



Old Palace Year 4 Newsletter Summer 2

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Key dates

Eid closure: Wednesday 28th June or Thursday 29th June
Sports Morning: Tuesday 4th July
Island Gardens Picnic/Riverboat trip: Tuesday 11th July
Summer Fete: Friday 14th July
Parent Consultations: Tuesday 18th July
Last Day of school: Thursday 20th July 2pm finish

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.

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'.

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.

Sports Morning

Our annual sports morning will be held on:

LKS2: Tuesday 4th July at Three Mills

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!

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.





Trips

River Boat Cruise Trip

The children will be travelling to the Westminster Pier to catch a boat which will take them along the river Thames and get off at Greenwich and walk to Island Gardens Park for a picnic. Parents are welcome to join us at the park and further details will be sent via a separate letter, nearer to the time.

Cost of the trip: £4

Maths

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

1. **Position & Direction** – Describing a position on a grid, drawing and reasoning on a grid, describing a movement on a grid.
2. **Place Value** – Identify tens, hundreds thousands, adding and subtracting two 4 digit numbers, multiplying & dividing using the written method, Finding and simplifying fractions

Useful Links:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/shape-position-and-movement>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

Multiplication Tables Check

During the week beginning 5th June, the children will be tested on their timetables. Further information can be found [here](#). Their results will be included in their end of year report.

You can help in the home by ensuring they practise at home using resources such as:
Timestable rockstars, or accessing the mock timestable check on google classroom.

Other Subjects

Art- Abstract Art

Computing- Google Drawing

History/Geography- WW2/Migration & Impact

PE – Athletics & Swimming

PSHCE- Relationships

MFL – Instructions

RE – Why do some people think life is a journey?

<https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Y4-Long-Term-Curriculum-Map.pdf>

PE

The children need to bring in their Swimming bag every **Monday** and take it home on a **Friday**. Year 4 have PE on a **Tuesday afternoon** please ensure they have the appropriate kit.

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

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

Swimming

The final swimming lesson will take place on:

Monday 17th July 2023

We would like to remind the children and parents, that for hygiene and safety reasons jewellery such as earrings **must not** be worn.

In addition it is important that the children also remember to bring their swimming hats.

English

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

1. **Fantasy Story** – The children will be writing a story set in a fantasy location – ***The Chronicles of Narnia – C.S. Lewis***
2. **Poetry – Range of forms** - the children will be reading and performing a range of poems e.g. Haiku, Tanka and Cinquains – ***Jabberocky – Lewis Carroll***

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!

precise	conserve	vigorously	uniform
pursue	consist	pompous	incentive
exposed	constant	phenomenal	fatal
decline	consume	exhilarating	trubulent
modify	contribute	obnoxious	submit
source	adjust	dilligently	migrate

