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Purwell Primary School
13th January 2015
☺Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of
an exciting new term at Purwell School ☺

Curriculum Information and Homework Expectations

On 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 can you help your children to meet these regularly.

Follow us on Twitter

The school has updated its Twitter account. Twitter offers parents a new way of keeping in touch with what is happening at school. To follow Tweets simply search for the school name via Twitter.

Pupils' History Work on Published Online

Our Remembrance Day display has been given a wonderful write up in a feature on a renowned History website. Type the following into your web browser to see it, www.lapsedhistorian.com/school-children-ww1-joe-sacco/

PSA Valentines Disco - Friday 13th February

There will be a Valentines Disco at school on Friday 13th 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.

PSA Quiz Night - Saturday 14th March 7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets will soon be available for the ever popular Quiz Night, ably run by Stella and Pete Barnes, complete with a tasty fish and chip supper and a free drink. Make up a team or come along and join with others on the night. Quiz Night is always good fun.

Fair Play Reward for Role-model Footballers

Pupils who have shown particular examples of fair play on the football field are to be given a reward. We wish to recognise these good footballing role models and reward them. This followed pupil feedback last year, which told us that some children behaved badly whilst playing football at lunchtimes. On Saturday, the group will be taken to Hitchin Town FC by Ms Christian and Mr Hart to watch a league match.

Sports Hall Athletics Year 5 and 6 - Tuesday 27th January

Sports Hall Athletics Event at Fearnhill 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.

Helpers wanted: EYFS Leaflet Distribution

At this time of year we distribute leaflets to the houses around our catchment area. These leaflets contain useful information about our Nursery and Reception classes. However, our regular helpers are unable to do it this year so we need someone else to step forward. There are 500 leaflets to be posted through all the doors around Purwell and as far as Granville Road. We would be very grateful for your time and can offer some recompense.

Display of the Week



Beech Class's Australia study has inspired various aboriginal-influenced artwork.

Term Dates for Your Calendar

Dates for Spring Term 2015

Saturday 17 th January	Hitchin football match for 'fair play' students
Thursday 22 nd January	Y5 Neighbourhood Spirit Award (am)
Tuesday 27 th January	Holly Class trip to V and A museum. Early start - 8:30am
	Sports Hall Athletics (12 boys and 12 girls at Priory School)
Friday 13 th February	PSA Valentine's Disco
16th - 20th February	Half-term
Thursday 26 th February	Junk Orchestra Day
Friday 13th March	School closed for INSET Day
Wednesday 4 th March	Orienteering Roadshow
Saturday 14 th March	PSA Quiz Night
Thursday 2 nd April	1:20pm, Easter Assembly, term ends 2pm
6th - 20th April	Easter Break

Dates for Summer Term 2015

Monday 20th April	School closed for INSET Day
Tuesday 21 st April	Summer Term begins for pupils
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 11th-14th May	Y6 SATS Week
25th - 29th May	Half term
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day
	Cycle Proficiency training week, for Years 5 and 6
Thursday 9 th July	Meet the Teacher Day and Y6 Transition
Friday 10th July	School closed for INSET Day
Friday 17 th July	Annual reports to go home
Wednesday 22 nd July	1:20pm, Special Assembly, term ends 2pm