



## Old Palace Reception Newsletter Autumn 1

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**Below is some key information for your child's year group. Please take time to read the newsletter with your child and keep it in a safe place.**

### Welcome to Old Palace

A warm welcome to all our children and their families to Old Palace Primary. The children have settled in very well into the school routine and have been getting to know all the adults and children in their class. Thank you to all our parents for helping us with the settling in process and trying to get to know each parent and their child. We appreciate your support and patience especially during the end of the day dismissal.

### Uniform

As the weather starts to get colder it is important that your child brings a warm coat every day. This is also needed in case of rain.

Also as windows have to be open to provide good ventilation, please make sure that your child has a jumper that can be worn in class and wears additional layers. If it is forecast to be a hot day, then please ensure you put sunscreen on your child and provide them with a hat which can protect them from the sun.

As the children will be doing some type of fitness daily, please ensure your child wears the appropriate footwear (no open toe sandals). Smart, black trainer shoes can be used or the children can change into trainers then back into their school shoes after their fitness session.

### Healthy Eating

The school has a healthy eating policy which can be found on the school website. There you will find all information on our expectations of what home packed lunches should contain, what is allowed to bring into school should you wish your child to bring in treats for the class on their birthday and how we are teaching our children the importance of healthy eating in our curriculum. Fresh Fruits or dried fruits can be shared with your child's class as treats for birthdays. No chocolates, cakes or biscuits.

### Absence

It is very important that your child attends school when they are able to. Even missing one day, means they may miss out on key learning, which then makes it more difficult for them to understand when they return to school.

If you have any particular concerns regarding attendance, we can offer support from the School Social Worker or the School Attendance and Welfare Advisor. The guidance below helps to explain when child should be kept off school, otherwise they miss out on important learning.

### Safeguarding

At Old Palace, we place a great importance on the welfare and safety of our pupils. Our Designated Safeguarding Officer is Ms. Kurup. Schools have a legal duty to safeguard and protect children. Staff have a duty of care to monitor the children's well-being, appearance, demeanour and attendance. Should our staff have any concerns they are required to report this as part of their legal duties.

Part of our monitoring also includes online safety. In a recent pupil survey, just over half of pupils had said they were being monitored when using a device at home. We would like to remind carers and parents that children **should** be monitored when using a device connected to the internet.

Children are using a variety of apps such as Discord and Tik Tok, please see <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> to find out more information about the age restrictions, how safe the app is and what they are mainly used for.

Should you your child need to report any inappropriate or dangerous behaviour online please ensure they take a screen shot and report it to either [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk), a member of staff or the admin of the app.

For parents wishing to improve their privacy and parental controls on their device, please email admin and request support from our IT technician.





### Reading

Your child will bring a story book in their new book bag. Please read to your child everyday for at least 10mins. Encourage them to retell the story back to you and ask them key questions about the events of the story. If the story is too long, then you can read just a couple of pages at a time to them, you can adapt the story to suit your child's understanding and attention span. **Book bag changing day is Fridays only!**

### Homework

Weekly homework will be sent out in their school book bag along with their keywords every Friday. Your child will get a maths and English homework, please note that some activities will be practical basis and not a worksheet. We encourage that you complete the work given and together read the Keywords. Please look after the keywords, as replacement words will be charged £2. The school also has a policy to charge £5 for any lost or damaged reading books.

### Maths

In Maths children will be following the Maths Mastery scheme, this means pupils acquiring a deep, long-term, secure and adaptable understanding of the mathematics. Pupils are expected to achieve a high level of competence before progressing to the next concept. This half term children will be learning numbers as labels and 2D shapes.

### Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)

Your child will be participating in the reception baseline assessment (RBA) within the first 6 weeks of starting reception. The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that most children of your child's age will be familiar with. It is statutory for all schools from September 2021. You can find more information using the link below.  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1004560/2021\\_Information\\_for\\_parents\\_reception\\_baseline\\_assessment.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1004560/2021_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf)

### Keyworker

Your child will have a keyworker who will be overseeing their development and well-being. They should be your first point of support in instances where you want to make contact regarding your child. We will arrange a meet the Keyworker session in week 4, times and dates TBC.

### Dates for your Dairy: General notices

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Reception Phonics workshop for parents.  
Meet the Keyworker week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September TBC  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct End of half term.  
Please remember to with your child a labelled water bottle and set of spare clothes kept in school on their

### Topic

This half term Reception's topic is 'Ourselves'. The children will be learning about what makes them special and talk about different families. They will explore different cultures and traditions and learn about our 5 senses. The children identify different parts of the body and understand the importance of staying healthy.

### Tapestry

We are setting up an online tool called Tapestry where parents will be able to see your child's learning in their online journal. Staff will upload observations, pictures and videos of children during their learning in class. You will get notifications when an observation is done. You will receive an email to set up your account then we will let you know what to do once the account is set up.

### PSHE

We place a high importance on the children's wellbeing and as part of this we have decided to have weekly PSHE lessons. Teachers will be delivering these sessions using the 'Jigsaw' scheme of work. It is based on a mindfulness approach which encourages pupils to:

be aware of your thoughts and feelings as they arise.

be able to focus your mind on what you choose to focus it on both outside of you and within you.

This term's theme or 'puzzle' is entitled 'Being Me in My World' In this unit, the children will be exploring who they are and their place within the school and wider community.

### Text Alerts and Appointments

Currently, Good News Slips, Red Cards and Green Medical Slips will be sent via text. Please ensure we have the correct contact details. In addition, should you wish to raise or concern or contact any member of the school team, please contact [admin@oldpalace.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oldpalace.towerhamlets.sch.uk) as we are still continuing to minimise access to the school premises for safety reasons.

### Curriculum

For further information on what your child will be learning this half – term please click here  
<https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/our-learning/curriculum/>

