

Purwell Primary School

13th October 2020

Thought for the day: 'Those who move a mountain begin by carrying away small stones.' –Chinese Proverb

Contact details

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. It is important that we have up to date contact details in case of an emergency.

Parent Consultations evenings

Despite the ongoing impact of Covid-19, parent consultation evenings will still go ahead, however, we are changing how they will be arranged and conducted.

Next week, you will receive an email directly from your class teacher, detailing the allotted date and time for your appointment. Every parent will be given a 10-minute slot, between the hours of 4pm and 7pm, from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October. These times may vary a little, depending on the year group. If you are unavailable at the time you have been allocated, please let the teacher know, but we hope that the majority of parents will be available to speak with their child's teacher at their allotted times.

Teachers have been given a choice of whether to meet with parents face to face, or to conduct the consultations by telephone.

The teachers from Rec, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 will be conducting appointments over the phone, in which case, the teacher will use the phone number of the primary caregiver, as indicated on the contact details we hold for your child. It will be the mobile number, unless otherwise informed. Please allow time for your teacher to call you as they may overrun.

The teachers of Year 3 and 6 will be conducting face to face consultations in the school building. Mrs Keohane will host them in her classroom and Miss Cooper in her classroom. These will be socially distanced, and we ask parents to wear masks.

It is quite unusual to operate in this way, but we hope that by the time the spring term consultation meetings come along, we will be back to our usual arrangements. We would like to thank parents for their ongoing support and understanding at this difficult time.

Email links to class teachers

In preparation for the forthcoming parent consultations and the on-going potential return to home learning, teachers have email addresses which can be used to communicate to, and from, parents of children in their class. We would like each family to send the best contact email address to their teacher's email address (below).

mrsprue@purwell.herts.sch.uk mrsbarhey@purwell.herts.sch.uk mrskeohane@purwell.herts.sch.uk
mrhart@purwell.herts.sch.uk mrspowers@purwell.herts.sch.uk misscooper@purwell.herts.sch.uk
mrslancaster@purwell.herts.sch.uk

School photos

A photographer from Braiswick will be in school on Monday 19th October to photograph individuals. There will be no family group portraits this year.

Lunch menu

An incorrect date has been spotted on this term's menu. To avoid confusion, an updated copy is attached.

Flu vaccination

A reminder that flu vaccinations for pupils in Reception - Year 6 will be available, in school, next half term. If you have not done so already, flu vaccination consent forms should be returned this week, as they will be collected by the school nurse next week. If you need another copy of the form, please contact the school office.

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Governing Body

The Governing Body has produced a newsletter to explain some of its activities and to ask for nominations for parent governor vacancies. This is being sent with the newsletter. A list of current governors, with their profiles and photos is also attached.

Music tuition

There has been a change to the way in which music lessons are being administered. Lessons will take place in school, as usual, but you will, now, need to book tuition directly.

Instrumental music lessons are available with our school's music provider, Hertfordshire Music Service. All the information you need to book is available at <http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/registeronline>. Herts Music Service tutors will be teaching face to face or online and every effort has been taken to ensure both tutors and pupils are kept safe, in line with guidance.

PSA news

Next Tuesday, 20th October, the PSA will be launching a 6-week smartie challenge. It wishes to challenge those who want to join in to fill a smartie tube (not provided) with coins to donate to the PSA. £1 or 20p coins fit best. Children can earn these coins by helping in some way, either around the house, or relatives houses or acts of kindness generally. Please see the poster sent with the newsletter.

Then, on 22nd and 23rd October, there will be a Halloween Cake sale, during children's break times. The cakes will be 50p each. Donations of cakes would be gratefully received.

On 23rd October we will have the Halloween dress up, or home clothes day. Donations of £1 will be gratefully received.

The PSA will hold a Pumpkin Trail. This year, it will be slightly different from previous years. The PSA will be selling 15 spooky sweets in return for a £2 donation for the school. These will be available from the PSA Chair's house (please contact your class rep if you do not know the address) on Saturday 31st October, from 4-7pm, for parents to distribute every time the children spot a pumpkin or decoration at a house. In this way, there will be no need to approach houses. There will also be pulled pork baps and mulled apple juice available, in return for a donation to the school. All events will be Covid secure and socially distanced.

During half term, the PSA will be providing a free driving treasure hunt and a free walking treasure hunt to enjoy. The winner, who gets all the clues right, will be pulled out of a hat for a cash prize!

The PSA will, once again, be organising the preparation and sale of Christmas cards. The children will be working on their own designs which will be available for you to purchase and to give, as special memories, to friends and family.

The PSA has also set up an Amazon smile account for the Purwell School Association and has broadcast this link on its Facebook page. Using this system, any time anybody purchases from Amazon, a small percentage goes to the charity.

Here is the link if you want to help:

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/dashboard?ref_nav_yas_m_gw_ft

Stop means stop

The school has been asked by Herts County Council to draw parents' attention to its *Stop Means Stop* campaign regarding school crossings. Information about this will be sent with the newsletter.

Parent Forum

Information about a course for parents supporting girls awaiting assessment for ASD and/or ADHD is also being sent with the newsletter.

Dates for the Autumn term

Please note that many dates are provisional (P)

Monday 19 th October	Parent Consultations week
Monday 19 th October	Braiswick photographer in for individual photos

26th-30th October - Half term

Friday 4 th December	School closed for Occasional Day
Tuesday 15 th December	Afternoon - EYFS/Key Stage 1 Christmas production (family) (P) Evening - EYFS/Key Stage 1 production (P)
Wednesday 16 th December	Afternoon - Key Stage 2 Christmas production (family) (P) Evening - Key Stage 2 production (P)
Friday 18 th December	1:20pm Christmas assembly (P) Term ends at 2:00pm

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4 th January	School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Pupils return to school
15 th - 19 th February	Half-term
Friday 26 th March	Last day of term

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12 th April	School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 13 th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday
31 st May - 4 th June	Half-term
Monday 7 th June	School closed for Inset Day
Friday 2 nd July	School closed for Inset Day
Thursday 22 nd July	Last day of term

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