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Newsletter
13th November 2018

Thought for the day: 'Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.' - John Wooden

PSA Family Bingo Night - THIS SATURDAY, 5pm-8pm

Eyes down, looking in for another night of bingo and raffle fun. Tickets are still available for the Family Bingo Night! This is a great, fun night for all the family. Food included - Mr Cano's famous chilli, or hot dogs, followed by a chocolate brownie. Vegetarian options available. Tickets cost £5 Adult, £3 Child or Family ticket £15 (2 Adult 2 Children).

Fruit/veg and milk

You should have received letters regarding fruit/veg and milk. A reminder that you should return orders for these by 6th 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.

Non-uniform day - Friday 30th November

For a donation for the Christmas Fair, children can come to school wearing their home clothes.

This year, we are asking for parents' support in donating one, or more, of the following items:

- Some chocolate for the chocolate tombola.
- A bottle for the bottle tombola.
- A jar for the Christmas Jar tombola as well.

Children could decorate their jars in a Christmas theme and then donate them. As we are already having a chocolate tombola, the jars could be filled with something other than sweets.

Thank you so much. We really appreciate parents' support in helping make our school fairs a success.

Gratitude shown for Shoebox Gift Appeal

Reverend Henton-Pusey has asked me to pass on his enormous gratitude to those families who were kind enough to put together shoe box gifts for his charity. In the next few weeks, your boxes will be making their way, by road, to refugees in Europe, where they will make someone's Christmas a little more bearable.

PSA Halloween Disco

Thank you to all who attended the Halloween Disco. It was a fun evening and there was some lovely feedback. The disco raised lots of money for the school, so kicked off the fundraising year well! Thank you to Mrs Tart, Mrs Campbell-Phillips and all of their helpers!

Purwell Christmas Fair - Sunday 2nd December, 11-2pm

Do you have a small business, craft items or homemade goods to sell? The PSA is holding its Christmas Fair on Sunday 2nd December, from 11-2pm. If you would like to be one of our stallholders, it's £10 for a table and £5 for an extra table. Please message Kay Tart if you would like a table or more information.

There will be a special stall this year, which will be selling items made by the pupils during their Pupil Voice sessions. This is an enterprise exercise which is of an educational benefit as well as being a fundraiser.

PSA Planning Meeting - Thursday 22nd November, 8pm, at the Millstream

The next PSA meeting will be Thursday 22nd November at The Millstream. All welcome. The Committee will be planning the Christmas Fair.

Sports Update

It's been a busy October and November for Team Purwell, with many children from all year groups representing the school in different events.

Our Year 4 Rapid Cricket Team performed well in its first tournament against 15 other Primary schools held at Fearnhill. The team came second and narrowly missed out on a place in the final by run difference. The pupils are already looking forward to the summer term cricket activities.

Ten Year 1 children took part in a Multi Skills festival, alongside nine other primary schools at Hitchin Girls' School, last week, where they had the chance to improve and learn new skills in activities such as football, athletics and dance.

Our netball teams have started the season well, with emphatic victories for the A team against Pirton, winning 10-0, and for the Boys team against Highover, winning 6-0.

Our footballers are showing great teamwork and are growing in confidence. Our boys' team was knocked out of the Wix Cup by losing a Quarter Final match against a strong Highover team, last week. Our girls' team will be playing its Wix Cup Quarter Final match at Ickleford, this Thursday. Good luck, girls! We will keep you updated, live, on twitter.

Last month saw the North Herts Cross County Championship take place at Knights Templar School. Seventeen Primary schools entered teams from Years 5 and 6.

Although we did not win any medals in any of the races, all our children performed well, with excellent races especially from Oscar, Isaac and Molly as well as the Boys Year 6 Team which finished in 4th place overall.

Christmas Newsletter

Our special Christmas newsletter will be published on Tuesday 27th November and sent home with the usual newsletter. This newsletter will contain details of all our festive events.

Display of the Week



Oak Class pupils have created a wonderful backdrop for their solemn and thought provoking war poetry.

Midday Supervisor - recruiting

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

The school needs to recruit a Cleaner, to start in January, to work five school days per week, two hours each day, either before or after school. 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.

Important date - school will be closed on Friday 7th December for an Occasional Day

Dates for Autumn term 2018

Tuesday 20 th Nov	Flu Vaccinations - Reception to Year 5
Thursday 29 th Nov	Year 4 to <i>Wizard of Oz</i> , at St Francis College.
Tuesday 4 th Dec	Year 5 to <i>A Christmas Carol</i> , at Fearnhill School
Friday 7 th Dec	School closed for Occasional Day
Wednesday 12 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Monday 17 th Dec	School Christmas Panto, funded by the PSA, <i>The Snow Queen</i>
Wednesday 19 th Dec	EYFS/KS1 afternoon production Christmas (family)
Thursday 20 th Dec	EYFS/KS1 evening production
Friday 21 st Dec	KS2 afternoon production Christmas (family)
	KS2 evening production
	1:20pm Christmas assembly and certificates
	Term ends at 2pm

Other important dates

Monday 7 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 8 th January	Pupils return for start of Spring Term
Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd February	Spring Half term
Wednesday 27 th March	Parent Consultations Evening
Thursday 28 th March	Parent Consultations Evening
Monday 8 th - Monday 22 nd April	Easter holidays
Tuesday 23 rd April	Inset Day
Wednesday 24 th April	Pupils return to school for Summer Term
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Friday 28 th June	Sports Day
Friday 12 th July	Inset Day
Wednesday 24 th July	End of the Summer Term

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