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**Purwell Primary School
16th June 2015**

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

Dress Up and Dance Day - Friday 19th June

This Friday, pupils and staff at Purwell will be dressing up and getting down as we will be holding a Dress Up and Dance Day. In return for a £1 donation to Macmillan Cancer Support, children can dress up in fun clothes or as a pop star.

Safety First

This week, Year 4 pupils will be learning about road safety, as they take part in our annual road safety awareness training. The children will go out in small groups, guided by members of staff, and identify the hazardous traffic spots locally and also the safe places to cross.

Thank you to the parents who attended the E-Safety training at school on Monday. All the children also had workshops, with key messages tailored to their age groups.

Today, Years 5 and 6 had their second visit by representatives from Childline. The children learned some very important messages about their personal safety.

Chilli Cooking competition - Saturday 27th June

Do your family and friends rave about your chilli? Do you know someone who's really good at making chilli? Perhaps you/they should enter the UK Chilli Cook-off Association's next local competition! Conveniently, it is being held at Purwell School on Saturday 27th June, alongside the Food Festival.

The winner of the competition will get to compete in the UK finals! The winner of that gets to represent the UK in cooking chilli at the World finals in Las Vegas. Wow!

Follow the link for more

details: www.ukchillicookoff.co.uk/content/herts2015

For those of you who prefer to eat chilli, rather than cook it, you will have the opportunity to sample all of the entries.

Food Festival - Saturday 27th June

Knowing that we have many creative families in our school community, we would like to have a Purwell Produce stall at the Food Festival. If you are making jam/chutney, have a bumper harvest of fruit/vegetables from the garden or an excess of ready potted plants, and can spare some, we would welcome donations of these for the stall. These are just a few examples.

Any donated food items will be very welcome. Please speak to Mrs Barnes, in the school office, about this.

Helpers needed

If you are able to help in any way at the Food Festival please let the school office know, or, alternatively, speak with your PSA class rep.

Bottles required

The PSA will be running a bottle tombola at the Food Festival on Saturday 27th June and they need as many bottles as possible donated from parents. They can be for drinking (i.e. alcoholic and non-alcoholic) bottles, but they can also be nice bottles of oils, shampoos etc.

Absences and late collection

A reminder that, if your child is going to be absent from school, you should phone the school office to inform us. Similarly, if you know that you are going to be late for collecting your child, a phone call to advise us would be much appreciated.

Open Day/Evening - Wednesday 1st July

We can confirm further details for the Open Day and Open Evening for parents on Wednesday 1st July. Parents are invited to come into their child's class, from 1.30pm until 2.30pm, where they will be invited to join the children in fun learning activities which reflect our diverse and creative curriculum. At 2.30pm, parents will come to the hall for refreshments before a short, but informative, presentation from Mr Cano.

To accommodate the working parents, the school will open again at 6.00pm with refreshments in the hall, when Mr Cano will repeat his talk (but it will be worth listening to twice), before introducing to the parents the new teachers for September and announcing class allocations. After this, parents will be free to tour the school. There will be displays of children's work, subject information, ICT interactive demonstrations, with staff and pupils available to guide and answer any questions.

Sports Day - Friday 26th June

This year, Sports Day will be on Friday 26th June. The organisation of the day will be similar to last year, with children taking part in a range of athletic events such as long jump, javelin and discus, in addition to running races on the track. In the morning, it will be the turn of Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children: Acorn, Holly and Willow Classes, with Key Stage 2 children: Beech, Maple, Aspen and Oak competing in the afternoon.

Teachers will be making sure that children have the opportunity to practise each of the events as part of their PE lessons this term. All children should make sure they have their PE kit (including proper trainers) in school so that they can take part.

Parents are most welcome to watch their children on Sports Day - come and join us!

Year 5 and 6 Production – Wednesday 8th July

Next month, Aspen and Oak Classes will be performing their play, called *School Daze*. There will be two opportunities on Wednesday 8th July to see the comedy production. The first will be in the afternoon, at 1.20pm, and the second performance will be in the evening, at 6.00pm. Tickets are on sale at £2 per ticket and 50p for primary aged children. Refreshments will be available at the interval. Even if you do not have children in those classes, it will be a very enjoyable experience for all, so do buy your tickets and come along.

Reception Graduation and Year 6 Leavers Assembly

This year's Reception Graduation assembly will take place on Monday 20th July, at 2pm. Invitations will be issued to parents of pupils in that class.

On the following day, Tuesday 21st July, at 2pm, there will be some mixed emotions at the Year 6 Leavers' assembly. At this assembly, Oak Class pupils will say their goodbyes to the school, and the Year 6 Pupil of the Year will be announced.

School meals

On Thursday, lunch account balance statements will be issued for all pupils in Years 3 - 6 who have had a school lunch. The figure in the bottom right corner is the amount on the account. If there is a minus sign in front of this figure, then it is the amount owed to the school, and should be paid as soon as possible. It is particularly important that accounts should be cleared for Year 6 pupils.

Display of the Week



Since the success of our chicks study and nest cam, caterpillars are the focus of our latest school topic. The caterpillars are now entering the chrysalis stage.

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Term Dates 2015/16

Autumn Term 2015

Wednesday 2 nd September	School closed for Inset Day
Thursday 3 rd September	Pupils return to school
Friday 23 rd October	School closed for Inset Day
25 th – 30 th October	Half-term
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2016

Monday 4 th January	School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Pupils return to school
15 th – 19 th February	Half-term
Friday 25 th March	Bank Holiday (Good Friday)
Monday 28 th March	Bank Holiday (Easter Monday)
Friday 1st April	Last day of term

Summer Term 2016

Monday 18 th April	School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 19 th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 2 nd May	May Bank Holiday
30 th May – 3 rd June	Half-term
Friday 8 th July	School closed for Inset Day
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of term
Monday 25 th July	Occasional Day's holiday