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## Purwell Primary School

6<sup>th</sup> December 2016

*Thought for the day: 'While we try to teach our children all about life,  
Our children teach us what life is all about' ~ Angela Schwindt*

### **Purwell Christmas Fayre, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, from 11am - 2pm**

This Saturday is the Christmas Fayre! There is a good mix of stalls for adults and children, including hair braiding, face painting, decorations, cakes, games and much more. There will also be refreshments, including pulled pork baps, hot dogs, mince pies and mulled wine.

We are also having our annual visit from Santa in the grotto! The sign-up list will be in the office from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of the grotto is £2 which includes a chat with Santa and a present.

We still need volunteers to help with setting up, running stalls and clearing up afterwards. If you can spare 30 minutes on the day, then please let your class rep know, sign up on the doodle poll on the Facebook page or speak to Mrs Drury or Mrs Wood. All help will be gratefully received!

### **Wear Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

This Friday is a non-uniform day. In return for a donation for the bottle\* or chocolate tombola, pupils can come to school that day wearing non-uniform, perhaps a Christmas Jumper!

\*All types of bottles are welcome as donations, alcoholic or otherwise.

### **Children get ready for Christmas productions**

Rehearsals for the Christmas productions are in full swing at the moment.

Tickets are on sale at the school office for those who wish to attend. The Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 have separate performances from Key Stage 2. There will be a small charge for attendance at these performances - 50p for children of primary school age and £2.00 for everyone else. A raffle will be drawn for a Christmas hamper at the final evening performance. Tickets for this hamper raffle, which cost £1.00 per strip, will be available at all performances and will also be on sale in the school office.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm and 6.30pm, Nursery to Year 2

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm and 6.30pm, Years 3 to 6

### **Stay and Play**

The last stay and play session for this term, in Acorn Class, will be tomorrow, until 10.00am.

### **Christmas lunch - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas lunch will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs Arnold needs to order supplies early and, to do this, she needs to have an idea of lunch numbers in advance. Please note that there will be only two options on that day, a Christmas lunch (Red band) and a vegetarian option (Green band). It will be assumed that all pupils will have the Christmas lunch, unless you inform us otherwise. Please advise the school office, as soon as possible, if you would like your child to have the vegetarian option (Quorn fillet) or a home packed lunch.

If your child does not normally eat school lunches, but you would like them to have Christmas lunch, it will be fine for them to order on the day. However, if they have an allergy or intolerance to any foods, please contact the school office immediately. You will need to complete a form, giving details of the allergy or intolerance, to ascertain whether a modified meal can be provided for them. This will need to be completed by this Friday.

### **Fond farewell to Mrs Davies**

At the end of this term, we will be bidding a sad farewell to Mrs Davies who will be leaving. Mrs Davies has worked in the Nursery for 7 years and will be missed. We wish her well in all her future endeavours.

### **Last assembly of the year on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Everyone is welcome to join us at 1.20pm for our Award Assembly, where we will end the term with award certificates and some festive singing.

### **School Office**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December is the last day that money can be paid into the school office this term. This includes dinner money. It is also the last day that uniform can be purchased. Milk and fruit orders should be paid by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. From January, we will be encouraging parents who have not done so already to sign up to our online banking system. A reminder that all cash and cheques should come directly to the school office and not go via the classrooms. Payments should be placed in an envelope, with information about the payment clearly written on the envelope.

### **Clubs for Spring term**

There will be no clubs in the first two weeks of the Spring Term. A letter about clubs will be issued, after Christmas, stating that most clubs will continue as they are, with their current membership, for the duration of the Spring term.

### **School closures - Winter 2016/17**

As part of the school's planning for emergencies, parents are reminded that incidents that necessitate school closure include such things as extreme weather and loss of essential electrical, water or heating services. Details of school closures will be texted to parents via Schoolcomms. They will also be displayed on the front page of the school website, via the Blog, and on Twitter.

On days when the weather conditions are poor but the school is open, parents are advised to walk to school, if possible, and, for those driving, it is advisable to park on Purwell Lane or Kingswood Avenue and walk the remainder.

We hope you appreciate that the decision to close is never made lightly, as the safety and welfare of our children, school staff and parents/carers is of paramount importance, and no one would like to see this compromised.

### **Display of the week**



*This herd of woolly mammoths, created by Beech Class, will appreciate having their nice warm coats this winter.*

**Term ends on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.00pm  
Merry Christmas to you all**



**School closed for INSET Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Spring Term begins on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January.**