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Purwell Primary School
9th February 2016

*'Before you were conceived I wanted you, Before you were born I loved you.
Before you were here an hour I would die for you. This is the miracle of life.'*
- Maureen Hawkins

Children experience some traditional fun

Holly Class had a wonderful day at the Bedford Higgins Museum where pupils spent lots of time learning about toys in the past. Their favourite part was getting to play with a whole range of toys, mostly made from wood.



Sign up to new electronic payment system

If you have not already done so, please sign up to the school's new electronic payment system. More parents are now able to pay for school related items, such as school dinners and trips, online, as we roll out our new electronic payment system.

PSA School Disco - Friday 26th February

Tickets will soon be on sale, in the school office, for the eagerly awaited School Disco. Tickets are £3.50 for school aged children; there is no charge for younger siblings. There will be a fantastic DJ, refreshments, tuck shop, teddy tombola, children's raffle and games.

The earlier disco, for Acorn, Holly and Willow Classes, starts at 3.30pm. After school, parents can use Holly and Willow classrooms to get their children changed into their costumes. This disco finishes at 5.00 pm, and parents are reminded that they need to stay with their children for the duration. The junior disco starts at 5.30pm and finishes at 7.00pm. Parents do not need to stay for this. Fancy dress is optional!

Internet Safety Day

Today is Safer Internet Day. All classes have been undertaking activities to promote the safer use of the internet and being more responsible when using technologies and mobile phones. These have included watching videos, playing games and designing posters which will be used to raise awareness of E-safety around the school. If you would like any additional information on Internet Safety, then visit www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe where you will find a wealth of resources and games to support your children at home.

Social media

As it is Internet Safety Day, it is worth reminding parents about the importance of using social media responsibly. All we ask is for parents to refrain from uploading or adding any images, sounds or texts on social media that could upset or offend any member of the school community.

A weekend of birding success

Miss Young would like to pass on a huge thank you to all those families that took part in the Big Garden Bird Watch, last weekend. All the checklists are in and Miss Young will be holding a prize draw for all the entries, this Friday.

Road works and parking

There seems to be a great deal of roadwork projects happening in and around town at the moment. In order for your child to arrive in good time for school please allow plenty of time for your journeys. We also promote parking on the larger roads around Purwell and making the short walk in from there. This avoids cars adding to the chaos of Wilshere Crescent and Fairfield Way at each end of the school day.

Pupils to hold their own charity cake sale – this Friday

Some enterprising pupils in Year 5 are planning to hold a cake sale to raise money for Cancer Research. The cake sale will take place at break and after school in Year 5 classroom on Friday 12th February. Children will be able to bring a small amount of money to school on Friday if they want to buy any cakes. Donations of cakes will be appreciated on the day.

Panto at St Faith's

Puss in Boots will be performed at St Faith's Church on Friday 19th February at 7.00pm and Saturday 20th February at 2.30pm and 7.00pm. Among the cast performing, you will see our very own Mrs Barnes, alongside one of our former pupils! Oh yes you will! Tickets cost £4 for children under the age of 12 and £7 for everyone else. These can be ordered through the school office or via the box office on 01462 451015.

Sports and PE news

On Thursday 28th January, some of the children from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in an indoor athletics competition for Hitchin Schools. They performed brilliantly and made Mr Edwards and Ms Christian very proud. Ruben (Year 6) came first in one of his events, the chest push, recording a whopping 8.25m!

Last Saturday, 28 children from Key Stage 2 went to see Hitchin Town FC play, accompanied by Miss Christian, Mr Edwards and Mr Hart. One of the coaches informed us that we were by far the most vocal school they have had this season! The children had a great time and behaved brilliantly, Hitchin even came back from 2-1 to win 3-2!

The PE team has been testing some new apps on the iPads recently. Soon, the children will get to use some of these in their P.E. lessons!

Purwell's football team put in an impressive display against an in-form St. Ippolyts team last Thursday. Featuring a mixture of boys and girls, a lightning start put Purwell 2-0 up within the first five minutes. Thanks to wonderful resilience and spirited team-work, Purwell finished the match as magnificent 3-2 victors. Many thanks to all of the parents and children who came out to support and encourage the team. This week, our footballers will be in action once again, this time on Wednesday in a fixture with Mary Exton. Good luck to all who are involved!

Display of the Week



Willow Class pupils have created a fantastic and informative display linked to their materials topic. The centre piece is the charred remains of their Fire of London recreation.