Old Palace Year 1 Newsletter Summer 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.

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Summer Uniform

As the weather has started to warm up, we would like to send you a reminder about school uniforms.
Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day. During warm weather this can also include the Gingham summer dress, knee length school shorts and school uniform short sleeved tops. School shoes should be either black trainers/ sport shoes, black flats or plain sandals with a strap behind the heel. Socks must be worn with any sandals.

We would also ask that you remember when it gets hot out please provide a sun hat or sports cap for your child to wear and be sure to provide a bottle of water every day!

Celebrating Eid

The school will close for Eid. As the timing of the celebration relies on the moon, we will not be able to confirm until the day before. We will text you as soon as the day is confirmed. If Eid falls on 2nd or 3rd May, we will close on Tuesday 3rd. If it is on Wednesday 4th, we will close that day instead.
We will be holding Eid parties the day after Eid-Al-Fitr. The party for parents will be from 2.15-3.30pm. We hope you will be able to join us.
The children's parties will be in their classrooms. We will provide food, but as always we are very grateful for any food donations. If you send in any home cooked food, please add a list of ingredients, so that we can make sure children with allergies are kept safe. We recommend that children bring their party clothes in and change at lunchtime, so these do not get damaged or dirty at playtimes. If this is not possible, children can wear party clothes for the whole day, as long as they do not pose a safety risk. Pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery or make up at any time.

Parent Governor Elections

A reminder that the school is presently looking to appoint a new parent governor. A letter explaining the process has been sent by text. Nominations will close at 4pm on 6th May. If there is more than one candidate, the coffee morning on 11th May will be used as an opportunity for parents to meet the candidates. An election will then be help on 11th May. Nominations are welcome from all parents. As the school is committed to diversity, nominations from groups not presently represented on the board are encouraged.

Research Projects

Well done to all of the children who completed their research projects last half term and congratulations to our certificate winners!

On **Friday 22nd April** a set of three research project will be sent out. We ask that you complete one of these projects with your child and bring the completed project into school on to share with their class by Friday 6th May.

On **Friday 6th May** a second set of three research project ideas will be sent out. Again we ask you complete one of these projects with your child and return it to school on to share with their class by Friday 20th May.

Certificates will be awarded for each round of research projects, one for the best effort and one for the best achievement from each class. We are really looking forward to seeing the fantastic projects you create!

Maths

This half term year 1 will be focusing on multiplication, division and fractions (half and quarter). They will begin to understand 'equal groups' and use arrays to understand multiplication. For fractions, they will look at objects and shapes, representing a quarter and a half.

PSHE

This half-term's unit is about relationships. Children will be looking at different roles and responsibilities of members in their family. They will be looking at friendships, identifying the skills of being a good friend (for example, turn taking and being a good listener). They will look at different ways they can express that someone is special to them

Reading and Bug Club

Please support your children with their enjoyment of reading by encouraging them to read a little bit each day at home! This can be their library books, other books you have at home, magazines, articles, recipes, instructions, and more! We recommend reading for 10-15 minutes each evening! Bug club accounts have been updated and all children should have new books to read. Please remind your child to access their account each week to read one of their books and complete the quizzes at the end. Each child also has 2 bi-weekly library books.

Vocabulary

Word of the day: here are the new vocabulary words we will be introducing to the children this half term. You may wish to practice these words at home!

Week 2	braid	shearing	waterfall	beak
Week 3	ditch	descending	toolbox	waddle
Week 4	cocoon	disgusting	wildlife	steep
Week 5	silent	amazing	suitcase	Ferris Wheel
Week 6	gigantic	terrifying	seashell	dodge

Topic

This half term, Year 1's topic is 'The 2 Elizabeths'. We will be learning all about Queen Elizabeth and her role, as well as learning about Elizabeth I. We will also look at life during Tudor times.

Homework

Year 1 will have homework to complete each week and they are expected to complete the following:

Weekly spellings
Grammar or phonics
Maths

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Belonging- The focus on this unit will be for year 1 to explore and understand belonging. They will learn about how religious people show they belong to their faith community.

PE

The children need to bring in their PE bag every **Monday** and take it home on a **Friday**. Year 1 have PE on a **Tuesday and Thursday afternoon** please ensure they have the appropriate kit, such as shorts and a short sleeve top for warmer days.

Trips

This half term year 1 will be visiting Hampton Court to help them understand more about Tudor life.

Cost of the trip: £3.00

1D Date: Friday 20th May 2022
1O Date: Thursday 26th May 2022

Key dates

School Photo Day: Thursday 21st April
Research Project 1 due: Friday 6th May
Research Project 2 due: Friday 20th May
Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May
Eid closure: Either Tuesday 3rd May or Wednesday 4th May
Eid Parties: Wednesday 4th May or Thursday 5th May

Year 1 Phonics Screening

At the beginning of Summer 2, all children in Year 1 will take part in a National Phonics screening. Miss Millward will be running a parent workshop this half term to update you on what it involves and how you can help at home. A text will be sent out in due course.

Curriculum

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