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Purwell Primary School
24th April 2018

'Children seldom misquote. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.' ~ Author Unknown

Curriculum information

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

Clubs letter to go out soon

The Summer term has begun, which means we introduce our summer clubs timetable. This week, each child will receive a clubs letter and timetable outlining what clubs are available and how they will be allocated.

Class and team photos - Wednesday 2nd May

On Wednesday 2nd May, the photographer will be coming in to take photos of our classes and sports teams. The photos will be available to purchase afterwards.

New faces this term

For the start of the Summer term, we welcome Shannon Day to the team. Miss Day has joined us as a Teaching Assistant in Acorn Class.

We also have three student teachers, who are taking their final school placements with us, before they embark upon their teaching careers, in September. These are: Katherine Riches in Willow, Gurpreet Ghai in Beech and Lily Southwell in Oak Class.

60th anniversary reunion

This term, to celebrate this milestone, on Saturday 16th June, 8 - 11pm, there will be a school reunion for former pupils, over the age of 18. If you are a former pupil and you wish to attend, please notify the school office using admin@purwell.herts.sch.uk.

Campaign against school cuts

Going home in book bags this week are leaflets that are designed to inform parents about the impact that education cuts are having on schools' budgets, nationally. One of our parents is seeking to generate support for the campaign and, if you wish to get involved too, we can give her your contact details, via the school office.

PSA Dates for your Diary

Saturday 28th April, 4.30pm-7.30pm - Family Race Night

Saturday 12th May, 10am-2pm - Fair in the Square

Sunday 20th May, 11am-4pm - Walsworth Festival

Thursday 7th June, 8pm - PSA meeting at The Millstream

Saturday 7th July, 7pm - Rearranged Quiz Night

PSA Family Race Night - Saturday 28th April, 4.30pm-7.30pm

Tickets are on sale, now, for the Family Race Night. Tickets are available either from the school office or by returning the slip on the letter your child should have received, last week. It should be a fun family evening where you have a chance to bet on your favourite horse and then watch it run. Winners receive a share of the tote! The night will also include food, a bar and a raffle!

Volunteers will be needed to help set up, serve food, run the tote and clear up.

If you are able to spare half an hour on the day, please speak to Mrs Drury, your class rep or sign up to the doodle poll on the Facebook page.

Fair in the Square - Saturday 12th May, 10am-2pm

The Fair in the Square is on Saturday 12th May, from 10am - 2pm in the Market Square, Hitchin. There will be lots of activities and stalls, including cakes, games, bric a brac and even a climbing wall! Our choir is performing, so please come along and support!

The PSA is running the raffle stall and is looking for volunteers to help set up and run the stall. If you are able to help for an hour, then please either sign up on the doodle poll, via the Facebook page, or speak to Mrs Drury or your class rep.

This year, the raffle has some great prizes including £150 cash prize. Today, in your child's book-bag, you will receive a book of raffle tickets. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for the book. Please can you sell these tickets to family and friends and then return the slips and money to school. Please also return any unsold tickets, as these can be sold on the day. Tickets and money should be returned to school by Friday 11th May 2018. The draw will take place at 1.45pm on Saturday 12th May in the market square. The PSA will receive an equal share of the proceeds of the raffle.

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 18th May

At the Walsworth Festival, on Sunday 20th May, the PSA will be running a Sweetie Jar Tombola. There will be a non-uniform day, on Friday 18th May. Instead of donating money to charity for not wearing their uniform, children should each bring in a jar of sweets to donate to the stall. Children are welcome to decorate the jars if they wish, perhaps with a Royal Wedding theme!

As always, volunteers are needed to help with setting up and running the stall. The event runs from 11am - 4pm. If you can spare an hour, then please sign up on the doodle poll on the Facebook page or speak to Mrs Drury or your class rep.

As we get into the last term of the year, the PSA committee would like to thank you for your continued support, help and donations. Without your support, it would not be possible for the PSA to have run the events, and raise the funds for the school, that it has.

Sports Update

Teams from Purwell have attended two recent football rallies, with our Years 3 and 4 footballers participating in an event hosted by Highover and our Girls' team in an event held at Wilshere-Dacre. Both rallies were played in blistering heat and there were some excellent individual and team performances. Particular mention should be made to Benji and Kaya, who played their first matches for Purwell, and to Zoe, Olivia, Alice C and Daisy, who were playing in their last matches for Purwell, as they prepare to move on to secondary school. Also deserving of a special mention is Szymon, our A Team goalkeeper, who performed heroically for the Hitchin District Representative Team in its 3-2 win over St. Albans, last Saturday. With the scores finely balanced at 2-2, he pulled off a number of outstanding saves that brought gasps of astonishment from the sizeable number of spectators in attendance. We really are very proud of all of our footballers and the way that they have continued to develop their skills in their time at Purwell. Thank you also to parents for their wonderful and enthusiastic support.

