



Old Palace Year 5 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.

 Check out our twitter! [@oldpalacepri](https://twitter.com/oldpalacepri)

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!

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 held 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.

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.

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 suggestions will be uploaded on google classroom. 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 Monday 23rd 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 5 will be focusing on Fractions and converting decimals. They will be practice solving different problems involving fractions, looking at converting between decimals and fractions and solving formal problems involving decimals. They should also remember to be logging onto their Times Table Rock stars account each week:

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/45687>

PSHE

This half-term's unit is about relationships. Children will be looking at mental health and how we can help ourselves and others when we are struggling with our mental health. The children will also be looking at how to stay safe online and how to resist pressure to do things online that may cause harm to themselves or others. The unit will end by exploring how to take responsibility for their individual safety and well-being

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!

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| Summer 1 | Week 2 | registered | demency | raucous | flamboyant |
| Summer 1 | Week 3 | Impose | coax | grotesque | flawless |
| Summer 1 | Week 4 | promote | authentic | immerse | frivolous |
| Summer 1 | Week 5 | prior | conceited | inferior | garment |
| Summer 1 | Week 6 | adequate | condemm | inhabitants | fiasco |

Topic

This half term, Year 5's topic is 'Life Cycles'. We will be learning about different animals and plants live, grow and thrive in nature.

Homework

Year 5 will have homework uploaded each week for them on google classroom. Each week they are expected to complete the following:

Weekly spellings
Grammar
Maths



PE

The children need to bring in their PE bag every **Monday** and take it home on a **Friday**. Year 5 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

Trips will continue to take place this half term and we will also continue to take into account the COVID safety procedures. This half term year 5 will be visiting Hyde park as part of the Natural History Museums Urban nature project to explore the effects of Urbanisation on natural areas, to coincide with their science unit

Cost of the trip: Free

5M Date: Monday 16th May

5C Date: Wednesday 8th June

Key dates

School Photo Day: Thursday 21st April

Mersea Island Information Morning: Thursday 28th April

Research Project due: Monday 23rd 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

Curriculum

For further information on what your child will be learning this half – term please click here

<https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/our-learning/curriculum/>





Mersea Island

During the Summer Term children in Year 5 will have the opportunity to take part in an overnight residential trip to Mersea Island. 'Essex Outdoors Mersea' is situated on the charming Island of Mersea on the edge of the river Blackwater estuary, just south of Colchester. Children will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of outdoor adventure activities while there, including: Bush craft, Caving, Off Road Biking, Orienteering and Aerial adventure.

CAVING



AERIAL ADVENTURE



ORIENTEERING & MAP SKILLS



OFF ROAD BIKING



The trip will take place on with children leaving the morning of Wednesday 29th June and returning late afternoon Friday 1st July. Children will be staying in the tent village, and will be required to bring their own sleeping bag. The cost of the trip per child is £90 with a *deposit of £20 to be paid by Friday 20th May*. We will be holding an **information morning** to provide more information about the trip on **Thursday 28th May from 9:30-10:00am**. Please come and join us at the meeting to find out more! There are a limited number of spaces available so they will be first come first served.

