



Palatine News



Head's Corner



Dear Parents and Carers

Once again we find ourselves at the end of a busy and fun packed half term. Our reception children have settled so well into school life getting to know their new friends and staff, school routines and the school environment so quickly. It is wonderful to watch them playing together and communicating with staff when engaging in all the different learning activities on offer. Our primary classes have been learning through the topic of 'Abracadabra!' I have seen them completely

engaged in reading the story of 'The magic porridge pot' and then writing their own recipes and potions followed by showing me their finished 'porridge' ranging in consistency and ingredients (including sand, glitter and even oats)! In Juniors the children have been learning through the topic of 'Under Attack' and have been animated and engaged in studying the Bayeux tapestry, making shields and designing Viking Long Boats. Our unique hub learners continue to 'sparkle and shine' in their learning and the noticeable increase in their communication skills and independence in learning is a privilege to be part of!

Other highlights have been seeing children on the trampoline in Rebound, excited faces at Forest Schools and using all the equipment around school: learning about capacity in the sand and water play area, developing their communication in the immersive room and using their iPads to communicate! Equally, I have been so proud of our older pupils helping out the little ones. The children have now all elected their student councillors and the head boy, head

girl and deputy head boy and deputy head girl have all been busy helping everyone to remember the code of conduct. Their next projects are a poster about 'how we can keep ourselves safe' and a signing campaign. Watch their space on the website in coming weeks to view their updates!

Thank you so much to all the parents who joined us for our wonderful harvest celebrations. It has also been great to see those of you who attend coffee mornings as it is a great way to get to know other families in school and to get support from one another.

Please find attached an information leaflet about the structures and systems we use in school to evaluate our work and develop our provision. I do hope you find it informative both about how we work and improvements we have made.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term

Kindest regards
Catriona

Forest Schools

It's been a great start to the new school year with 8 classes coming out for forest school.

We have taken part in some great activities and observed the changing of the season making things with conkers and leaves and cooking things from marshmallows to omelettes! The firm favourite outside is still mud though, either in the new mud kitchen or a mud puddle made by the children. Please remember to send in named forest school clothes when it is your child's turn to come outside.

We are looking forward to the next half term and hoping it may bring us some snow!

If you think you would love to come and play in the mud too we always need parent volunteers please contact the office if interested.



Health & Safety Notice

Please note that if you provide your son or daughter with grapes in their lunch box they must be cut lengthways. This reduces the risk of choking on them and is extremely important in our environment when lots of our pupils are learning to eat.

Thank you



Look what Dragonflies Have been up to!

We had a fantastic start to the year. The children have been very creative and as you can see in the picture above everyone made shadow puppets which they thoroughly enjoyed projecting onto the classroom wall.

Emily and Taya have been talking to each other through their cup and string telephone!

The whole class made pictures for the harvest festival and in the picture to the right Ellie is painting leaves to print onto her picture.

We have also been baking apple crumble in 'grow it, cook it', and making porridge for our topic on the 'magic porridge pot'.



Harvest Festival

Harvest festival was a happy colourful time for all the pupils in the unique hub. We sang along to our favourite traditional harvest songs, such as "Big Red Combine Harvester" whilst we explored a variety of red sensory objects.

Pumpkin and apple rolling followed which was great fun for all and we quietened down the mood to the gentle song "Autumn Leaves" as we watched and handled the beautiful coloured leaves from our grounds.

A big thank you to all the families who came to share harvest with us and all the donations of food which have gone to the Worthing Homeless Project.



Parking at Palatine

As those of you who drop off and pick up will be aware parking at Palatine has become very difficult with the increase in pupil numbers.

Please can all parents note that parking on the school site is reserved for families of those whose children who use wheelchairs or have limited mobility or prior agreement has been made (please contact the school office if you feel you need this) because of behavioural needs.

Our first priority must be health and safety and the car park is becoming overcrowded. When parking in side streets please do park courteously and safely in respect of our local community!

Thank you!

School Crossing Person

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL TO ASSIST THE COMMUNITY IN CROSSING YOUR BUSY ROADS DURING SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES.

FULL ON-SITE TRAINING WILL BE GIVEN ALONG WITH SUMMER AND WINTER UNIFORMS.

If you are interested please contact

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What's on Oct/Nov

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
17	18	19	20	21 <i>Hallow- een Fancy Dress Party</i>	22	23
31	1	2 <i>Parents Evening</i>	3 <i>Parents Coffee Morning</i>	4 <i>INSET DAY</i>	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27



Reminders

INSET Day– 4th November.

Can you please put your child's name and class on the envelope when sending in any money. It helps the office enormously if they know who has paid for trips and snacks.

Recently we have had several dogs in the school grounds when children are being dropped and picked up. Dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time unless they are a guide dog.