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**Newsletter**  
**20<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

*Quote for the day: 'Don't limit a child to your own learning, for he was born in another time.'- Ancient Chinese proverb*

**Black History Week**

This week we are celebrating Black History, where the children are researching and investigating famous historical figures and the Civil Rights movement. Closer to home, they have been finding out what life was like for a black person in Hitchin 45 years ago, thanks to Mrs Lalite who has kindly shared her experiences with us. The children have been both surprised and interested to understand what life was like in a different era.

**A full house at the PSA Bingo Night**

An enormous thank you to everyone who came along to the first PSA Family Bingo Night. The evening was a great success, raising over £500 for the school. Special thanks to all those who helped to make it such a great event - setting up, cleaning up, running the bar, tuck shop and kitchen - to those who kindly donated prizes for the raffle and especially to Neil Dixon-Copping, who was a fantastic bingo caller. We hope everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

**Book fair**

The Travelling Book Company 'book fair' is in school from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, to coincide with Parent Consultation evenings. It will be open from 3.20pm until 4pm on these days for you and your child to come and visit.

**Parent Teacher Consultations**

Parent Teacher consultations are taking place this Wednesday and Thursday. On both consultation dates parking will be available on the infant playground. *Please note that after-school clubs will not be running on these days.*

**Olympian to Visit Purwell**

We are very excited to be welcoming GB Paralympic Footballer, Alistair Patrick-Heselton, to the school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Alistair has played in Paralympic World Championships and the Paralympic World Cup, as well as scoring against Argentina in the 2012 London Paralympic. On this date, Alistair will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, to help raise money that will buy sports equipment for the school and support GB Paralympic athletes. After the sponsored event, he will talk to pupils and hold a question and answer session. The aim of the event is to inspire the pupils to take up sport generally but, just as importantly, to encourage them to discover and then pursue their passion in life. Your child will bring home a letter explaining more about this event tomorrow, as well as a sponsorship form. We will be grateful for whatever sponsorship that you can provide, as even the smallest contribution can make a massive difference to the overall total amount raised.



### Contact Forms

There are still some contact forms that have not yet been checked and returned to the school office. It is essential that we have up to date contact information for all our pupils. Please return these forms as soon as possible.

### Secondary Applications

Just a reminder for Year 6 parents and carers that secondary application forms need to be completed online by Saturday 31st October.

### Inset Day

The school will be closed to pupils for an **Inset Day this Friday**. Next week is half term and pupils should return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Collection of plates after Cake Sale

We still have some plates from the cake sale. If you would like yours to be returned please ask.

### Girls and Boys teams reach Semi-finals

Football matches have been coming thick and fast recently. Last week, both the Boys' and Girls' teams had tournaments at Wilshere Dacre School. The Girls' team players took a couple of games to get going but, by their third game, they were able to start showing their true ability. The Boys' team, which had most of the Year 6 players unavailable, boldly battled through to the Semi-finals only to lose out to a late goal. Yesterday, the Girls' team had a home match against William Ransom, winning at the end of injury time! The Girls' team is now through to the semi-finals of the prestigious Wix Cup! Go Purwell!

### Display of the Week



*Beech Class pupils have produced an impressive display, after they were inspired by the book 'Miranda the Explorer', by James Mayhew.*

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