

'Becoming responsible adults is no longer a matter of whether children hang up their pajamas or put dirty towels in the hamper, but whether they care about themselves and others - and whether they see everyday chores as related to how we treat this planet.' Eda Leshan

Panto at St Faith's

Robin Hood will be performed at St Faith's Church on Friday 20th February at 7.00pm and Saturday 21st February at 2.30pm and 7.00pm. Among the cast performing, you will see our very own Mrs Barnes, alongside some of our 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.

Parent Teacher Consultations

These will take place on:

Wednesday 18th March until 6 p.m.

Thursday 19th March until 7 p.m.

Booking forms for these consultations will be in the entrance lobby from 3 pm on Friday 6th 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 Dates

Three PSA dates for your diary are:

- Thursday 29th January- Meeting, at the Millstream, 8pm,
(all are welcome!)
- Friday 13th February - Valentine's School Disco
- Saturday 14th March - Quiz Night

Check Mate Victory for Chess Team

Last Thursday, our chess team went to St Christopher School in Letchworth for its first league match of this term. In what turned out to be a thrilling match, Purwell were emphatic victors winning by 10 points to 2. The standard of play was incredibly high and the win was a deserved reward for the commitment and perseverance that the team have demonstrated over the past couple of years. Our lunchtime chess club continues to be well attended by both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils and the quality of play is getting ever stronger. Well done Team Purwell!

Display of the Week



Holly Class has been inspired by the poem *The Sofa Boat* to produce their own poems with repeating patterns.

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Home Packed Lunches

If your child has a home packed lunch, please ensure that they have everything with them needed to eat their lunch. A lot of spoons have been borrowed from the kitchen and not been returned.

Request from Acorn Class

If anyone has a tea trolley on wheels which they no longer need, and would be willing to donate to the school for use as a mobile writing station, please speak to Mrs Prue.

Coffee Morning Friday 6th February 9am

Please join us for some tea and coffee. Brenda Sutcliffe (Communication & Disorders Team/ ASD) will again be joining us, so if you have any questions, or you would just like to talk to Brenda, please come along. Ms Wells our Family Support Worker will be there to talk about her role and how she can help in school. Miss Lewis is also there to talk through any issues you may wish to discuss about your child - it doesn't have to be SEN related. However, you may just wish to come along for a drink and a chat! We hope to see you there.

PSA Questionnaire Feedback

Please find below the results of all the recent parent questionnaires, which the PSA recently carried out. Mrs Watson and her team were keen to share the results. She also would like to show her appreciation to Mrs Tart (Harry's mum) for collating all the results, from the online and the paper surveys.

Meetings:

Of the 58 responses we received, 25 people said they might be interested in attending meetings, 13 said they would be interested in attending and 11 said they already attend. With regards to meeting times, of these 49 people, out of a choice of weekday evenings, weekday daytimes and weekends, we had 32 yeses for evenings, 11 for days and 6 for weekends - this question allowed people to choose more than one answer, but the overwhelming majority here is weekday evenings.

With regards to venues, there were 30 opting for The Millstream, 42 for the community room and 18 for committee members' houses. 6 people said they wouldn't be happy attending meetings at the The Millstream, 2 at the community room and 13 at committee members' houses. Out of the 49 who said they would, or might, be interested in attending meetings, or that they already do so, 30 would be happy attending meetings in the The Millstream and 6 would not. 42 people out of 49 would be happy to come to the community room, 2 would not, and 18 out of the 49 would definitely not be happy to go to committee members' houses.

Tickets:

Out of the 57 people who answered the question about an inclusive price of £5, 17 thought it was too high, 38 thought it was about right and 2 thought it was too low.

55 people answered the question asking whether they would prefer an inclusive or exclusive ticket. 1 person suggested there be a choice, 29 people wanted an inclusive ticket and 25 wanted an exclusive ticket. Of the 25 who wanted an exclusive ticket, 8 people thought £1-£2 was an appropriate price, 14 chose £2-£3 and 3 chose £3-4. Of the 29 who said they would prefer an inclusive ticket, some also answered the question asking about an appropriate exclusive ticket price and 5 thought that an exclusive ticket price of £1-£2 was acceptable, 11 chose £2-£3 and 6 chose £3-£4.

Overall figures for ticket prices are 13 for £1-£2, 25 for £2-£3 and 9 for £3-4. There is a majority opting for a price of £2-£3.

A discussion will take place at Thursday's meeting to decide whether or not to use the Valentine's disco as an opportunity to sell both inclusive and exclusive tickets as opinion is divided almost in half between the two.

Please note we are going to hold our next meeting which is this Thursday, 29th January at the Millstream at 8pm. We will be alternating our meetings from now on. All are welcome to come along.