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Purwell Primary School  
15<sup>th</sup> March 2016

*Thought of the week: 'Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.' -Mark Twain*

**Parent questionnaire**

With this newsletter, you should receive a questionnaire for parents that we send out every two years. I would be grateful if you could find a little time to complete the form and return it with your child to school. Thank you.

**Superheroes needed for Friday**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, in aid of Sport Relief, we will be having a fun and creative non-uniform day, where your child can either dress up as their favourite Superhero or simply wear something red.

The whole school will be taking part in fun activities throughout the afternoon. In order to take part in this non-uniform day, we would ask for a £1 donation to raise money for this biennial charity event, which transforms lives here in the UK and funds projects in the world's poorest communities.

So, start planning your outfit now, for what should be a great day for all.

**Parent Teacher Consultations**

These will take place on:

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March until 6 p.m.

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March until 7 p.m.

Booking forms for these consultations will be in the entrance lobby from 3 pm this Friday 18<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 Quiz Night: 12th March 2016**

A good time was had by all those who came along to the Quiz Night, on Saturday night, with lots of laughter punctuating the deep thinking what was required to answer the questions posed by Mr and Mrs Barnes. It was no small amount of surprise that the staff team came out on top by the end of the evening, helped by the joker being played on literature round which they scored full marks on. A big thank you to Mrs Tart and all the PSA team for organising the event and, of course, to Mr and Mrs Barnes for being our quiz masters.

**Personal qualities to be a focus of assemblies**

This term, Monday assemblies have focussed on mindfulness activities and children have been encouraged to try out some of the exercises and shared them with others. Feedback from the children has been very positive.

From this week, the focus of the assemblies will turn to personal qualities that are not measured by tests. As a school, we will discuss the importance of qualities such as reliability, resilience, humility, leadership, compassion and self-discipline. Children will be encouraged to practise these qualities at school and at home, and to notice them in their own behaviour and in those around them.

**Spring/Easter Assembly - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1.20pm**

You are very welcome to join us for our end of term, Spring time, post Easter celebration, certificate and class attendance assembly which will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1.20pm, with the school day ending at 2.00pm.

Musical entertainment will include the **School Choir** singing a song from its repertoire.

The huge amount of lost property will also be on display.

### Lunch menu

With this newsletter, you should receive a copy of the new school lunch menu which will start after the Easter holiday. Please keep it in a safe place, as it will run through to the October half term.

### A request from Mrs Prue

Mrs Prue is seeking large wooden cable reels, the type used by electricians and builders, to turn into fun tables for pupils to use. Please contact her if you are able to help.

### Purwell's Got Talent

Next term, Miss Syme will, once again, be organising a school talent competition, which will run between April and May. Auditions and the final take place during the school day. Children who want to take part are encouraged to practise over the Easter Holidays. Good luck.

### 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?

### Displays of the Week



Beautiful birds, painted in water colours, by the EYFS/Key Stage 1 Art Club



Aspen Class's Kosher food display - Part of the children's Judaism studies.