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**Purwell Primary School**

**12<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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

**Curriculum information and homework expectations**

With this newsletter, 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 can you help your children to meet these regularly.

**Clubs information**

All after school sports clubs will recommence on the week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Other clubs will commence either next week or the week after. Look out for communications from the relevant person. Lunchtime clubs will begin next week.

**PSA Spring Disco - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

There will be a Spring Disco at school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. EYFS and Key Stage 1 children will have theirs from 3.30 - 5.00pm, and Key Stage 2 from 5.30-7.00pm. Ticket prices are yet to be confirmed.

**Sports Hall Athletics Key Stage 2 - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Sports Hall Athletics Event at Fearnhill School - Some children from 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. Mrs Deacon, our new Sports Coach, will be sending letters home to selected pupil for some extra training sessions next week.

**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.

**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.

## Display of the Week



*Oak Class's dream catchers look very effective against the black background.*

### 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 £7.52 per hour. Why not think about joining our friendly lunchtime team?

### Term dates for your calendar

#### Half term 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Swimming begins for Year 3
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	School closed for INSET day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations (Late)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations (Early)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Certificate Assembly (1.20pm)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of term (2.00pm)

#### Summer Term Dates

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed for INSET day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming begins for Y4
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class and Team photographs
8 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Walsworth Festival (Cheerleaders and choir)

#### Half term 29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Swimming begins for Year 5
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day (Acorn and Key Stage 1 - morning, Key Stage 2 - pm)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet the teacher am (pupils visit September class)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Reports go home
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	School closed for INSET day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Summer Certificate Assembly (1.20pm)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of term (2.00pm)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	School closed for Occasional Day