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**Purwell Primary School**

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

*'Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.'* -Henry Van Dyke

**Lessons in Mindfulness**

Last year, pupils were introduced to the benefits that mindfulness exercises can have on managing our emotions and improving concentration. This week, pupils in Years 2 to 6 have started the first of eight workshops delivered by a trained mindfulness expert. Why not ask your child about what they have discovered?

**Parent Teacher Consultations**

These will take place on:

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations (Late)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations (Early)

Booking forms for these consultations will be in the entrance lobby from 3 pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March for all pupils, from Nursery to Year 6. In the past, only parents of Nursery pupils in their first term of Nursery were invited to parent teacher consultations. This has been extended to include all Nursery pupils.

**PSA Spring Disco, Friday 10th February 2017**

The PSA is hosting a Spring Disco in the school hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. The disco is being provided by Monster Kids Limited and there will also be a tuck shop, tattoos and a teddy tombola.

The Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage Disco will run from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Parents are required to stay with their children, and pre-school children are welcome to attend. The Key Stage 2 Disco will run from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Parents do not have to stay for this Disco.

Tickets will be £3.50 each (pre-school children free), on sale from the school office from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January or, alternatively, a letter will be going home next week, with a reply slip, which you can send into school for tickets.

HELP NEEDED! We need parent volunteers to help run the tuck shop, door and teddy tombola. If you are able to spare half an hour, at either disco, then please let Rachel Drury or a member of the PSA committee know, or sign up on the doodle poll on the Facebook page. Every helper will be reimbursed for 1 disco ticket.

We also need donations of teddies for the teddy tombola!

**PSA Quiz Night, Saturday 11th March 2017**

Date for your diary! The PSA will be hosting its annual quiz night on Saturday 11th March 2017. This is an adult only quiz with the fantastic quiz masters, Mr and Mrs Barnes. Come along and see if you can beat the reigning champions, the school staff team!

Tickets will be priced at £10 and will include a fish & chip supper. Bring along a team or join one on the night! Tickets will be on sale after half term.

**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?

### **Girls' team reaches the finals in a busy, sporting fixture list**

Last Thursday, our Girls' Football Team reached the Final of the Wix Cup, with a thrilling victory over Highover in the Semi-Final match. It was a tight encounter that went to extra-time, after finishing 0-0 at full time. Highover took the lead, scoring early in extra time, only for Team Purwell to demonstrate resilience, in abundance, by getting straight back into the game and scoring 3 goals themselves. Our girls' teams have done brilliantly in the Wix competition in recent years, even finishing as runners-up two seasons ago when it was played in a league-style format. This is, however, the first time that Purwell players have reached the final through knock-out competition and our congratulations go to them for their epic achievement. With an already full calendar, and the other semi-final yet to be played, it looks likely that the final against either Ickleford or Whitehill will have to take place after half-term. Good luck girls!

We also wish our Boys' team players good luck for their match at Oughton, today, their first match of this term. They also reached the semi-final of their Wix Cup competition and are doing well in the league too. Congratulations to Reiss, in Year 6, who has been selected to play for the Hitchin District Representative Team and has performed admirably in recent matches against Potters Bar and St. Albans.

After school this Thursday, (26th January) we will be taking a team of 20 pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 to a Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Hitchin Boys' School. Pupils will earn points by taking part in a range of running, jumping and throwing events leading to the highest scoring schools progressing to the next round of the competition. Good luck to all involved! Please note that, as a result, the start of Dance Club will be delayed until next week.

### **Panto at St Faith's**

The Pied Piper of Hamelin will be performed at St Faith's Church on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm and 7.00pm. Among the cast performing, you will see our very own Mrs Barnes! 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.

### **Display of the Week**



*Nursery Class pupils have been observing things in Winter, and have created a lovely display.*