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Purwell Primary School  
17<sup>th</sup> June 2014

*'Before I had children I had six theories about bringing up children;  
now I have six children and no theories.'* -John Wilmot

**Open Day/Evening - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

This Thursday is our Open Day and Open Evening. 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. However, Year 5 parents must remember that their children will be swimming that afternoon, but you are still welcome to come in. 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**

This year, Sports Day will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The organisation of the day is 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!

**PSA Summer Fair on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, A World of Sport**

A reminder that the Summer Fair will take place at school, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, from 11.00am - 3.00pm. There will be lots of stalls, including Splat the Rat, Coconut Shy, Beat the Keeper, Mexicano face painting, bouncy castle, summer toy and chocolate tombolas. We must not forget the raffle, with its splendid array of prizes. There will be another performance from our cheerleading troop, the *Purwell Panthers*. After that, some refreshment may be required! Refreshments are available, in the form of an Australian BBQ, licensed bar, cake stall and tuck shop. Come along and help us put the fun back into fundraising!

**Fiver Challenge**

The pupils are all very excited about developing their entrepreneurial skills and setting up their own business. With regard to this, classes and the various businesses will be running over the next few weeks, so your child may want to bring in money for the various stalls. Some classes will be running their business over the course of a day; others will be running theirs at the time where they perceive they will get the most custom. The children will advertise as to when they will be holding their stalls, and posters will be going up around school.

### **World Cup Non-Uniform Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

This Friday is a non-uniform day, and pupils may come to school in casual clothes, in return for a donation to the summer fair. The school is celebrating the World Cup, so for non-uniform day, we thought it would be nice if each class came to school in the colours of their allocated World Cup country (but please do not buy something especially for this).

Acorn - Brazil (yellow, white, blue and/or green)

Holly - USA (red, white and/or blue)

Willow - Portugal (red and/or green)

Beech - Greece (blue and/or white)

Maple - Cameroon (green, red and/or yellow)

Aspen - Germany (white, black and/or yellow)

Oak - Spain (red and yellow)

In return for dressing up, a donation to the summer fair will be made. This year, the PSA would like donations to the Chocolate Tombola from Acorn, Holly and Willow Classes. KS2 classes, i.e. Y3 to Y6, will need to bring a donation on a summer or holiday theme - balls, bats, outdoor games sets, beach toys, frisbees, sunglasses, inflatables, barbecue or picnic equipment etc.

### **Raffle Prizes Needed**

A request is going out to all families for donations for the raffle prizes. The PSA would like to give people more chance of winning with several big hampers for the Summer Fair. This also offers a chance to get rid of any unwanted, new and in good condition presents. Gift donation ideas could be:-

LADIES TOILETRIES Hamper - perfume, body lotion, hand cream, hair bands, brushes, flannels, make up, nail varnish.

MEN'S TOILETRIES Hamper - aftershave, cream, hair gel, hand cream, brushes, nail brushes, shampoo etc.

CHOCOLATE Hamper - edible items ie boxes of chocolates or biscuits etc

BOTTLE Hamper - alcohol, preferably.

GARDENING Hamper - hand tools, pots, seeds gardening gloves etc

Any parents with a business willing to donate a small token gift, ie vouchers for haircut, facial, manicure, meals out, cakes, etc.

### **Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies**

For the summer production this year the children of Aspen and Oak Classes will be putting their own twist on a traditional English myth, as they present *Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies*.

There will be two opportunities to see the comedy play, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July, at 1.20pm and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, at 6.00pm. Tickets will go on sale from next week 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.

### **Road Safety Training for Year 4**

This morning, pupils in Maple Class walked around the local area as part of our programme for Pedestrian Skills Training. This roadside training offers real life experiences that combine with classroom based activities to help our pupils stay safe as the amount of traffic on our local roads ever increases.

We believe it is crucially important that pupils learn how to stay safe when they are out and about and whilst children will be trained in school, it is still important that they will need a good example to follow and, as a parent, you are best placed to set this example.

### Calling in all Supermarket Vouchers

Please send in any remaining Sainsbury's vouchers as soon as possible. The closing date is fast approaching.

### Class learns from Mother Nature

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Maple Class walked to Wymondley Wood in the sunshine. The class had a fantastic time, and carried out a variety of activities as part of the creative curriculum that we follow at Purwell. There was a focus on maths, science and on art in nature and, ultimately, the pupils created some wonderful art from the natural resources available in the Wood. You may even have seen the video of our work on the Purwell TV screen! Here is a montage of some of the art work the children produced on the day.



### Free Essential Learning & Information Workshops (including free lunch and refreshments)

Parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities are invited to join a supportive and practical set of four Essential Learning and Information Workshops. Join other parents and carers in your area for an introduction to:

- New early support information resources.
- New HCC/Government policies - SEND reforms/ EHC plans.
- Outcomes planning - for your child's future.
- Working in Partnership - gain confidence in meetings & dealing with practitioners.
- Local services - what's on offer in your area.

The remainder of these sessions will be taking place on 24th June and 1st and 8th July at Hitchin Youth Trust, 111 Walsworth Road, Hitchin, SG4 9SP. To book this workshop, or to register for future parent career learning events in your area, email ([herts.es.booking@gmail.com](mailto:herts.es.booking@gmail.com)) or telephone Lisa (07984 277735).

### Displays of the Week



*The art display in the school hall reflects the wide variety of different mediums through which the children expressed themselves during Art Week.*