Sensitivity to global issues



Dates for the diary

Monday 2nd September – Inset Day
Tuesday 3rd September – First day
back for children
Friday 27th September – Inset Day
Monday 28th October – half term
Friday 20th December - End of term
Monday 6th January – Inset Day
Friday 24th January – Inset Day

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