

'You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance.' ~ Franklin P. Jones

Curriculum Information

With this newsletter, each family will receive a booklet with details of the curriculum for the summer term. These can soon be found on our web site.

All Was Fair in the Square

Purwell School was well represented at the PTA Fair in the Market Square, on Saturday. The PSA helped raise money for the partnership event by running games stall. Meanwhile, the Purwell Panthers wowed the crowd with their cheerleading display, after our choir had entertained everyone with some fabulous singing. A huge well done, and thank you, to all of you for representing the school so well and making us proud.

Clubs

A letter went out recently, informing parents about school clubs. Please ensure that you return the reply slip by tomorrow. We always experience a high demand for limited space clubs. After receiving some feedback from parents regarding how the members were selected, we have decided to change enrolment procedures this time around for new clubs.

As the letter states, pupils now have time to discuss with their parents which clubs they are interested in joining. Parents have the opportunity at this point to ensure that the clubs do not clash with regular out of school activities their children might be involved in. Despite limited spaces, Ms Christian will try to ensure that each child is able to take part in at least one of their choices for a club.

Please note: All new clubs will begin from next week, with the exception of cross stitching club which will commence after half term.

PSA Pyjama Day - Friday 15th May

On behalf of the school, the PSA will be running a sweet jar stall at the Walsworth Festival on Sunday 17th May. So we need as many sweet jar donations from parents as possible for the event.

On Friday 15th May, we are having a fun non-uniform day, where pupils will be able to come to school dressed in their pyjamas. In return, we are asking pupils to bring with them donations of a decorated jar, full of sweets.

Movie Night - Friday 15th May

On the same day as the Pyjama Day, we are hosting a special movie night for EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes, organised by Oak Class. Acorn, Holly and Willow pupils will be invited to come to a 3:30pm to 5:30pm screening, before junior classes have their turn from 5:30 until 7:30pm

PSA News and Important Dates

The next PSA meeting is this Thursday, 8pm, at Mrs Watson's house. Please email her if you wish to attend, on shellwatson41@gmail.com.

If you are able to help man our sweet jar stall at the Walsworth Festival, any time between 11am and 4pm, then please email Mrs Watson or let your class PSA rep know.

Class and Team photos - Tuesday 5th May

Next Tuesday, the photographer will be coming in to take photos of our classes and sports teams. The photos will be available to purchase afterwards.

Coffee Morning - Thursday 7th May, at 9am

You are all welcome to join Miss Lewis and Ms Wells for a cuppa and some biscuits after drop off. Brenda Sutcliffe here again, from The Communications and Disorders Team. Hope to see some new faces, as well as our regulars!

Panthers Cheerleading Squad Dates

The Panthers will be performing publically twice more this term. The first date is Sunday 17th May at the Walsworth Festival, at 12pm on the main field. The girls should arrive at 11:40am to prepare with Miss Syme. The second date will be at Sports Day, on Friday 26th June, when they will perform in the morning and in the afternoon.



Choir Events for your Diary

Having had a successful performance at Fair in the Square on Saturday, I would like to let you know of two further events that the choir have been invited to:

Sunday 17th May - Walsworth Festival performances at 3: 20pm (field) and 3:50pm (St Faith's Church). You can find the list of events on the festival website: <http://www.walsworthfestival.co.uk/>

Monday 6th July - Hitchin Primary Schools' Concert, at St.Mary's church. An afternoon performance and, later, an evening one, at 6:45pm. Letters will be coming home in due course.

Weather Precautions

It feels like one minute we have wind and rain, and the next we are basking in sunshine - crazy! However, when the warm weather settles in, it is a very good idea for pupils to bring in water bottles (with sports-caps) and hats or caps to wear when playing outside. Alternatively, school caps are available to purchase from the Office for £3 and water bottles for £1. School staff cannot administer sun cream to pupils, but there are several long-lasting brands of sun cream that can be put on before coming to school. Water dispenser machines are available at both ends of the school to give pupils access to filtered, chilled water.

Vietnamese Visitors to Purwell

Over Easter, Purwell School was host to a couple of special visitors all the way from Vietnam. As you may know, this year, some pupils in Years 5 and 6 have been communicating, via Skype, with students in Vietnam. Our pupils have been learning about their culture and their students have been practising their spoken English. One of our visitors to Purwell was Mr Trung Do, the English teacher. He was stopping by during a visit to our country. A number of teachers, and pupils from Year 6 came in on the day to welcome them and give our guests a tour of the school, which they enjoyed very much.



On their return to Vietnam they sent this touching message;

"Your school and its classrooms inspired me to make big changes in design at my school. A colourful, active, friendly, interactive environment is what I am thinking of. I have shared my thoughts on early education in Vietnam, compared to the UK, with my friends and they agree with me that we need to do something different. Something that can help our children grow up with strong confidence and passion to discover things."

Picture of the Week

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| <p><i>The Panthers and the School Choir wowed the crowds at the Fair in the Square, on Saturday.</i></p> | <p>There were many blooming-marvellous entries for our gardening competition. Thank you to all those that entered. Winners will be announced soon.</p> |