

*Thought for the week - 'Children are one third of our population and all of our future.' The Promotion of Child Health.*

#### **Parent Teacher Consultations**

Parent Teacher consultations are taking place Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Sign-up sheets are in the Reception area. On both consultation dates, parking will be available on the infant playground only. ***Please note that after-school clubs run by teachers will not be taking place on these days. However, clubs run by Ms Christian will run as usual.***

#### **School Photographs**

If you have not yet returned your unwanted proofs or orders for school photographs, please do so as soon as possible. A collection has been arranged for after half term.

#### **Smile Shoeboxes**

Reverend Henton-Pusey will give an assembly tomorrow, describing the charity collection of shoeboxes containing Christmas gifts for children in other parts of the world. Your child should bring home a letter about it today. Please ensure that any boxes you are kind enough to donate are brought in before the beginning of school on Wednesday 5th November, ready for collection later that day.

#### **PSA Halloween Disco - This Friday**

Fancy some spooky entertainment for your children before half term? Then come along to the PSA Halloween disco - if you dare! Tickets for the event are on sale now, at just £5! The ticket price includes a creepy hot dog, a chilling drink and ghoulish glow stick. The first disco will run from 3.30 - 5.00pm and will be for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils, who must be accompanied by an adult. The later disco will run from 5.30 - 7pm and will be for the Year 3 to 6 pupils. Pupils will need to be collected by an adult.

#### **PSA Halloween Pumpkin Competition**

Just a reminder of the pumpkin competition being organised by the PSA, as part of the Halloween Disco, this Friday. Any pupils who wish to make a spooky pumpkin carving should bring these into school on Friday for judging during the disco itself. Get creative!

#### **Football News**

Last Friday, the school's boys' football team went to Whitehill School to participate in an English Schools Football Association tournament. The team members performed incredibly well and were a credit to themselves and to the school. An impressive victory in their opening match against Offley was followed up by excellent performances in matches against St Ippolyts and Breachwood Green. Despite a good performance, defeat to Weston in the final match ended Purwell's hopes at the last hurdle.

#### **Autumn Day Walk**

Holly Class and Willow Class held an Autumn Day last Tuesday, 14th October. Luckily the rain held off for their walk to Wymondley Wood, where the pupils explored the different areas in the woods, learnt about some of the different animals that live in the habitat and also collected natural materials for some Autumn inspired art work. This art work is on display in Holly Class and Willow Class. The day was enjoyed by pupils and adults alike and we can't wait to go back to the Wymondley Wood for next term's Spring Day!

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### **School Meals**

A new lunch menu is being distributed with this newsletter. Please keep it somewhere safe. It will run through to next Easter. Please note that the entire menu for Tuesday of Week 1 will be swapped with the entire menu for Thursday of that week. This will be the case for the duration of the menu.

### **Half-Term**

Just a reminder that next week is half term and that pupils should return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### **PSA uniform sale**

The PSA is planning to run a second hand uniform sale at the Christmas Fair. If you have any uniform which your child has outgrown and is in good condition which you are willing to donate, please give it to your class rep or bring it to the school office.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning and SEN Reforms Briefing**

A big thank you to all those who donated and bought cakes, we raised just over £102 for the MacMillan coffee morning.



### **Speech & Language Coffee Morning on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November - 9am**

Jane Biddulph, our speech and language therapist, will be doing a short presentation about early years language development and top tips for supporting your child. She will also be around for any questions you may have. Please let us know if you are able to attend by contacting the school office.

### **Family Support Surgeries**

The Hitchin Partnership Family Support Team is offering 1-1 surgeries for the opportunity for parents/carers to discuss and find help in a confidential one to one setting at the school. If you would like to access this opportunity and if you would like to attend a session hosted at the school, please contact Ms Wells, our School Family Worker, via the school office.

### **Half-term activities**

The Hitchin Partnership is organising lots of activities over half term. These are: Camp Adventure (Trampoline, minigym, gymnastics, Tennis Camps & Courses, Active Soccer Camps, cheerleading), Junior Tri-Athlon Camp, Active Soccer, Trampoline Courses, Mini Gymnastics, Multi-Gymnastics, Halloween Music Workshop, Dancing For Fun - Maypole & Country Dancing, Rats, Cats & Bats Make & Play Halloween Fun, Yorkies Day Care Holiday Provision, Angels Support Group, Cineworld : Autism Friendly Screening.

For full details of dates, venues and cost etc, please check the posters inside the windows in the infant link or by the library. Alternatively, you can phone the Hitchin Partnership on 07817 715023.

### **Display of the Week**



*Art Club created this centrepiece for our seasonal Harvest display.*