



Old Palace Reception Newsletter Summer 2

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Sports Day

Our annual sports morning will be held on the following dates:
LKS2 Tuesday 4th July at Three Mills
UKS2 Wednesday 5th July at Three Mills
Rec & KS1 Thursday 6th July at Bob's Park

In order to prepare for the day, we ask that you ensure your child wears a T-shirt with shorts or tracksuit bottoms, trainers (no plimsolls) and a water bottles which is clearly labelled. In the warm weather we also ask that they wear a hat and apply sunscreen before they come to school.

A letter will be sent out to inform you of what colour your child's team is in, and therefore ask they come in with the coloured t-shirt of their team.

Each phase will participate in a Sport's morning with Foundation and KS1 being held at Bob's Park from 9.30 – 11.30am and KS2's being held in Three Mills at 9.30-11:30.

Children will be taking part in a variety of activities such as relay race, football dribbling, javelin throwing and the classic egg and spoon race.

Parents are welcome to join us during these events. At the end of the activities there will be an opportunity for parents and staff to get involved in the fun and friendly competition!

Summer Fete

The annual Summer Fete will be on **Friday 14th July**. We will be accepting donations to sell at our annual summer fete. We will be accepting food and baked items to sell at our food stalls as well as other items, (like books and toys) to sell as well. Please do not send any electrical items or items of clothing. Parents will be invited to join us at our Summer Fete from 3:40pm. Admission is 50p per adult.

Parent Voice

The next Parent Voice will take place on **Tuesday 27th June at 9am until 9:30am** in the community room. The topic is 'Safety and Wellbeing'. Miss Millward will be talking about how the school teaches the children about safety in and outside of school and ways to support their wellbeing. Parents can share what is going well and 'even better ifs'

Year 5 Careers Fair

We will be holding this year's annual Careers fair on 6th July. Each year we invite volunteers from a wide range of different vocations to teach the children about their different jobs and areas of expertise. We are always happy to welcome new volunteers, so if you are interested in taking part in this year's fair, please email admin@oldpalace.towerhamlets.sch.uk stating your name, child's year group and a brief overview of your profession. You can also talk to Shelly, Florida or Mr. Heighington in the playground.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on Tuesday 18th July after school between 3:30 and 6:00pm. Parents will be allocated a 5-minute slot to meet with the teacher to collect the end of year report. Please ensure you attend at your given time or rearrange with the class teacher in advance. If a longer discussion is needed, parents are welcome to make a follow up appointment. We look forward to seeing you!

Funding cuts

Tower Hamlets faces the worst cuts in the country. As a result, Old Palace will need to reduce the number of support staff we employ, directly affecting the amount of support that the children receive. The NEU and NAHT are campaigning against the cuts. They are holding a public meeting at Malmesbury School at 4.30pm on WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE to discuss how the cuts will effect schools and ways to campaign against them. Then on MONDAY 26th JUNE a march against the cuts will take place from the Town Hall in Whitechapel at 4.30pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Father's Day Event

On Thursday 15th June we will be holding an exciting Father's day event in Reception from 9:30am-10:45am. Parents and children will work together and have the opportunity to get involved with a range of fun and creative activities.





Extended Leave/Travelling during term time.

As we are approaching the school summer holidays, some families might be thinking of travelling just before school closes. Parents/carers should not remove their child from school during term time without having first requested an extended leave form from the office or downloaded from the link here <https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Extended-Leave-Request-Form-2018.pdf>

A meeting will then be arranged with the Attendance Welfare Adviser. In all, but exceptional cases, requests for leave during term time will not be authorised by the school. If permission is not granted, but the child is still absent, the absence is classed as unauthorised and parents/carers may be issued with a **Fixed Penalty Notice**. We have a duty of care to know where a child is, therefore Parents/Carers **must** provide contact details and a return date. If not, it will be deemed as a safeguarding issue.

Celebrating Eid

Eid al-Adha is due to begin on 28th June. The school will be closed for Eid. This may be on Wednesday 28th or Thursday 29th June.

Further details and confirmation of the date will be sent nearer to the time. Year 6 will be holding an Eid festival assembly, which will take place on Friday 23rd June. The assembly will be recorded and shared on our school's podcast page. Eid parties will take place either on 29th or 30th June once the closure has been confirmed.

English

In English, children will develop their writing skills by writing narratives linked to a familiar story and recounts based on personal experiences. Children will understand the composition in writing. Children will be given the opportunity to create their own piece of writing and develop effective letter formation. Children will build on their reading skills and use their phonological skills to support their writing development.

Maths

In maths, children will be learning to build on their number facts to 10 and use this to help them count on and count backwards from a given number. They will develop their problem solving skills with addition and subtraction. In addition to this, children will explore positional language involving spatial awareness, including over, under, beside, behind and in front.

PSHCE

This half term in PSHCE we will be learning about 'Children are encouraged to think about how they have changed from being a baby and what may change for them in the future. They consolidate the names and functions of some of the main parts of the body and discuss how their body has changed. They learn that our bodies change as we get older in lots of different ways. Children understand that change can bring about positive and negative feelings, and that sharing these can help. They also consider the role that memories can have in managing change.

Topic

This half term, children will be learning about 'Land Animals'. Children will build on their knowledge and understanding about different animal groups such as reptiles, mammals, birds and amphibians. They will also look at their habitats and compare and contrast between the various habitats, including, desert, Rainforest and Polar regions. Children will develop the use of key vocabulary linked to the topic here are some of the key topic vocabulary they will learn:

Camouflage	Reptile
Habitat	Amphibian
Desert	Rainforest
Polar Region	Nocturnal



Summer Uniform

With hotter weather on the way, please click [HERE](#) for a reminder about our Summer School Uniform. Please also remember to apply sunblock in the morning and consider sending in a sun hat to keep your child protected on the sunniest day

Key dates

- Trip Volunteering workshop 6th June
- Father's Day event Thurs 15th June
- Reception Floride Vanishing 23rd June
- Potential Eid Closure- 28th June or 29th June Eid Parties- 29th or 30th June (depending on closure)
- RB's class performance Wed 5th July
- Rec Sports Morning- 6th July
- London Zoo trip 13th July
- Summer Fete- Friday 14th July
- Parent Consultations- 18th July
- Last day of school- Thursday 20th July 2pm finish



