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Purwell Primary School  
15<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
☺ Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of  
an exciting new term at Purwell School ☺

**Curriculum information and homework expectations**

This week, each family will receive a booklet with details of the curriculum for the spring term. These can soon be found on our web site.

With this information, will be the expectations that the teachers have with regards to homework. The extra learning children do at home is a valuable supplement to a child's development. There may be deadlines set that children must meet. Please help your children to meet these, regularly.

**Assembly themes aim to build learning power**

The theme of Monday assemblies, this term, will be focused on learning. Topics such as: making mistakes a positive thing; taking ownership of one's learning; learning how to stretch one's abilities and adopting a growth mindset, will all be covered. Why not ask your child about them?

**Clubs information**

All after school sports clubs and lunchtime clubs will recommence next week. Other clubs will commence either next week or the week after. Look out for communications from the relevant member of staff leading the clubs.

**PSA Meeting - Thursday 17th January, 8pm at the Millstream**

This is the first PSA meeting of 2019, at 8pm in the Millstream. The Committee will be planning events for this term and looking ahead to the summer term. The Committee is planning to hold a pamper evening this term, so if you work in the beauty sector and would like to be involved, come along to the meeting or speak to Amanda Campbell-Phillips or Kay Tart.

**Collection arrangements for pupils**

If arrangements for the end of the school day change, with regards to how a pupil will be going home, please ensure that you let the school office know well in advance of the end of the school day.

**Keeping children safe on the internet-Educational Workshop for parents**

On Wednesday 30th January, parents are invited to come into school to take part in a workshop designed to educate parents of the risks to children posed by social media and the internet, more generally. A group called PHASE will be delivering this event, which is timed for an evening, as it is anticipated more parents will be available to attend an evening session.

PHASE will be delivering another workshop tailored to Year 6 pupils. At this one, pupils will be informed about the very latest risks posed to them by social media and the internet, more widely.

The dates are as follows:

Year 6 workshop - Tuesday 29th Jan, 1-3pm

Parents' workshop - Wednesday 30th Jan, 7:30-8:30pm

Until then, you can find a range of useful E-Safety information on the school's website, under Parents' Information.

### **School uniform**

Apologies to anyone waiting for outstanding uniform orders. Our supplier has been experiencing delays in acquiring its stock, with resulting delays in us receiving our orders. We have been advised that we should receive the orders soon. Thank you for your patience. In the meantime, we have been looking at potential alternative suppliers.

### **Gardens**

Please note that children should not be allowed to walk on the garden areas outside the school office or by the car park. These have been planted with bulbs which need to be given the opportunity to grow.

### **School closures - Winter 2019**

As part of the school's planning for emergencies, parents are reminded that incidents that necessitate school closure include such things as extreme weather and loss of essential electrical, water or heating services. Details of school closures will be texted to parents via Schoolcomms. They will also be displayed on the front page of the school website and on Twitter.

On days when the weather conditions are poor, but the school is open, parents are advised to walk to school, if possible, and, for those driving, it is advisable to park on Purwell Lane or Kingswood Avenue and walk the remainder.

We hope you appreciate that the decision to close is never made lightly, as the safety and welfare of our children, school staff and parents/carers is of paramount importance, and no one would like to see this compromised.

### **Taking holidays during term time**

Another reminder to parents that you should not take your child on holiday in term time, as it is disruptive both to your child's education and to the school.

#### **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?

#### **Dates for Spring and Summer Term 2019.**

Please put them into your diaries

Tuesday 29th Jan	PHASE Workshop for Year 6, E-Safety( 1-3pm) Sports Hall Indoor Athletics
Wednesday 30th Jan	PHASE Workshop for parents (7:30-8:30pm)
Wednesday 6th Feb	Football match, home V St Andrews
Thursday 14th Feb	Speed Stacking Competition (Year 4)

Half term - 18th to 22nd February

Wednesday 27th Feb	Year 3 begin swimming
Thursday 28th Feb	Netball match at Whitehill School
Tuesday 5th March	Gymnastics Competition NHC Theatre Group (pm)
Wednesday 13th March	Mathlon at Fearnhill School, Year 5

Friday 15th March	Football Rally, at Whitehill, Year 4
Tuesday 26th March	School closed for INSET Day
Wednesday 27th March	Quick-sticks Hockey at HBS
Thursday 28th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 3rd April	Parent Consultations
Friday 5th April	Year 4 Football Rally, at Highover
	Easter Certificate Assembly (1:20pm)
	End of term (2.00pm)

### Summer Term Dates

Tuesday 23rd April	School closed for INSET Day
Wednesday 24th April	Children return to school
Thursday 25th April	Swimming begins for Y4
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 visit to a Saxon village
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	A Team Netball Rally
Wednesday 1st May	Class and Team photographs
	B Team Netball Rally
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
13th to 17th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week

Half term - 27th to 31st May

Thursday 6th June	Year 5 swimming begins
Wednesday 26th June	PHASE in for second visit to Y6, E-Safety
Friday 28th June	Sports Day (Acorn and KS1 - morning, KS2 - pm)
Tuesday 9th July	Hitchin Schools Athletics
Wednesday 10th July	Open Day and Evening
Thursday 11th July	Meet the teacher am (pupils visit September class)
Thursday 11th July	Annual Reports go home
Friday 12th July	School closed for INSET day
Wednesday 24th July	Certificate Assembly (1:20pm)
	End of term (2.00pm)

### Term Dates 2019/20

Please note that these are Hertfordshire term dates. The school's five Inset Days and one Occasional Day have not yet been added.

**Start of term:** 2 September 2019

**Half term holiday:** 28 October 2019 - 1 November 2019

**Christmas holiday:** 23 December 2019 - 3 January 2020

**Half term holiday:** 17 February 2020 - 21 February 2020

**Easter holiday:** 6 April 2020 - 17 April 2020

**Half term holiday:** 25 May 2020 - 29 May 2020

**Summer holiday:** 22 July 2020 - 2 September 2020

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