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Purwell Primary School
10th July 2018

'He who has imagination without learning, has wings and no feet.' Joseph Joubert

Open Day - Wednesday 11th July - 1pm to 3pm

The Open Day for parents will be on this Wednesday. Parents are invited to come into their child's class, from 1.30pm until 2.30pm, where they will be invited to join the children in fun learning activities which reflect our diverse and creative curriculum. At 2.30pm, parents will come to the hall for refreshments before a short, but informative, presentation from Mr Cano. The PowerPoint will be available on the school's website for parents who cannot make the session.

Please note that the evening's session has been cancelled as it clashes with England's World Cup Semi Final. It is anticipated that the turn out will be affected.

September class allocations will be announced at the afternoon session and sent to all parents, via School Comms. This way, parents will find out who their child's next teacher will be at about the same time.

Meet the Teacher

On Thursday, pupils will be able to spend some time with their new teacher for September. The children will spend the session after play with them, in their new classrooms, up until lunch.

Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies

For the summer production, this year, the children in Oak and Aspen Classes will be faced with a gang of highly trained professionals as they take on the performance of *Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies*. Nursie enlists the help of the Merry Men, as she replies to an advert in the local paper, after seeking help to get rid of the Sheriff of Nottingham and his gormless guards. A simple request you would think, but when the Skunks arrive it can only mean one thing... disaster! Will anyone ever overthrow King John? Will King Richard ever return to take his rightful place? Come along and find out on Wednesday 25th July at 6:30pm. Tickets are on sale at 50p a ticket for primary aged children and £2 per ticket for everyone else. Refreshments will be available before the performance. Even if you do not have children in those classes it will be a very enjoyable experience for all, so do buy your tickets and come along.

Annual Reports

On Thursday, you will be receiving, via your child, their report for the year, as completed by their class teacher.

Reception Graduation, Year 6 Leavers and End of Term Assemblies

This year's Reception Graduation assembly will take place on Monday 23rd July, at 2.00pm. Invitations will be issued to parents of pupils in that class.

On Friday 20th July, at 2.15pm, there will be some mixed emotions at the Year 6 Leavers' assembly. At this assembly, Oak Class pupils will say their goodbyes to the school, and the Year 6 Pupil of the Year will be announced.

The end of term Award Assembly is at 1.20pm on Thursday 26th July. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bikes and scooters

A reminder that bikes and scooters may not be ridden in school grounds. Drop off and collection times are very busy which makes it unsafe to do so, and we have had a few near misses. Please remind your child to dismount at the gate and walk their bike/scooter through the school, and vice versa at the end of the day.

PSA AGM - Thursday 13th September, 8pm

Please come along to the PSA AGM on Thursday 13th September, 8pm in the Community Room. During this meeting, a new committee for 2018/19 will be elected, including chairperson, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary and marketing officer. Do you have the skills for any of these roles and would like to be more involved? If you would like any more information about any of these roles, please speak to Mrs Drury.

Sports Update

Despite the end of term approaching, it remains a busy time for sport at Purwell. Hot on the heels of another successful Sports Day, which saw the winners' trophy retained by Fairfield (our Green House), last Thursday, we took a Kwik Cricket team over to Oughton for a friendly fixture. Both teams played incredibly well, with Purwell ultimately recording an impressive 266 - 192 run victory. All the players had opportunities to bat, bowl and field and, whilst each member of our team performed heroically, Mario and Imorah do deserve special mentions. Mario for striking the ball so hard that, on two occasions, he hit massive sixes over the school perimeter and Imorah for an acrobatic caught-and-bowled that simply had to be seen to be believed!

This Wednesday morning, a team of our Key Stage 1 pupils will be taking part in a Multi-Skills Sports Festival at Hitchin Girls' School. The mixed team of boys and girls are very excited to be representing the school and we know that they will do us proud!

Many thanks to all of the staff who have helped out with our sports provision and clubs this year, particularly Miss Saville and Miss Lilley who work tirelessly to provide such high quality experiences. We are incredibly proud of what we offer in respect to Sport and PE and hope that this will be recognised again by the award of a Gold Mark for the third consecutive year. Mr Hart and Miss Saville have prepared the school's evidence portfolio and are currently awaiting the outcome of the independent validation process. We hope to receive this before the end of term and will provide any updates as we receive them.

Payments

A reminder that, as the end of term is approaching, all outstanding payments should be cleared as soon as possible. This includes dinner money, trip and music payments, any uniform purchases and milk or fruit/vegetable money. All payments should be made by Wednesday 18th July, at the very latest.

Loom Bands

If you have any Loom Bands left over from the craze a few years ago and you do not need them anymore, then Early Years will be able to make use of them. Please send in to Mrs Prue. Thank you.

Mr Cano in Offa's Dyke Path Challenge

Mr Cano will, once again, be putting on his trekking boots for a new walking challenge. After we break up from school, Mr Cano will be heading off to Wales to follow the English/Welsh border for 80 miles alongside the 8th Century Offa's Dyke. Parents can keep up with his progress via regular Tweets on the school site.

Midday Supervisor - recruiting for September

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 £8.49 per hour. Why not think about joining our friendly lunchtime team?

Cleaner - recruiting for September

The school needs to recruit a Cleaner, to start in September, to cover a maternity leave. Working hours are five school days per week, two hours each day. Duties include cleaning classrooms and other areas of the school. The rate of pay is £8.49 per hour. If you are interested, please approach Mrs Barnes, in the school office, for an application form.

A reminder to parents that school will be closed to pupils, this Friday, as it is a staff INSET day.

Important July dates at a glance

Wednesday 11 th July	Open Day, 1pm to 3pm. (Note: Evening session, cancelled).
Thursday 12 th July	Annual Reports sent home.
Friday 13 th July	School closed for Inset Day.
Tuesday 17 th July	Oak Class to transition service at St Faith's Church.
Wednesday 18 th July	Maple Class to visit lavender fields.
Wednesday 18 th July	Aspen Class, Science and PE workshop at Highfield School.
Thursday 19 th July	Year 6, end of year trip.
Thursday 19 th July	EYFS Trip to Shepreth Zoo.
Friday 20 th July	Year 6 Leaver Assembly, 2:15pm.
Monday 23 rd July	Cycle Proficiency Training Y5/Y6.
Monday 23 rd July	Reception Graduation Assembly, 2pm.
Wednesday 25 th July	Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies, Y5/Y6 Production. 6.30pm
Thursday 26 th July	End of term Certificate Assembly, 1:20pm, Term end 2:15pm.