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Newsletter
4th October 2016

Quote for the day: *'You can teach children a lesson for a day; but if you can teach them to learn by creating curiosity, they will continue the learning process as long as they live.'*
~ Clay P. Bedford

Purwell achieves top Sports Mark - GOLD

I am delighted to announce that, today, Purwell School has been accredited with the highest standard for school sports provision.

I would like to thank Mr Hart for collating all the evidence and presenting a compelling case to the moderator for supporting our upgrade from the silver mark we achieved two years ago.

Ms Christian also deserves a great deal of recognition for the setting up of and delivering in the high quality sports provision we have provided for our children over the last two years. We seek to build on that legacy.

Harvest assembly - Thursday 6th October

The harvest assembly will take place this **Thursday, at 2pm**, in the school hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend this service. Donations of produce should be brought into school either on the day before, or on the morning of, the assembly. These items will be distributed amongst the senior citizens living in our community on the Friday. The school holds a list of senior citizens in the area. Please let us know of any new senior citizens who have moved into the area, or of any who have not received harvest gifts from us before, but would like to do so now. Pupils are invited to decorate a shoebox and bring it to school to be used to distribute our harvest gifts.

Leadership talk from Councillor Judi Billing

As part of the Pumas leadership curriculum we are looking to develop with Key Stage 2 pupils, we have a very important local leader visiting the school later this month. Pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of Councillor Judi Billing, at a special assembly.

PSA news and events

Saturday 15th October - Family Bingo Night. Watch out for the Bingo Night flyer and ticket return slips in book bags soon.

Don't forget the PSA AGM this Thursday, October 6th at 8pm in the Community Room. The committee will be elected and Mr Cano will be presenting the school's wish list for consideration.

Each year, at the AGM, the current committee stands down and anyone who is interested in taking on one of the committee roles is invited to volunteer. If you would like more information about the roles available or would like to find out more about getting involved, please come along to the AGM or speak to a committee member. Information is also available on the PSA Facebook page.

Christmas Fayre, Saturday December 10th, 11am - 3pm

Do you run a small business? Could you sell your wares or services at the Purwell Christmas Fayre? Stall bookings for the Christmas Fayre are now being taken, with preferential booking for parents and carers at Purwell until October 10th, when booking will be opened up to external stall holders. It's a great opportunity to promote your business and a fantastic start to the Christmas season. Pitches will be £10 each.

Pupils attend Sporting Legacy event

On Wednesday 21st September, 26 of our Key Stage 2 pupils attended a London 2012 Legacy Event at Knights Templar School in Baldock. After an Opening

Ceremony and torch relay using an authentic torch from London 2012, pupils went off to participate in different activities. Some pupils competed in sports activities, whilst others created multimedia reports about the activities or created artwork to promote the event, which were shared during the Closing Ceremony. Team Purwell performed incredibly well across the events with some particularly notable performances from the sitting volleyball, boccia and wheelchair basketball teams (who narrowly missed out on receiving medals) and from the table tennis pairing of George and James N, whose impressive play helped them to win bronze medals. Medals were also awarded to our Dance Team, our Design and Create Team and our Sports Reporters. Congratulations to all who took part in this event, it was a massive success.



Early Season Football Rally

On Saturday 1st October, our footballers took part in the Girls' Early Season Rally at Wilshire-Dacre Junior Academy. It was their first football action of the season and they put in some wonderful performances, demonstrating Zooper learning powers such as determination, resilience and team work throughout the morning. The team's performances improved with every one of the five matches they played and, after narrow defeats in their first two matches, they drew their next game and won their final two matches thanks to goals from Olivia T and Ashley. Well played girls and a big Purwell thank-you to all of the parents, brothers and sisters who turned up to support the team even when the rain came!

Our boys' football team travelled to St. Andrew's for a fixture on Thursday 29th September and also put in a good team performance. Despite losing the match, the boys played some excellent football and passed the ball around with great pace and fluidity. By rotating positions they got a chance to experience what it is like to play in different positions on the pitch, and their super play was rewarded by a wonder-strike from Reiss which left the spectators, and the St. Andrew's goalkeeper, speechless!

Next week sees both teams in action again, this time in the District Round of the English Schools FA (ESFA) Tournaments. Good luck Team Purwell!



Book Fair

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

School lunch change for this Thursday 6th October

On Thursday, a special Gourmet Burger Day lunch will be served, either a meat or vegetarian option, so please bear this in mind when looking at the menu with your child. There will not be a packed lunch option that day.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a second hand uniform sale on Wednesday the 19th and Thursday the 20th of 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 Tart, Mrs Drury or a PSA committee member.

Lost Property full of unnamed uniform items

The lost property box is starting to fill with items that are not named and are unclaimed. Please remember to write children's names in all items that have the potential to be lost. If you know your child has lost some uniform, please come in and have a look.

Display of the Week



A lovely display of art and writing, from Beech Class, inspired from locations around the world.



Food Parcels

Times of hardship can impact anyone and have major consequences, perhaps through unemployment, bereavement, ill health, learning difficulties or carer responsibilities. The Foodbank in Hitchin is able to provide three days' emergency food to support local people in crisis.

Hitchin Partnership are a team of Family Support Workers working with schools in Hitchin and the surrounding villages. If you would like to speak to somebody about arranging a food parcel please call our friendly team on 07817 715027. If you prefer you could speak to a staff member at your child's school who will contact Hitchin Partnership.

Foodbank Opening Times

Tuesdays and Fridays - 10am to 12 noon

If you call between 10am and 12noon you will also be able to have a tea/coffee and biscuits.

Distribution Centre - Hitchin Once you get there enter by the door next to our sign

Hitchin Scout Hall

Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Andrew

16 Nightingale Road

Hitchin, Herts SG5 1QS

Other local Distribution Centres are in Letchworth and Baldock.

Hitchin Partnership CIO Registered Charity: 1158637 Hitchin Partnership is the collaboration of all 27 schools in Hitchin and the surrounding villages providing a Family Support Worker Service.

Enquiries: hpadmin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

TINNED TOMATOES *URGENT*

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE *URGENT*

TINNED FRUIT *URGENT*

TINNED FISH *URGENT*

SPONGE PUDDINGS

DRIED MILK

TINNED MEAT (NOT CORNED BEEF)

BISCUITS

TINNED VEGETABLES (NOT SWEETCORN)

SUGAR 500GM OR 1KG BAGS

LONG GRAIN RICE

INSTANT POTATO

CEREALS

SQUASH

UHT MILK

SHAMPOO

WE DO NOT NEED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

PASTA

BAKED BEANS

SOUP

TOILET ROLLS