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## Purwell Primary School

12<sup>th</sup> June 2018

"Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted." - Garrison Keillor

### **Feel Good Week/Multicultural Week**

This week is Feel Good Week, celebrating the cultural diversity in our school. Parents will be invited to attend an assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June, at 2.30 pm, where there will be an opportunity to see some of the work the children have been doing. Nursery children will attend school at 1.00 pm that day so that they can take part in the assembly. There will be NO morning nursery that day.

### **World Cup Day - Monday June 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Football World Cup kicks off this Thursday, with the England team playing its opening match next Monday evening (18<sup>th</sup> June), against Tunisia. Lots of our pupils are getting very excited about the competition and some classes have already started to learn about the 32 countries participating in this tournament. On 18<sup>th</sup> June, we will be holding a special World Cup Day in school aimed at developing Purwell pupils' knowledge and understanding of the world and the countries that have qualified. Classes will get opportunities to carry out a range of different exciting World Cup themed activities, but children should come to school wearing their usual school uniform. It promises to be very enjoyable day.

### **Sports Day - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

This year, Sports Day will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The organisation of the day will be similar to last year, with children taking part in a range of athletic events such as long jump, javelin and discus, in addition to running races on the track. In the morning, from 9:30am, it will be the turn of Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children: Acorn, Holly and Willow Classes, with Key Stage 2 children: Beech, Maple, Aspen and Oak competing in the afternoon, from 1:30pm. Teachers will be making sure that children have the opportunity to practise each of the events as part of their PE lessons this term. All children should make sure they have their PE kit (including proper trainers) in school so that they can take part. Parents are most welcome to watch their children on Sports Day - come and join us!

### **Parent Questionnaire**

A reminder to parents to complete the parent questionnaire which, this year, we are conducting via survey monkey. Every two years, we try to ascertain the views of the parents on various aspects of school life. This is in three parts and can be accessed by using each of the links below. We would very much appreciate your time in completing the survey. Parents who wish to use a paper version can collect one from the school office.

Part 1 - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z66MGBV>

Part 2 - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5LG8QQY>

Part 3 - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5775RSS>

### **Phonics Screening week for Year 1, this week**

Just a reminder that this week is Phonics Screening Week. Children will be taken out of class, on a 1:1 basis, with Miss Thompson, to read the new 2018 booklet of 40 words. It is a relaxed environment that the children are familiar with. It should not cause the children any stress.

### **PSA Meeting - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 8pm**

This Thursday is the final PSA meeting of the academic year. The Committee will meet at The Millstream at 8pm to plan the last couple of events of the school year. Please come along and join us!

### **PSA help needed**

The PSA is running the bar at the School Reunion this Saturday, 16th June. Help is needed to set up from 7pm, run the bar and then tidy up afterwards. If you are able to spare an hour or two, please let Mrs Drury know or sign up on the doodle poll via the link. Many thanks for your continued support.

<https://doodle.com/poll/epkbgmewrcsqge6y>

### **PSA Quiz Night - Saturday 7th July**

Just a reminder that the postponed quiz night will be held on Saturday 7th July at 7.30pm (bar open from 7.00pm). More details will be available next week and tickets will be on sale very soon. We hope to see lots of you there to see out the year in style!

### **60th anniversary reunion, 8-11pm**

This Saturday there will be a school reunion for former pupils, over the age of 18. If you are a former pupil and you wish to attend, please notify the school office, using [admin@purwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@purwell.herts.sch.uk).

### **Hitchin Athletics Competition - Tuesday 19th June**

We are pleased to announce that Purwell School has, once again, been invited to attend the Hitchin Athletics Competition. It is being held at Hitchin Boys School, for children in Years 2 - 6. We have 40 children representing the school in our Purwell Athletics team. Good luck, Team Purwell. We will let you know, in our next newsletter, how they got on. Parents will be able to keep up with the action via the live Tweets from the event.

### **Open Day/Evening - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

We can confirm further details for the Open Day and Open Evening for parents on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. 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.

To accommodate the working parents, the school will open again at 6.00pm with refreshments in the hall, when Mr Cano will repeat his talk (but it will be worth listening to twice), before introducing to the parents the teachers for September and announcing class allocations. After this, parents will be free to tour the school. There will be displays of children's work, subject information and interactive computer demonstrations, with staff and pupils available to guide and answer any questions.

### **Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies - Year 6 Summer production announced for July**

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 will go on sale from next week 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.

### **Safety first**

This month, Year 4 pupils will be learning about road hazards, as they take part in our annual road safety training. The children will go out in small groups, guided by members of staff, to identify the hazardous traffic spots locally and safe places to cross.

### **New School Books opportunity**

National Book Tokens are running a competition to reward students, encourage literacy and inspire a love of books.

They are giving away £5,000 of National Book Tokens to one lucky school - enough to buy hundreds of new books for the library! All school staff and parents can nominate our school for the main prize, with a chance to win £100 of National Book Tokens. To nominate the school please use the link below;

[www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WxpnOYpKjOA](http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WxpnOYpKjOA)

### **Sun Safety**

Hopefully the summer will be putting in an appearance some time soon, so I thought it would be useful to recap our 'safe in the sun' approach.

- There are plenty of shaded areas under the trees and by the gazebo and children are encouraged to **play in the shade** on hot sunny days.
- All children should have a **sun hat or cap** to wear when playing out. Purwell School caps can be bought from the school office. Please ensure all are NAMED clearly.
- You may wish to apply **sunscreen** to your child at the start of the day; however children should not bring bottles of cream into school for reapplication. There are many brands which offer long-lasting/all-day protection and a liberal application in the morning would see them through the school day.
- Children should have a bottle of water with them in school each day which should be named. However, these must have a '**sports cap**' and **not an open bottle neck**, to prevent spillages on children's work. Bottles of water should **not be frozen** (although specially designed water bottles, where the centre can be frozen to keep the water chilled, are permitted).
- Children should have **summer PE kit** for outdoor sports every day (not long trousers).