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Newsletter

27th November 2018

Thought for the week: 'While we try to teach our children all about life, Our children teach us what life is all about' ~ Angela Schwindt

Christmas Newsletter

With this newsletter, you should find our Christmas newsletter containing details of all our Christmas events.

Sports Award for Purwell

Last week, Jay Livermore, from the Sports Partnership, presented Purwell School with a gold award for sports and PE provision. Congratulations to the children and to Miss Saville and Mr Hart for all their hard work ensuring Purwell School's PE provision remains at a gold standard.



Non-uniform day - Friday 30th November

It's the most magical time of year - fairy lights and baubles, snowmen and Christmas trees. And we want it all - on a jumper. This Friday is a non-uniform day. This year we are asking for donations of either some chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola or a bottle of wine for one of the games stalls.



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

This year, the PSA Christmas Fayre will be on Sunday 2nd December, from 11am-2pm. There will be lots of external stall holders, selling Christmas goods, and a pupils' enterprise stall. There will also be fantastic food and drink, with games to play, music, crafts, gifts and rides and activities to take part in. We will also be holding the popular Children's Shop, where there will be a variety of presents for

parents on sale. Santa will be welcoming visitors to his Grotto again. To make sure you don't miss out on seeing Father Christmas it is advisable to book ahead, bookings are now being taken via the school office.

Lots of helpers are needed to make the Christmas Fair a success so, if you are able to spare half an hour to help on a stall or some time to help set up from 9am or to clear away after the Fair, any time you can give would be much appreciated. Please speak to either Mrs Tart or Mrs Campbell-Phillips or speak to your class rep about the rota for their stall.

Keeping children's images 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.

Children get ready for Christmas productions

Rehearsals for the Christmas productions are in full swing at the moment. On Tuesday 11th December, tickets will go on sale at the school office for those who wish to attend. The number of pupils in school has increased to a point where it is not possible to have the whole school on the stage at the same time, so please note that, like last year, the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will have separate performances from Key Stage 2. There will be a small charge for attendance at these performances - £1 for children of primary school age and £3.00 for everyone else. A raffle will be drawn for a Christmas hamper at the final evening performance. Tickets for this hamper raffle, which cost £1.00 per strip, will be available at all performances and will also be on sale in the school office.

Wednesday 19th December, 2pm and 6.30pm, Nursery to Year 2

Thursday 20th December, 2pm and 6.30pm, Years 3 to 6

Christmas lunch - Wednesday 12th December

Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 12th December. The kitchen staff need to order supplies early and, to do this, they need to have an idea of lunch numbers in advance. Please note that there will be only two options on that day, a Christmas lunch (Red band) and a vegetarian option (Green band). It will be assumed that all pupils will have the Christmas lunch, unless you inform us otherwise. Please advise the school office, as soon as possible, if you would like your child to have the vegetarian option (vegetable wellington) or a home packed lunch.

If your child does not normally eat school lunches, but you would like them to have Christmas lunch, it will be fine for them to order on the day. However, if they have an allergy or intolerance to any foods, please complete an online form, giving details of the allergy or intolerance, to ascertain whether a modified meal can be provided for them. This will need to be completed by this Friday. The link to the form is

<https://hertscatering.co.uk/allergy-menu-application/>

Roof replacement begins

Much needed roof work will soon commence on the Infant and Early Years side of the school. The work is estimated to last 12 weeks. We will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum. Thank you for your patience and support in this matter.

Important after-school clubs information

Thursday 6th December will be the last day for all the after-school clubs for this term. After Christmas, a letter will be sent out for the Spring Term clubs, as the Autumn Term clubs will have finished. However, Cookery Club will not begin again until after the roof over the cookery room has been repaired.

Don't forget the school will be closed on Friday 7th December, as it is an 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 £8.49 per hour. Why not think about joining our friendly lunchtime team?

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