



# Palatine News

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## Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new term and new school year at Palatine. I do hope you and your families enjoyed the summer.



Staff, as usual, have worked hard through the summer to prepare for the new term; learning has been planned, and the classroom environments prepared including wonderful roleplay areas. There are space stations and toy shops for the children to explore and it has been great to see the children interacting with resources and using these stimuli to help them learn. One of the most rewarding aspects of my job is being in classes and listening to the children excitedly telling me about what they are learning.

The children have settled really well into their new classes and new routines. It has been wonderful to go around school and see smiling faces everywhere as the children make new friends, catch up with old ones and engage in learning.

Those of you who drop off and pick up from school will observe how busy those times of the day now are. Some children find this transition between home and school very challenging and I ask that all parents bring any resources they need to support them in keeping their children safe. Please do make sure you are with your child and supporting them in being safe in the car park as it is exceptionally busy. I am outside at the end of most days to answer any queries you may have and say goodbye to the children. Should you require any help please do ask.

At Palatine we are proud that our staff team try their very best to give your child the best opportunities and educational experiences that we can. Should you ever have any concerns please do contact you son or daughter's teacher in the first instance.

We are excited about the new term and the opportunity to share in your son or daughters learning journey. We look forward to working in partnership with you too.

Throughout this newsletter you will see comments from the pupils about coming back to school. I do hope you enjoy them!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further information.

Kindest regards  
Catriona Goldsmith



## Staff News!

We would like to welcome Toni Sharpe and Alice Luxford to the teaching team this year.

We also have a number of new teaching assistants as we now have 138 children in school. They are Jenna, Charlotte, Gillian, Sally, Bex, Lina, Harriet, Jenny, Chloe, Abi and Sam.



## Parking

Please can all parents note that parking on the school site is reserved for the families of those whose children use wheelchairs or have limited mobility or behavioral needs that place them at significant risk on the road outside school.

We currently have a school population of 138 which may rise further and the car park is very congested. Therefore we must limit access as indicated. To

ensure safety in the car park and support our transport providers. Only parents who have applied for a parking permit will be permitted to park in the car park. Please ensure these are displayed in the window of your car. If you have not yet applied for one and think that you are eligible please contact the school office.

Please can all drivers observe arrows on the ground and the flow of the car park.

I appreciate the car park is busy and hard to exit and for the safety of our children I respectfully ask all drivers to drive safely and patiently at all times. Thank you.

## Reminder

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

## Junior Fitness games 2018

We are proud to let you know that Sydney Read was invited to take part in the junior fitness games for all main stream schools in our area. Syd competed in several events including boxing and a 5km run.

Sydney was the overall winner in the under 13 category and was presented with this trophy and a medal.



*'This is the best day ever'  
New Yr 5 Pupil*

## Home School Books

Communication between home and school is a very important part of our working partnership and home school books are part of this process. These are used to deliver important messages between home and school and to give you brief information about your son or daughter's day. This is simply because to write anything lengthier would take up considerable amounts of teaching time. If you require further information in regards to anything please contact your son or daughter's teacher by email or phone.

## General Reminders

Please can all parents and carers ensure that you complete and return the data checking sheet which were sent home earlier this week; water skills, health screening form, permissions form, and photo consent form by Friday 14th September.

## Volunteers

We would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who help out across the school in classrooms, swimming sessions and in the gardens. If anyone would like to volunteer this year please do let us know.

## Social Media

As a community at Palatine we are so proud of our children and wish to highlight their fantastic achievements. One of the ways we do this is through social media. We also aim to provide a community that is encouraging and supportive of our families through our website and Facebook page.

You will all be aware of the new data protection requirements and that anything written or photos uploaded leave a digital record. All social media users should be very careful to ensure they are not accidentally sharing pictures of other's children for example. Neither should concerns, complaints or slanderous comments regarding others be made. The school's Facebook page is monitored and posts falling below the page's purpose will be considered as to whether or not they fall as an offence in law.

## Baby news!

Congratulations to our lovely Lucy on the birth of her beautiful baby boy 'Ellis'



## *What's on Sept/Oct*

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>
<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> <i>School photo- grapher</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>
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<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
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<i>22</i> <i>Half Term</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>

### **Flu Vaccine Years R—5 ONLY**

Please read carefully, complete and return your consent forms for the Influenza nasal vaccination by Friday 14th September. Thank you.

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