

Purwell Primary School  
28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

*'Every day do something that will inch you closer to a better tomorrow.'*  
Doug Firebaugh

**Parent Teacher Consultations**

These will take place this week on:

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March until 7 p.m.

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

Please note that the late and early days have been swapped.

**Spring/Easter Assembly - this Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1.20pm**

You are very welcome to join us for our end of term, Easter celebration and certificate, and class attendance, assembly which will be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 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.

**PSA Dates for your diary**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm: PSA Meeting at the Millstream

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 5pm-8pm: Family Race Night

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 12pm-3pm: PSA Summer Fair

**Stallholders needed for Summer Fair**

At the Summer Fair this year, there will be external stallholders, in a similar way to the Christmas Fair. If you have a business, or something to sell, and would like a stall at the Summer Fair, please contact Mrs Drury or the school office. Stalls are £10 each and stallholders must provide their own table and gazebo, if needed. All stalls will be outside, weather permitting.

**Bags2School - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

This week, in your child's book bag, you should receive a plastic bag. This can be filled with unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys. You can bring these bags in to school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May and they will be collected by the company. These bags are weighed and the company will give a cheque to the PSA based on the weight! It's a great excuse to have a clear out and it makes money for the school!

**Purwell's Got Talent starts after Easter**

Next term, Mrs Law 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.

**Beech Class cake sale raises money for charity**

Beech Class pupils have managed to raise £250 for their charity persuasion unit. Many thanks to everyone who baked and purchased the delicious cakes. The main beneficiaries are the Garden House Hospice and Dementia Friends as nominated by Molly and Aidan, respectively. Comic Relief, Water Aid, G.O.S.H., World Wildlife Fund and Help for Heroes will also receive donations. Mrs Ison, Mrs Lawson and Miss Lowden are very proud of all the children.

**Trees to be planted by Gardening Club**

We have recently taken delivery of some trees for schools, donated by the Woodland Trust. We have a selection of different trees that our Gardening Clubs have been looking-after and, with Mr Melhuish's help, we plan to plant these as soon as possible in a 'tree-nursery' that we plan to create in our Quiet Garden. Once they are established, (a few years down the line), we will re-plant them in different locations around the school.

**Lunch menu**

With this newsletter, you will receive a copy of the new lunch menu. Please keep it a safe place, as the menu will run through until the October half term.

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## Display of the Week



*The entrepreneurs of Maple Class have learned lots about persuasion and business during their project, based on the TV programme, 'The Apprentice'.*

### Sports News

- It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks for sport with football rallies, in particular, coming thick and fast.
- First up were our girls, who conceded just 2 goals in 8 games during their friendly rally. Well done to Olivia T and Imorah, who took turns in goal, and to the whole team for wonderful teamwork throughout. As a result of their successful season, this Thursday, our girls will be participating in a prestigious tournament in St.Albans, against Hertfordshire's best girls' teams. They will also be playing matches at Wilshere-Dacre today.
- Our Year 4 players were next up, last Tuesday, and they performed superbly in a rally that has been newly introduced this season. They lost only 1 of the 6 matches they played, produced some wonderful passing and scored some super goals.
- It was our B Team's turn last Thursday, and players were rewarded with a place in the semi-finals after successfully progressing from their group, displaying the passing style of football that we encourage at Team Purwell. The team's run was, unluckily, ended by a penalty shoot-out at the semi-final stage. Well done to Joseph, Luke and Blaine for having the courage to step-up and bravely take the penalties.
- Last up, on Saturday, were our A Team footballers who also performed well, kicking-off with a victory over William Ransom in the opening game of the rally. Another win and two narrow 1-0 defeats meant they narrowly missed out on a semi-final place themselves.
- It has been an incredibly successful time for our sports teams already this year but, whilst the success is wonderful, more pleasing has been the number of pupils who have been able to represent the school and the way that everybody who has played has bought into our Team Purwell values and has tried to play the 'possession and passing' way that we encourage across all sports.
- Congratulations to all the players and thank-you to all of the parents who have cheered on our teams in their matches. Your support has been greatly appreciated. Mr Hart and Miss Dear were incredibly busy last Saturday and, after spending the morning with our A Team at its rally, in the afternoon, they hot-footed over to Top Field Stadium with a group of 30 of our Key Stage 2 footballers for Hitchin Town's top of the table fixture v. Leamington. For some, it was their first ever football match and, despite the 0-0 final score, the group had a wonderful time. We were even joined in the main stand by some of our Purwell parents for what was a really enjoyable afternoon!

### SEN Information

HAND News - February edition now published - Free courses for parents, inclusive activities for children and much more. Read all about it in the February edition of HAND News, the online newsletter from Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database. [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews)

### Hertfordshire County Local Offer

We're starting the new year with the revamp of Hertfordshire's Local Offer – the new, improved one stop shop for information and advice on special educational needs or disabilities is now LIVE! Visit the new site at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer)

Professionals and families can find information and advice online whether it is where to find a support group, information about how to apply for an assessment, what the pathway to adulthood entails or simply where to find more detail on a child's condition – visit the Local Offer. If you can't find what you're looking for, email us at [localoffer@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@hertfordshire.gov.uk). The website is work in progress and we value your feedback to make sure it grows to be the key 'one stop shop' for SEND information.