



CHALLENGE
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Old Palace Year 1 Newsletter Summer 2

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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 Malmsbury 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.

Key dates

Phonics Screening- Week beginning Monday 12th June
1D Class Assembly- Wednesday 21st June 10am
Year 1 Fluoride Varnishing- Friday 23rd June
DT days- 1D Monday 26th June 10 Friday 30th June
Potential Eid Closure- 28th June or 29th June
Eid Parties- 29th or 30th June (depending on closure)
Year 1 Royal Mews Trip- 3rd July
Year 1 Sports Morning- 6th July
Summer Fete- Friday 14th July
Parent Consultations- 18th July
Last day of school- Thursday 20th July 2pm finish

Phonics Screening

The week beginning the 13th June, the children will be taking part in the Phonics Screening. They will go out to work to read 1:1 with a family adult. They will read 20 'alien' words and 20 'real' words, using their phonics knowledge. The results will then be published on your child's end of year report. A useful link below to support:

<https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Phonics-Screening-Practice.pdf>

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. We look forward to seeing you!

Eid Celebrations

Eid al-Adha is due to begin on 28th June. The school will be closed for Eid. This could be on Wednesday 28th or Thursday 29th June. Further details and confirmation of the date will be sent nearer to the time. Eid parties will take place on either the 29th or 30th June once the closure has been confirmed.

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 supporting their wellbeing. Parents can share what is going well and 'even better ifs'.

Summer Fete

The annual Summer Fete will be on Friday 14th July. We will be Asking for 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 £1 per adult.**

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.



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 days.

Sports Morning

Our annual sports morning will be held on:
Rec & KS1: Thursday 6th July at Bob's Park
Time: 9:30 – 11:30am

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 bottle, 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.

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!

End of Year Trip

This half term, year 1 will be visiting the Royal Mews in London and then having a picnic at St James' Park. Parents are welcome to join them for a picnic. Further details will be sent nearer to the time with a map of where we will be. We hope to see you there!

Cost of the trip for children: £4

Other Subjects

Art- Sculptures Mini-beasts

Music – Exploring Pulse and Rhythm

Computing- Following Instructions Bee bots

Science- Nature Explorers

DT- Structures

PE- Run, Jump and Throw

PSHCE- Staying Safe

RE- What does it mean to belong to a 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.

Careers Fair

We will be holding the Year 5 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.

English

Please see below the order of topics the children will be focusing on this half term:

1. **Information Fact Files-** the children will be writing 2 fact files on the different mini-beasts they have been learning about
2. **Fantasy Stories-** the children will be reading the Story '*Katie in London*' and writing their own Fantasy Story set in London. Their trip to the Royal Mews will support their writing about the story setting.

Maths

Please see below the order of the topics the children will be focusing on this half term:

1. **Number and Place Value up to 100-** identifying and comparing numbers, using more and less than up to 100 and they will also be learning their number bonds to 100!
2. **Revision-** they will be having the opportunity to consolidate certain number topics, such as doubling, arrays, counting in 2, 5 and 10s and problem solving ready for year 2.

Useful Link:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=number+bonds+to+100>

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 1	immense	wonderful	spotlight	glaring
Week 2	vacant	magnificent	passport	scorching
Week 3	stunning	frightening	iceberg	pedestrian
Week 4	precious	magazine	hailstorm	useful
Week 5	mammoth	submarine	lighthouse	unusual
Week 6	ancient	organisation	waterproof	pleasant