This Saturday morning, our A Team netballers will be in action in a rally being held at Whitehill. We wish all the players good luck and hope that the weather stays fine for them.

Cycle Proficiency for Year 5 and Year 6, w/c Monday 23rd July

A letter has been sent to parents of children in Years 5 and 6 regarding cycle proficiency lessons. The 4 day long training is due to commence in the week beginning Monday 23rd July.

National and International awards for rising badminton star

Congratulations to Saghana, from Maple Class, who competed in her first international badminton tournament, in Denmark, during the Easter holidays.

She played in the U13 singles and U13 doubles and, despite being much younger than her appointments, Saghana won gold in the singles and doubles. She also picked up a silver medal in the nationals.



Summer Term Dates

Thursday 26th April
 Friday 27th April
 Saturday 28th April
 Wednesday 2nd May
 Wednesday 2nd May
 Monday 7th May
 Saturday 12th May
 14th to 18th May
 Friday 18th May
 Sunday 20th May
 Friday 25th May

Swimming begins for Year 4
 Beech Class trip to the British Museum
 Netball A team Rally, at Whitehill School.
 Class and Team photographs
 Netball B team Rally, at Highover School
 Bank Holiday
 Fair in the Square
 Key Stage 2 SATs week
 Non uniform day
 Walsworth Festival
 Occasional Day's holiday

Half term 28th May to 1st June

Thursday 7th June
 Saturday 16th June
 Tuesday 19th June
 Friday 22nd June
 Friday 29th June
 Tuesday 3rd July
 Tuesday 3rd July
 Saturday 7th July
 Wednesday 11th July
 Thursday 12th July
 Thursday 12th July
 Friday 13th July
 Tuesday 17th July
 Friday 20th July
 Thursday 26th July
 Thursday 26th July
 Friday 27th July

Year 5 swimming begins
 60th Anniversary School Reunion (8.00 - 11.00pm)
 PHASE in for second visit to Year 6, E-Safety
 Sports Day (Acorn and Key Stage 1 - morning, Key Stage 2 - afternoon)
 Drug awareness workshop, for Year 6
 Year 5 trip to Hatfield House
 Year 6 to Crucial Crew
 PSA Quiz night
 Open Day and Evening
 Meet the teacher morning (pupils visit September class)
 Annual Reports go home
 School closed for INSET day
 Year 6 to transition service, at St Faith's Church
 Year 6 leavers' assembly (2.15pm)
 Certificate Assembly (1.20pm)
 End of term (2.00pm)
 School closed for Occasional Day

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 £7.52 per hour. Why not think about joining our friendly lunchtime team?

Parent Workshops

Understanding Sleep Issues in children with Autism/ADHD

Tuesday, 1 May 2018

10am to 12pm

Letchworth Garden City Partnership Pod

Northfield Infant and Nursery School, SG6 4PT

Booking: <http://nhdspl.org.uk/home/event-list.html>



ABSOLUTELY DRAMA
An Autism friendly drama class for 5 – 7 year olds.

Learn drama and movement skills

- Improve communication
- Raise self esteem
- Make friends
- Have fun

St Paul's Church Hall, Letchworth Thursday 4.40-5.20pm
For more details or to book a place contact
Natalie on 07956552335 or Natalie@littlehoward.co.uk
f @absolutelydrama
Free trial lesson 19th April.



My Language Hub: Primary After School Spanish (PASS)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have supported the Spanish sessions to date. Our priority continues to be to ensure that children are able to receive these sessions. Now is the time for any parents whose children are keen to sign up to think about doing so. Attached to the newsletter are details about how to register interest for next year, 2018/2019.

Advice on Head lice and Nits

Check for head lice and nits - Regularly checking your child's hair will mean you can spot head lice at the very first sign, and treat them effectively.

How to spot nits and head lice - not sure what to look for?



Lice



Nit

When to treat head lice - Treat head lice as soon as you see a live one.

Check all the family and treat anyone who has lice. And remember, if you choose to use a medicated product, use it only when you see live head lice. Do not use a medicated product as a preventative method, otherwise head lice can build up a resistance.

How to prevent head lice - Repeat, repeat, repeat. Always follow up any treatment method as directed by the instructions on the product you're using. Even with treatments that are claimed to kill head lice after one application, the Department of Health suggests checking for lice again after three to five days, and again 10 to 12 days after using the treatment. This is because not all the eggs may be killed by the first application. If you choose the conditioner-and-nit-comb method, repeat this at regular intervals until all the nits and lice have gone. Regularly combing through your child's hair and checking will help prevent a reinfestation.

How head lice spread - Head lice are extremely common – they're nothing to be embarrassed about. If your child has them please inform us as this will help stop the spread of head lice in your child's classroom. If you don't, you run the risk of your now lice-free child being reinfected by someone they gave the lice to.