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Purwell Primary School

12th January 2016

©Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of an exciting new term at Purwell School ☺

Curriculum information and homework expectations

This Thursday, each family will receive a booklet with details of the curriculum for the spring term. These can soon be found on our web site.

With this information, will be the expectations that the teachers have with regards to homework. The extra learning children do at home is a valuable supplement to a child's development. There may be deadlines set that children must meet. Please help your children to regularly meet these.

It's in the bag

A new smart, shopping bag-for-life is available to buy from school with our school logo printed on the side. At just £3, the durable canvas bag will carry your shopping, whilst helping promote the school around the town. The bags can be purchased now from the school office.



Sports Hall Athletics Years 5 and 6 - Thursday 28th January

Sports Hall Athletics Event at Hitchin Boys School - Some children from Years 5 and 6 have been selected to take part in an indoor athletics event next week.

They will be competing against local schools in events such as long jump, javelin and various relay races. Ms Christian, our Sports Coach, has been working hard to provide them with the training they need to ensure they can perform to the very best of their ability.

Taking holidays during term time

Another reminder to parents that you should not take your child on holiday in term time, as it can be disruptive both to your child's education and to the school.

Clubs to Begin Next Week

Most clubs will recommence next Monday, with the exception of Gardening Club, which will start after the winter weather passes, and Art Club, which will begin with a new set of children, in February. A letter for both of these clubs will sent out later this month.

If your child was a member of a club last term, then they should stay for that club next week on the appropriate day.

School meals

Please note that there will be a menu change next week. Herts Catering is running a Mighty Roast Dinner Day on Thursday 21st January. A leaflet about this is being distributed with the newsletter. The usual menu for Thursday will be served on Tuesday 19th January instead (chicken pie, baked bean curry or ham baguette).

Display of the Week



Leaping into the new year. Oak Class pupils have decided what they aim to achieve in 2016 and have turned it into a motivational display.

Midday Supervisor - Recruiting

The school needs to recruit midday supervisors to work anything from one to five days per week. The hours are 11.55 a.m. to 1.05 p.m. Duties include supervising pupils in the dining room and on the playground. The rate of pay is £7.05 per hour. Why not think about joining our friendly lunchtime team?

Term Dates for Your Calendar

Dates for Spring Term 2016

Thursday 28th January

Choir out performing at the O2 Arena

Sports Hall Athletics Event

15th - 19th February

Half-term

Friday 25th - 28th March

Long Easter Weekend

Wednesday 30th and

Parent Consultation evenings

Thursday 31st March

Friday 1st April

Last day of term

1:20pm, Easter Assembly. Term ends at 2pm

Dates for Summer Term 2016

Monday 18th April

School closed for INSET Day

Tuesday 19th April

Summer Term begins for pupils

Monday 2nd May

Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th May

Quicksticks Hockey Event

Monday 9th - 13th May

Y6 SATS Week

30th - 3rd June

Half term

13th - 17th June

Phonics screening week

Friday 17th June

Knex Challenge for Year 5 and Year 6

Friday 24th June

Sports Day

Friday 8th July

School closed for INSET

Wednesday 13th

Open Day (afternoon and evening)

Thursday 14th July

Y6 transition and meet my new teacher day

Friday 15th July

Annual reports to go home

Friday 22nd July

1:20pm, Special Assembly. Term ends at 2pm