

'Thought 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

Kingswood trip

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils set off for Kingswood on Sunday morning, arriving safely in the early afternoon. They have already been very busy and the best way to keep up to date with their activities, as it is for everything we do in school, is via Twitter. As it is a closed group, you will need to contact the school, with your Twitter username, in order to be accepted.

Reading at home

Please ensure that you hear your child read regularly at home and that this is recorded in their reading record books. The record books are the only indication that your child is having regular opportunities to read to an adult. Comments in the books that relate to the child's phonological progress and comprehension are the most useful for teachers to read.

New PSHE webpage for parents

At Purwell School, we follow a scheme for learning about the skills and knowledge that link to personal, social, healthy and emotional development. It is called 1Decision. They have recently developed a new web page for parents and carers. Here, parents/carers will be able to learn more about the 1Decision resources and view samples of the videos and activity worksheets we use in school.

On the webpage, you will also find a direct link to the DfE's new publication: 'Understanding Relationships and Health Education in your child's primary school: a guide for parents'

<https://www.1decision.co.uk/resources/parent-carer-zone>

School PE kit

A reminder to parents that, in these colder months, your child should be provided with a navy-blue tracksuit for outdoor PE lessons. These can be purchased with the school label at the Beats Uniform shop on Hermitage Road. Navy Blue tracksuits without the school logo will also be acceptable.

Sports update

Despite the nights drawing in, the sports fixtures continue to come thick and fast. Unfortunately, our A Team netballers' league fixture at Mary Exton last Tuesday had to be postponed, due to torrential rain but, with the sun shining, we were able to play host to Our Lady School on Thursday. Both teams handled the ball well but Purwell players continued their perfect start to the season, winning 3-1 to claim all the points from a close match.



Craft Club

Please note that Craft Club this week has had to be cancelled, as Mrs Powers is unwell. It will resume next week, as usual. Apologies for any inconvenience.

School visitors

Last week, the Head and a teacher from a school in Welwyn visited Purwell to observe some of the innovative strategies we use in our daily Maths lessons across the school. They were particularly impressed by the way that our pupils 'peel-off' and use 'checking stations', during lessons, and are keen to introduce these approaches back in their own school. During the week before half term, two trainee teachers from the University of Hertfordshire spent the week with us, focusing on our provision for phonics and reading. We are incredibly proud of the reputation we have established as a 'centre of excellence' with our educational partners and enjoy having the opportunity to allow others to see our wonderful learning community in action.

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Fruit/veg and milk

Last week, you should have received letters regarding fruit/veg and milk. A reminder that you should return orders for these by 13th December in order for your child to have milk or fruit immediately after Christmas. Late orders, in January, will not be supplied until several days after they have been received, as it takes some time for the suppliers to process them. Please note that we have been advised, today, that the cost of milk for next term has increased to £17.70. School Gateway has been amended to reflect this. A letter about this will be sent home today. Apologies for the confusion.

PSA update

Bingo Night - Saturday 23rd November, 5-8pm

Ticket order forms will be sent home in book bags this week. The evening will also feature Mr Cano's famous chilli, raffles, craft, cash prizes and our Bingo master, Eddy. It promises to be another night to remember!

Christmas Fair - Saturday 7th December, 11am-2pm

If you would like a stall, or know anybody that does, please contact the PSA Committee for a booking form. A 'Bake Off' competition will be held that will be judged at the Fayre. The Committee will, shortly, be recruiting for help on your class stall/bar. There will be a non-uniform day, in school, on Friday 6th December in return for a donation of chocolate or a bottle of wine.

Christmas Disco - Friday 13th December.

DJ Dan will be helping us to get into the festive mood. Feel free to dress up in festive fashion! This will be split into KS1/KS2.

Christmas productions - The PSA will, again, provide refreshments.

Christmas cards - Your child's Christmas card design will be returned in their book bag this week. Once you have decided upon your order, there are several ways that payment can be made. Please return cheques payable to 'Purwell School Association' or you can pay on-line to the PSA account (sort code 090129, account number 37165077). You can also pay by cash in the school office. Please ignore the original instructions on the proofs.

The next PSA meeting will be on Wednesday 13th November at 8pm in the Anchor Pub. All are welcome to attend.

Dates for Autumn Term 2019

November

Friday 15th Kingswood group arrive back

December

Wednesday 11th Flu Vaccinations Reception to Year 6 (2 / 2)
Tuesday 17th EYFS/KS1 production Christmas (afternoon and evening)
Wednesday 18th KS2 production Christmas (afternoon and evening)
Friday 20th 1:20pm Christmas assembly and certificates
Term ends at 2pm

Dates for 2019/2020

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 7th January Pupils return to school
17th - 21st February Half-term
Friday 3rd April Last day of term

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 21st April Pupils return to school
Friday 8th May May Bank Holiday
25th - 29th May Half-term

Monday 1st June School closed for Inset Day
Friday 17th July Last day of term
Monday 20th July School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 21st July School closed for Occasional Day's holiday

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Supporting young people with Anxiety

EVENING OVERVIEW

Recognising anxiety and building confidence & resilience in children and young people. For Parent/Carers of children aged 10 and above

This parent forum is designed to help parents support their children at home and coming into school. It will provide an opportunity to explore and discuss the issues around anxiety in young people and identify useful strategies to support their wellbeing.

The aim of the session is to help develop a better understanding of feelings and the ways in which we help children develop confidence and resilience.

We welcome all parents, carers or extended family members.

Session will be run by Viv Ofstedahl (KJAR Mental Health Lead) & Rachel Lambie (School counsellor & NESSie Lead)

DATE & VENUE

Wednesday 20th November

6:30pm - 8:00pm

King James Academy Royston, Junior Site Hall



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