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Purwell Primary School
25th November 2014

Thought for the day: 'Too often we give our children answers to remember rather than problems to solve' ~Roger Lewin.

Christmas Newsletter

With this newsletter, you should find our Christmas newsletter containing details of all our Christmas events.

Children Get Ready for Christmas Productions

Rehearsals for the Christmas productions are in full swing at the moment.

Next week, tickets will go on sale at the school office for those that wish to attend. The number of pupils in school has increased to a point where it is not possible to have the whole school on the stage at the same time, so please note that, unlike last year, the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will have separate performances from Key Stage 2. There will be a small charge for attendance at these performances - 50p for children of primary school age and £2.00 for everyone else. A raffle will be drawn for a Christmas hamper at the final evening performance. Tickets for this hamper raffle, which cost £1.00 per strip, will be available at all performances and will also be on sale in the school office.

Monday 15th December, 2pm and 6.30pm, Nursery to Year 2.

Tuesday 16th December, 2pm and 6.30pm, Years 3 to 6

See the Christmas newsletter for full details

PSA Christmas Fair, Friday 28th November, 3.30 - 5.30pm

A reminder that the PSA Christmas Market will be this Friday, 28th November, from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. The day is a non uniform day for pupils. Come prepared to collect your child and stay for an event that will put you in the Christmas spirit.

In addition to Santa's Grotto, there will be gourmet hotdogs and mulled wine, along with other refreshments. Other entertainment includes Christmas crafts, games, stalls and a raffle. Free entry.

Non uniform Day, this Friday

This Friday, on the PSA Christmas Fair day, we are allowing children to come to school out of uniform in exchange for gifts for the Christmas Fair. Children will be allowed to come to school in their home clothes. They may even like to dress with a Christmassy theme (but only if they wish).

On that day, the children should bring with them a gift for two of the stalls, for the Fair. We are asking that children in Acorn (Nursery and Reception), Holly and Willow Classes bring with them a chocolate gift for the chocolate tombola.

Children in the older classes, Beech, Maple, Aspen and Oak, should bring a sweetie jar. We are asking that they re-use old jam jars and turn them into sweet gifts. If you have glass jars at home, please can you help your child to decorate it and fill it with enticing sweeties?

The Sweetie Jar stall and Chocolate Tombola are just two of many stalls that will be available at the PSA Christmas Fair, which is taking place on the same day.

Look forward to seeing you all there, as it promises to be a magical event.

Christmas Decoration Competitions

This year, Purwell School is entering two Christmas decoration competitions. The first is a competition to create individual decorations from 100% recycled materials. The second is a decorating a tree competition. We thought it would be worth combining both competitions and designing decorations for the first competition that could then be used on the tree for the second competition. What we need are some creative Purwell people to help us!

Firstly we need a tree, it must be second hand and artificial. If you are thinking of getting a new tree this year, and would be willing to let the school have your old one, then please contact the school office.

The second way you can help is by helping to make a decoration with your child. You will need to use clean waste products (e.g. cardboard, newspaper, cans, corks, scrap textiles). We are looking for imaginative designs with an environmental focus which involves reducing, re-using or recycling. Competition entries need to be in school **by Monday 1st December**, when a judge will be coming into school. For some ideas see the back of this

newsletter. The overall winner of the competition will get £30, there's a second prize of £20 and a third prize of £10. In addition, the first prize winner will also receive £50 of garden vouchers for the school.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 10th December. Mrs Arnold needs to order supplies early, and to do this, she needs to have an idea of lunch numbers in advance. Please note that there will be only two options on that day, a Christmas lunch (Red band) and a vegetarian option (Green band). It will be assumed that all pupils will have the Christmas lunch, unless you inform us otherwise. Please advise the school office, as soon as possible, if you would like your child to have the vegetarian option (Quorn fillet) or a home packed lunch.

Online payments

We have received a suggestion that the school takes online payments, so that parents are able to make payments for school lunches, trips etc, from home. We would like to gauge the level of interest in this facility. There would be costs involved in running this type of system. The school would not be able to bear the cost of the transaction fees, so these would need to be transferred to parents paying by this method. If you would be interested in using an online payment system, please advise a member of staff in the school office by Thursday 4th December.

PSA News

There is a PSA meeting on Wednesday 4th December, at 8pm at the Millstream. Everyone is welcome to attend

Bags 2 School

Bags to school will be collected from school at 9am on Thursday 27th November, so please bring in any bags before the start of school that day.

Caretaker

We are seeking to appoint a friendly, hardworking, honest, conscientious, self-motivated person to join our team as our School Caretaker/Cleaner. Duties will include premises management, maintenance (good standard of DIY skills essential), security of the buildings and site, some cleaning duties and ensuring the inside and outside environments are well maintained and meet Health & Safety requirements. The successful candidate will line manage a small team of cleaners and have good communication skills for liaising with tradesmen, suppliers and staff.

Hours are by arrangement with the Headteacher but must be between 6.30am and 6pm Monday to Friday. There may be occasional out-of-hours lettings, which you will be remunerated accordingly.

To arrange a visit please contact Stella Barnes, School Business Manager on 01462 432950.

The successful applicant will require an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. Purwell Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people

Remember - School will be closed on Friday 5th December, as it is an Occasional Day.

Display of the week



We are very proud of all the things that the children have produced for our Remembrance Day display which has been created in the hall. It is quite marvellous. Please feel free to pop in after drop-off or straight after school and have a closer look at their work.