

'Every day do something that will inch you closer to a better tomorrow.' Doug Firebaugh

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent teacher consultations, scheduled to take place on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March have been postponed.

Parents' Reading and Maths mornings

In line with the most recent guidance on minimising the spread of COVID-19, our weekly Wednesday Maths and Reading mornings in Early Years and Key Stage 1 will be cancelled until after Easter.

PSA Update

As a result of recent Government advice regarding social distancing, the PSA has taken the decision to suspend events until further notice. This action will ensure that families, including adults and grandparents, are not at risk of being put in a more vulnerable position than they might be already. It is still hoped that Purwell Rocks, planned for July, will be able to go ahead. Your understanding is appreciated. More exciting events will be planned for once this uncertain period is over.

It is also worth noting that this year's Walsworth Festival, scheduled to take place in May, has been cancelled by the organisers.

Update on Coronavirus and schools

The measures described in the paragraphs above are to minimise the number of contacts taking place in school. Parents are asked not to go into classrooms and, if possible, not to go into the school office if their enquiry could be dealt with by email or on the phone.

Following the Government announcement yesterday regarding the coronavirus outbreak, this is to update you on the arrangements for your child at school. This supplements the information contained in the separate letter that you should have received from the school yesterday.

Advice from the NHS guidance is shown below:

- Stay at home if you have Coronavirus symptoms.
- Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough.
- If you live with other people, they should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person got symptoms.
- If you have to stay at home, together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible.
- Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.
- You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

Full guidance can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please use common sense about this and ensure that your child stays at home for 7 calendar days if affected by those specific symptoms. Please inform the school in the usual way by emailing admin@purwell.herts.sch.uk if your child will not be attending and give the reason for absence.

Please can you also reinforce the importance for good hygiene and particularly the importance of proper handwashing with your children. We have ensured that soap is available in all our toilet facilities and this is checked daily. All the children are asked to wash their hands regularly, on entry to school, after break times, snack or lunchtimes and before they enter after school clubs. We

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are also enforcing the 'catch it, kill it, bin it' message and have increased the type and frequency of cleaning to minimise risks to our community. Children should all have their own refillable water bottle to have access to fresh water. They must not share bottles.

School Closure

We are advised that schools should not close unless advised to do so by the Department for Education or Public Health England. We are, however, preparing in case the school closes and we are looking at ways of managing a remote curriculum. Teachers have been set up with class emails, which are now active. (Please note that there is a technical glitch with Mrs Keohane's email. This will be resolved by the end of the week.) We would like each family to send the best contact email address to their teacher's email address (below) which has been set up for this purpose, so that teachers can send and receive learning activities.

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

mrs Lancaster@purwell.herts.sch.uk

We will continue to keep you updated via the school website, Schoolcomms and Twitter.

Sports Update

Our two teams of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 gymnasts performed brilliantly in their recent competition at Knights Templar School, with our Key Stage 2 team finishing third and our Key Stage 1 team finishing fourth. During a special whole school "Showcase" assembly, both teams performed their routines to rapturous applause. Congratulations to both teams and thank you to Miss Saville for her dedication in preparing our teams for their respective competitions.

Last week, we took two teams of netballers to play at Highover. Our A team slipped to their first defeat of the season but our B Team performed with great credit, drawing their match 2-2. Congratulations in particular to those B Team players who were involved in their first ever netball match for the school.

The school continues to support the national effort to minimise the spread of COVID-19 and, accordingly, all sports fixtures scheduled until the end of this term have been postponed.

Purwell School Allotments

Thank you to everybody who has volunteered to help make raised bed 'allotments' in our quiet garden area. One of our governors, Mr Nash, put out a Facebook request asking for donations of gardening equipment for our pupils to use and was delighted with the response. The beds look really good and we cannot wait to get planting in them!



'Child-friendly' Guide to COVID-19

You will find a guide to COVID-19 at the foot of this newsletter. This contains useful information and is presented in a very child-friendly way. We trust that you will find this useful.

Healthy Snacks

Please make sure that any snacks that children bring in as part of their packed lunches are healthy. Also, please remember that anything containing nuts is not allowed.

