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Purwell Primary School
28th February 2017

Thought of the week: "Talents are best nurtured in solitude. Character is best formed in the stormy billows of the world." - Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Dress up on World Book Day - this Thursday

This Thursday is World Book Day. To celebrate this event, a day dedicated to books, reading and literature has been planned. Don't forget to dress up, too!

PSA Spring Disco

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Disco at the end of last term. It was a great success and raised £472.41, which brings the total raised this year to nearly £1700! We hope you all enjoyed it! A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day. It was great to see some new faces!

PSA Quiz Night - Saturday 11th March, 7pm

Come and test your knowledge at the annual PSA Quiz Night, with the fabulous quizmasters, Mr and Mrs Barnes. Bring a team of up to 8 people or join a team on the night. Tickets are on sale NOW, priced at £10 each which includes a fish and chip supper (other alternatives to fish are available!) To get your tickets, use the reply slips provided in your child's book bag last week, or go to the school office. There is a prize for the winning team as well as a chance to win in the raffle and cocktail/mocktail quiz! We hope to see lots of you there.

PSA Dates for your Diary

Thursday 23rd March, 8pm - PSA meeting in the Millstream
Friday 19th May - Non-Uniform Day for Sweetie Jar donations
Saturday 13th May, 5pm - Family Race Night
Saturday 1st July, 12pm - Purwell Summer Fayre

Shoebboxes and containers request

At the end of term, Year 3 pupils will be making Egyptian dioramas and canopic jars. They need shoe boxes and hour glass shaped plastic hot chocolate containers. We would be grateful if you could save any you have used at home and bring them in to school.

DSPL and Hitchin Partnership (www.hitchinpartnership.org/)

The support in Hitchin, through all the local schools and the Hitchin Partnership, means that there are many training courses, events and signposts for holiday activities available to parents. There is also a hardship fund that can be applied for. Please look at its website to see if there is anything of interest and then ring to book through Debbie Rollins or speak to Ms Wells or Miss Lewis.

Sports update

Our Football teams continue to go from strength to strength this season. In our most recent matches, our A and B teams went to play at Mary Exton and put in impressive performances to draw both fixtures. Betty's long-distance equaliser for our B-Team was a contender for goal of the season! This week, we will try again to play fixtures against Our Lady after last week's scheduled matches had to be postponed, on health and safety grounds, owing to Storm Doris.

March is going to be a busy month for Purwell's football teams. Our girls' team has a few fixtures scheduled, including the Wix Cup Final and there are also several rallies for each of our different teams. We wish all of our teams good luck for these matches.

Our netball players have their next match at Samuel Lucas this week. In their last matches, despite playing well, our A and B Teams were narrowly defeated at Highover. They looked very smart in their new kit and put in extremely spirited performances.

Nature watch

Gardening Club for Key Stage 1 has resumed this half term and eagle-eyed parents may have noticed some new nature boards on our Key Stage 1 playground and some bug hotels that Willow Class has placed around the school site. Our children are really enjoying learning about nature, and we are all very excited that our visiting blue tits have returned to our nesting-box in school. Our breeding pair is hard at work, building this year's nest, and bird-cam has been switched on at lunchtimes each day. Fingers crossed that we will have more successful hatchings this year!

Student teachers

We have two new student teachers beginning their final placements at our school. Miss Lowden has started supporting Beech Class and Miss Allwood will begin working with Holly Class towards the end of March.

Childminders

We have had a number of enquiries from new parents to the school about whether any of our parents are active childminders. Please let the school office know if you do childminding, and we can put you in touch.

Display of the Week



Beech Class has created a display of fairy tale dioramas, along with examples of creative writing, each with a bit of a twist.