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Newsletter
24th September 2013

Thought for the day; ' Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall' - Oliver Goldsmith

Take One Picture

We have had a great two weeks producing work around *Bathers at Asnieres*, by Georges Seurat, so why not drop in and take a look? The children's work is on display in the classrooms and the hall.

Contact Details and Curriculum Information

With the last newsletter, you should have received a copy of the contact details form we hold for your child. If you have not done so already, please check this form, amend as appropriate, sign and return to school as soon as possible.

Phonics Evening for Parents - Thursday 26th September

After last year's success, we have again arranged a special evening of phonics for parents of children in Nursery to Year 2, this Thursday evening. Parents will have the opportunity to find out about how children are taught phonics at school and how they can help their children more effectively with reading at home.

Harvest Assembly

The harvest assembly will take place on **Tuesday 8th 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.

Sports Apprentice Joins the Purwell Team

I am delighted to announce the arrival of Mr Ryan Jones as the newest member of staff to the team. Mr Jones will be our Sports Apprentice this year and his role will cover all things PE and sport related. As well as supporting PE lessons for all year groups, and creating activities at play and lunch times, Mr Jones will be helping to run daily afterschool clubs. Expect to hear lots about him from your children in the forthcoming months.

Detail of the clubs on offer this term are included in this newsletter.

Sporting Success at Purwell!

Congratulations to our school football team which has had a very successful week. Currently top of the league after beating St.Ippolyts 2-1, the team of boys and girls went on to represent the school with great credit at the early season rally held at Wilshere Dacre School last Saturday morning. Playing some excellent, flowing football, Purwell experimented with different positions and formations and won 1, drew 1 and lost 2 of their matches, scoring 6 goals in these games. A special thank-you also to those children and parents who came along to support the team. Your support was greatly appreciated!

On Wednesday, Aspen Class and a small group of children from Oak Class had a fantastic day at the Olympic Legacy event at Knights Templar School in Baldock, where children competed in a range of Olympic and Paralympic events. An excellent day was had by all; a particular highlight was our handball and wheelchair basketball teams making the finals, playing fantastically and winning silver medals!

Well done team Purwell!

Displays of the Week



Willow Class pupils have created their pointillism interpretations of Bathers at Asnières.

School closed - Tuesday 1st October Due to Strike Action

A reminder that the school will be closed next Tuesday 1st October, as part of the industrial action taken by teachers' unions.

Naming Uniform

We are delighted at the standard of school uniform at the start of this year and would like to thank parents for your efforts. However, when new clothing is purchased it is important to remember to write children's names in them.

Lateness

A reminder that school starts at 8.50am and, at that time, children must be at school. If children are late they must report to the school office. Please be aware that parents of children who appear as persistently late in registers may be visited by an Attendance Improvement Officer.

Bags 2 School

The PSA will once again run the Bags 2 School fundraiser this term. Bags will arrive soon, and you are asked to put any unwanted clothing or bedding into the bags for recycling. The date for bags to be collected from school will be confirmed later.

School Meals

A reminder that school meals now cost £2.05 per day, £10.25 per week. Cheques should be made payable to *Hertfordshire Catering Ltd.*

Cash Payments

When sending cash payments to school, please ensure that the money is enclosed securely in an envelope. It does not have to be a new envelope, but it must be sealed and should have written on the outside the name of the child, how much is enclosed and what the payment is in respect of.

It can take several days for sufficient coinage to be accumulated to pay change, so it would be very helpful if the correct money could be sent in. Please be patient if waiting for change, it will be returned in due course.

Clubs for the Autumn Term

At Purwell, we are committed to providing a range of after-school clubs which meet the interests of our pupils. If your child wishes to attend an after-school club, we ask for the same commitment in return to ensure that all children can get the best out of these extra curricular activities. This means:

- Demonstrating a clear commitment to attend the club each week.
- Showing a willingness to work with others of all ages.
- Demonstrating a positive attitude to learning and behaviour.

Please note: Children are not required to attend homework club each week, only when they feel it would benefit them by doing so. Homework club takes place in the ICT suite, where children can make use of the computers.

Key: FS - Reception, KS1 - Years 1 and 2, KS2 - Years 3 - 6

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Tennis (LGC tennis club) (Year 1/2) 12.30 - 1.00 Chess (in Y4) Mr Hart Zumba dance (KS2 in Y6) Miss Grimmer	Homework 12.30 - 1.00 Miss Ferguson (All year groups)	Choir (KS2) Miss Grimmer in Y6 classroom	Singing club (KS1) Miss Eames in Y2 classroom	
After school	Cheerleading (KS2) 3.15 - 4.15 Miss Syme Cookery Club Mrs Walker and Mrs East 3.15 - 4.30	Expressive arts (FS/KS1) 3.15 - 4.00 Miss Dollimore and Mrs Prue Football (KS2) Mr Hart and Mr Jones	Multi-skills (KS1) 3.15 - 4.00 Mrs Coyle and Mr Jones	Netball (KS2) 3.15 - 4.15 Mrs Coyle	Circuit training (KS2) 3.15 - 4.00 Mr Cano and Mr Jones

PSA News

At the recent PSA AGM meeting new PSA Committee Members were elected. These include the rising to Chair of Michelle Watson. A gift of recognition for all her years of service as Chair was presented to Amanda Allen. The other positions were filled as follows:

Chair - Michelle Watson
Deputy Chair - Fiona Bentley
Treasurer - Anna Cook
Deputy Treasurer - Rak Dimmock
Secretary - Yvonne Manser
Marketing Officers - Neil Copping and Diane Aquart

Below are the names of the class representatives who have come forward and we are grateful to them. However, there are still some classes that do not have anyone to represent them yet. These are Nursery, Reception and Maple classes. If you are interested in representing your child's class then please let us know.

Holly Class - Janine Dixon
Willow Class - Jo Atkinson
Beech Class - Laura Watson
Aspen Class - Faith Hojeer
Oak Class - Julie Abiss

One of the early events planned for this term is a Halloween Disco on Tuesday 22nd October. Times and details will be confirmed the planning meeting on Tuesday 24 September at 8pm, at the Millstream, please come along. **Remember, if you are a parent of a child at the school then you are in the PSA.** So turn up, share some ideas and have some fun.

The PSA is also planning to hold a second hand uniform sale after half term. I know quite a lot of people willing to donate things to this. So, if you have any good quality second hand unwanted uniform, then please let us have it.