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Dates for 2019/2020

Spring Term 2020

Wednesday 25 th March	Parent Consultations (Early) - POSTPONED
Thursday 26 th March	Parent Consultations (Late) - POSTPONED
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Certificate Assembly (1:20pm) - TO BE CONFIRMED
	End of term (2.00pm)

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 th April	School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 21 st April	Pupils return to school
Thursday 23 rd April	Swimming begins for Y4
Wednesday 29 th April	Class and team photographs
Friday 8 th May	May Bank Holiday
11 th to 15 th May	KS2 SATs week
25 th - 29 th May	Half-term
Monday 1 st June	School closed for Inset Day
Thursday 4 th June	Swimming begins for Year 5
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day (Acorn and KS1 - morning, KS2 - pm)
Wednesday 8 th July	Open Day and Evening
Thursday 9 th July	Meet the teacher morning (pupils visit September class)
Friday 10 th July	Annual Reports go home
Friday 17 th July	Certificate Assembly (1.20pm)
	End of term (2.00pm)
Monday 20 th July	School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 21 st July	School closed for Occasional Day's holiday

Term Dates 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020

Wednesday 2 nd September	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 3 rd September	Children return to school
26 th October - 30 th October	Half-term
Friday 4 th December	School closed for Occasional Day's holiday
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2021

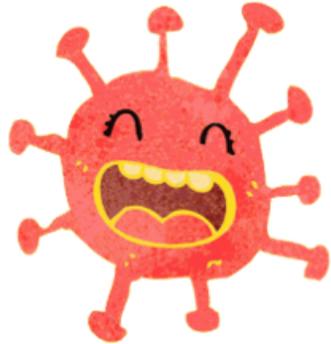
Monday 4 th January	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 5 th January	Children return to school
15 th - 19 th February	Half-term
Friday 26 th March	Last day of term

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12 th April	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 13 th April	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd 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

HELLO!

I am a VIRUS,
cousins with the Flu and
the Common Cold



My name is Coronavirus

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I love to travel...



and to jump
from hand to
hand to say Hi

Have you heard about me?

YES NO

And how do you feel when
you hear my name?



Relaxed



Confused



Worried



Curious

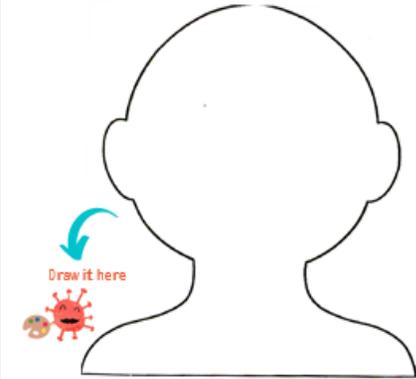


Nervous



Sad

I can understand you
feel...

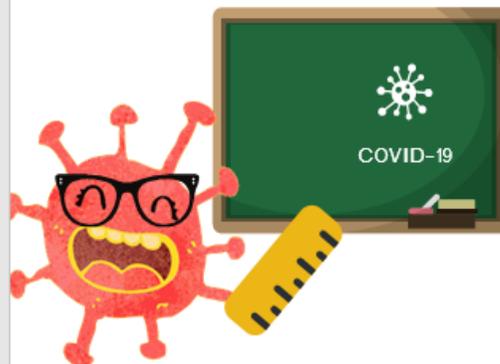


...I would feel the same way

Sometimes adults get
worried when they read
the news or see me on TV



But I am going to explain
myself...



So you can understand...

When I come to visit, I bring...



Difficulty breathing

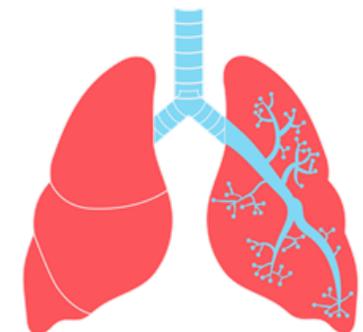


Fever



Cough

But I don't stay with
people for long, and almost
everyone gets better



Just like when you get a
scrape on your
knee and it heals

BYE BYE---



Dont you worry!

The adults who take care of you:

will keep you safe



And you can help...



1
By washing your hands
with soap and water
while singing a song



You can sing your favorite song,
the happy birthday song, or the
alphabet song



2
By using hand sanitizer
and letting it dry on
your hands



Without moving them count to 10

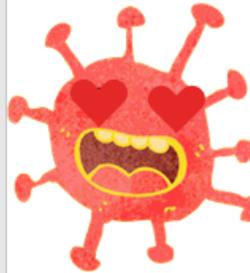
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Once your hands are dry you can get
back to playing!!

If you do all that
I will not come to visit

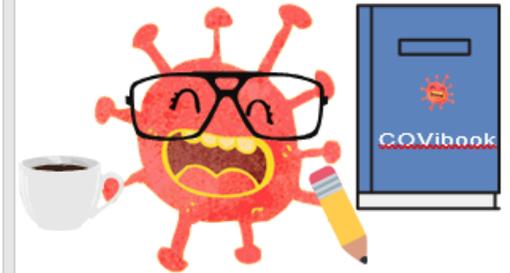


while the doctors work to find a vaccine
that will allow me to say hi
without getting you sick.



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