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**Newsletter**  
**18<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

*Quote for the day: 'Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.'  
~ Chinese Proverb*

**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. Mrs Arnold, from the kitchen, will have some free tasters available on Wednesday evening. ***Please note that the teacher-led clubs of art, knitting, multi-sports and choir will not be running on these days.***

**Book Fair**

The Travelling Book Company 'book fair' is in school on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</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.

**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 £650 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 Amanda Campbell-Phillips, who was a fantastic bingo caller. We hope everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Don't forget that the next meeting for the PSA will be at the Millstream on Thursday 3rd November at 8pm where they will be discussing the Christmas Fair. All are welcome!

**More local leaders step forward to inspire pupils**

Two weeks ago we announced that Councillor Judi Billing would be visiting the school to give a talk to Key Stage 2, as part of the *Pumas* leadership curriculum we are looking to develop with Key Stage 2 pupils. We are delighted to announce that two more local leaders have taken up the invitation to visit the school. They are Keith Hoskins MBE, from the Hitchin Initiative and Bob Jackson, Station Commander at Hitchin Fire Station.

**Smile Shoeboxes**

Reverend Henton-Pusey gave an assembly to us yesterday, when he described the charity collection of shoeboxes containing Christmas gifts for families and the elderly 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 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, ready for collection later that day.

### **Christmas Fair, Saturday December 10th, 11am - 3pm**

Do you run a small business? Could you sell your wares or services at the Purwell Christmas Fair? Stall bookings for the Christmas Fair are now being taken. It's a great opportunity to promote your business and a fantastic start to the Christmas season. Pitches will be £10 each.

### **Early Season Football Rally**

Last week, teams from Purwell took part in the District Round of the Boys' and Girls' ESFA Football Competitions. Both teams played very well in their Qualifying Group matches with the Girls' Team narrowly missing out on a place in the knock-out stages of their competition, even though they only lost one match. Our Boys' team remained unbeaten through their Group matches, qualifying as group winners for the knock-out stages before ultimately being defeated 1-0 in the semi-finals by eventual tournament winners, Ickleford. Well played to all of the children who represented the school and many thanks to everybody who came along to support the teams. Your support is greatly appreciated.



### **Second hand uniform sale**

There will be a second hand uniform sale on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October in conjunction with the Parent Consultation evenings. The uniform sale will be held in the hall. In advance of this sale, if you have any school uniform which you would like to donate, please get in touch with Mrs Drury or a PSA committee member.

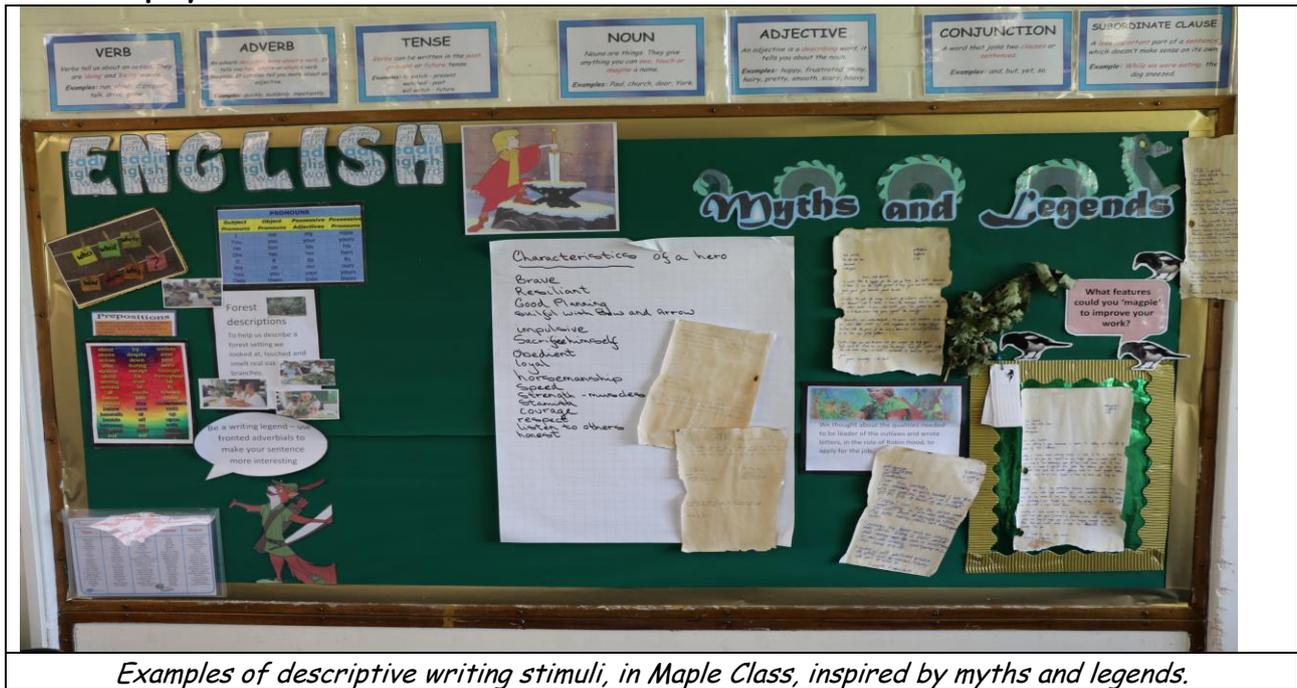
### **Secondary applications**

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

### **Coats needed for cold weather**

As the weather is becoming increasingly autumnal, please ensure that children come to school with a proper winter coat.

## Display of the Week



*Examples of descriptive writing stimuli, in Maple Class, inspired by myths and legends.*

### **Free workshop for parents**

Do you have a child with ADHD? Free workshop for parent carers of children and young people by ADD-vance ASD/ADHD specialist trainers 10.00am – 12 noon Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 at Letchworth Garden City Pod, Northfields Infant & Primary School, Burley, Letchworth SG6 4PT.

To book please call Debbie Robins on 07527 828477 or email [parentdsp1@wilshere.herts.sch.uk](mailto:parentdsp1@wilshere.herts.sch.uk) Places are limited – please book early to avoid disappointment!

### **Community Wardrobe project**

A Community Wardrobe has been set up and is run by Hitchin Volunteer Army. The Hitchin Partnership of Schools team works closely with Hitchin Volunteer Army and has supported families by accessing the Community Wardrobe and other items such as furniture, white goods, beds etc.

The Community Wardrobe has good quality pre-loved clothes (uniform, shoes, coats, maternity wear). A Voucher is required to access the Community Wardrobe. These vouchers are available from Health Visitors, on Friday 28 October, at Purwell Community Room. For more information please contact Ms Wells or [hitchin\\_vol\\_army@hotmail.com](mailto:hitchin_vol_army@hotmail.com)