



Old Palace Year 2 Newsletter Summer 2

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Key dates

Eid closure: Wednesday 28th June or Thursday 29th June
Sports Morning: Thursday 6th July
Chalkwell Beach Trip: Friday 7th July
Summer Fete: Friday 14th July
Parent Consultations: Tuesday 18th July
Last Day of school: Thursday 20th July 2pm finish

Parent Consultation

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. If a longer discussion is needed, parents are welcome to make a follow up appointment. Please ensure you attend at your given time or rearrange with the class teacher in advance. 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.

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 £1 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'.

Careers Fair

Year 5 will be holding their Careers fair on Thursday 6th July. Each year we invite volunteers to teach the children about their jobs. We are always happy to welcome new volunteers, if you are interested in taking part please email admin@oldpalace.towerhamlets.sch.uk with your name, child's year group and your profession.

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!

Eid

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.

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.

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.



Maths

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

1. **Position and direction**- describing movements and turns. Looking at making patterns with shapes facing different directions.
2. **Number Recap**- practising using the methods they learnt previously in the year for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
3. **Problem solving**- Solving different 1 step and 2 step problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

Useful Links: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/times-tables>

English

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

1. **Different stories by the same author**- We will be reading a few different stories in the Katie Morag series. Then children will have the opportunity to write a diary entry retelling the events from the stories they have read.
2. **Information Fact files**- As part of their learning, children will be reading about the four different countries that make the UK. Children will then get the chance to do some more research about one of the countries and write their own fact files!

Other Subjects

- Art**- Clay Tiles
- Music** - Recorders
- Computing**- Word Processing
- Geography**- The UK
- DT**- Structures
- PE**- Run, Jump and Throw
- PSHCE**- Moving Up

<https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Y2-Long-Term-Curriculum->

PE

The children need to bring in their PE bag every **Monday** and take it home on a **Friday**. Year 2 have PE on a **Monday and Wednesday afternoon** please ensure they have the appropriate kit.

Trips

This half term year 2 is extremely lucky to be able to visit Chalkwell Beach for their end of year trip.

Chalkwell Beach

In their geography unit, Children will be learning all about the UK and some of the different places within the UK. To help support their learning for their end of year trip they will be visiting one of the UK's seaside landmarks, Chalkwell beach at South-End on Sea. They will get to see the seaside, see the local sea life and build some castles in the sand!



Date: Friday 7th July 2023

Time: We will be leaving for the seaside just after 9:30am and aim to **return to school for 4:30pm**.

We will be taking the C2C train to Chalkwell.

Parents are invited to join us for the day and accompany us to the beach, but will need to arrange and pay for their own travel. A letter with more information will be sent home closer to the date of the trip.

As the children will be playing in the sand and the shallow water of the shore we recommend they pack a bag for the day, including:

- A towel
- Change of clothing
- A sun hat
- A bottle of water
- Some sand toys (if they would like to!)



Cost of the trip: £5

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	idle	stern	rigid	intimidating
Week 2	loyal	purchase	task	admiration
Week 3	maximum	bashful	injury	ravenous
Week 4	mysterious	puncture	flee	opulent
Week 5	refuse	crisis	stoop	desolate
Week 6	release	havoc	contest	inferno