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## Purwell Primary School

7<sup>th</sup> October 2014

*Quote for the day: 'One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade' - ancient Chinese proverb*

### Harvest Assembly and Harvest Shoe Boxes

The harvest assembly will take place on **Wednesday 15th October at 9.30am** 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. 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.

### Good Morning, Vietnam

Last Friday morning, for the first time children at school have communicated live with children in another country. The technology did not let us down, and six Year 6 children were able to communicate, via Skype, with young people in Vietnam. During their half hour conversation, our children learned a little about another culture, while the Vietnamese children made the most of an opportunity to practise their English.

We hope to make this a regular, international link for the school, and would like to offer more of our children the chance to talk with children in Vietnam.

Later, we plan to create links with a Spanish school, so our children can practise their Spanish.



*A Year 6 pupil celebrating her birthday was sung to by the children in Vietnam.*

### Panthers to debut at Gordon Craig - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November

The Purwell Panthers Cheerleading Squad has been invited to perform on stage at the Gordon Craig Theatre, in Stevenage. The event, called *Dance Mania*, is expected to be a sell-out and various dance groups in the area will be performing.

### Goals galore for both football teams

Purwell's football teams have been busily playing matches in the past couple of weeks. The girls played their first match of the season, a friendly with Mary Exton, last Friday, and were edged out 4-3 in what was a very evenly contested match. The boys have already played in a friendly tournament as well as league and cup matches. They have made a terrific start to the season and are currently unbeaten in league and cup, most recently recording a hugely impressive 3-1 victory over Highover.

### **Take One Picture**

Many thanks to everyone who entered the 'Take One Photo' competition. These entries have been printed and displayed on the notice board next to the Chestnut Room in the KS2 corridor. They look fabulous and demonstrate just how talented and creative our pupils here at Purwell are.

### **Gardening Club Seeks Green-Fingered Helpers**

The gardening club for pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 will be starting shortly. In readiness for this, Miss Young and Mr Hart have been spending their Tuesdays busily preparing the Holly and Willow Class gardens. There will be a varied programme of gardening and garden-craft activities and it would be fantastic to get parents involved in the club too. So, if you're green-fingered, have a passion for gardening and are keen to offer to help out with any aspect of the club, please let Miss Young, Mr Hart or the school office know.

### **Midday Supervisor - recruiting for after half-term**

The school needs to recruit midday supervisors to work anything from one to five days per week. The hours are 11.55 a.m. to 1.05 p.m. Duties include supervising pupils in the dining room and on the playground. The rate of pay is £6.54 per hour. Why not think about joining our friendly lunchtime team?

### **PSA News**

At the recent PSA AGM meeting new PSA Committee Members were elected. These include a second election to Chair for Michelle Watson. The other positions were filled as follows:

Chair -	Michelle Watson
Vice Chair -	Yvonne Swinnerton
Treasurer -	Kathryn Harper
Vice Treasurer -	Jo Jones
Marketing Officer -	Neil Dixon-Copping
Secretary -	Kay Tart/Rachel Drury

Below are the names of the class representatives who have come forward, and we are grateful to them. If you are interested in helping represent your child's class, then please let us know.

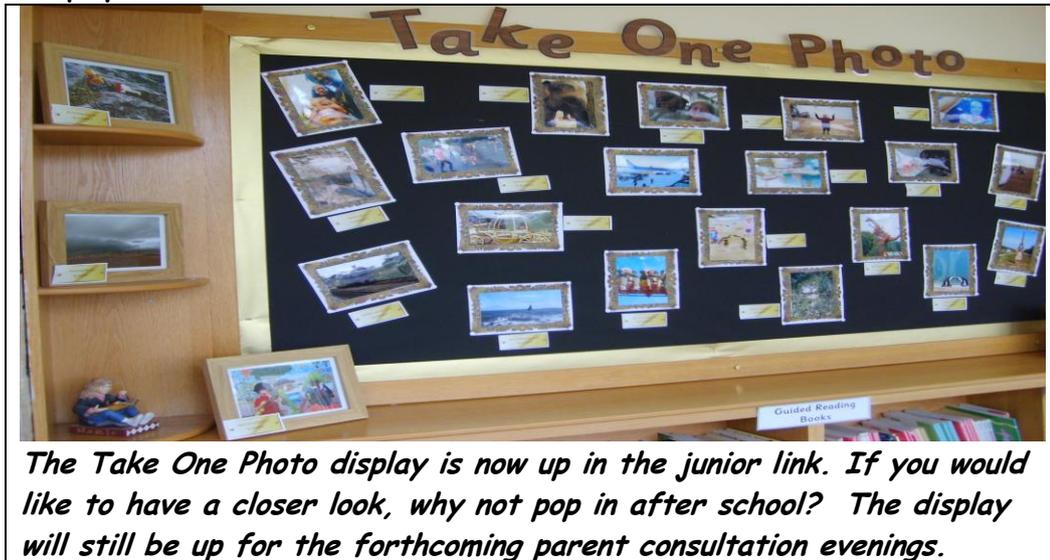
### **Class Reps:**

Nursery -	Heather McKenna
Reception -	Belinda Alban
Holly -	Tess Clayton
Willow -	Teri McDade
Beech -	Jo Atkinson
Maple -	Laura Watson
Aspen -	Amanda Barker
Oak -	Faith Hojeer

**PSA Halloween Disco - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

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 available soon, 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.

**Display of the Week**



*The Take One Photo display is now up in the junior link. If you would like to have a closer look, why not pop in after school? The display will still be up for the forthcoming parent consultation evenings.*



Speech & Language Coffee Morning

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 filling in the slip below.

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**Speech and Language Coffee Morning**

I will be attending the coffee morning.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_