

'Thought for the day: 'Out of difficult times grow miracles' - Jean De La Bruyere.

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.

Harvest celebration

This year, we will not be able to celebrate harvest in the traditional ways. However, to mark the event this year, each class will be performing a short presentation. These will be recorded and shared with parents via email. Presentations may include Harvest songs, poetry or artwork. We hope that parents will enjoy seeing the performances.

If you wish to donate food this year, you can do so via groups such as the *Foodbank* and *Feed up, Warm up*. Please do this directly, as we will not be taking donations of food through the school this year.

Free School Meals (FSM)

If you are on any benefits, your children may be eligible for FSM. Registering for UIFSM will identify pupils in Reception and Years 1 and 2. However, you will need to apply separately for pupils in Years 3 - 6. You should complete the appropriate form on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to apply. Please ask in the School Office if you have any questions about this.

School meals

School meals cost £2.65 per day, £13.25 per week. Cheques should be made payable to *Hertfordshire Catering Ltd*, or payment can be made on School Gateway.

Change of lunch menu

On Thursday 1st October, there will be a change of lunch menu. On that day, the red option will be sausage baguette, the green option will be fish fingers baguette, there will be a third option of cheese and tomato roll for vegetarians.

We would ask that as many pupils as possible in Reception to Year 2 have a school meal that day. An element of school funding is based on the number of children who take advantage of the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme on School Census Day, which is on 1st October, so it would be to the school's advantage to have as many as possible taking lunch. We would be grateful for your support.

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.

Don't miss out on the latest. Get e-connected

You can keep up to date with what's going on via Twitter. As it is a closed group, you will need to contact the school, with your Twitter username, in order to be accepted.

PSA news

Forthcoming events

- Cake sales on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October.
- Non-uniform day on Friday 23rd October. For a donation of £1, children (and adults) can wear their spookiest Halloween costume to school.

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 our charity.

Here is the link if you want to help:

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

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Dates for the Autumn term

Please note that many dates are provisional (P)

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

26th-30th October - Half term

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

Term ends at 2:00pm

Dates for 2021

Spring Term 2021

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

Summer Term 2021

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

Free Parenting Workshops

Family Lives are delivering 3 different online programmes this term funded by HCC and delivered through MS Teams:

1. Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children aged 5 to 13 with ADHD (1 x 6-week group)
2. Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children aged 5 to 15 with SEN (1 x 8-week group)
3. Getting on with your Pre-teen/Teen for parents of children aged 10 to 16 (3 x 6-week groups on different days/times)

Attached to the email you received is an outline of each of the programmes and a self-referral form for parents.

Programme	Times	Day	Dates
Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children aged 5 to 13 with SEN	12.30 - 2.30pm	Thursday	1, 8, 15 & 22 Oct & 5, 12, 19 & 26 November 2020
Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children aged 5 to 13 with ADHD	12.30 - 2.30pm	Monday	9, 16, 23, 30 Nov & 7, 14 December 2020
Getting on with your Pre-teen/Teen for parents of children aged 10 to 16	7.00 - 9.00pm	Wednesday	7, 14, 21 Oct & 4,11,18 November 2020
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Getting on with your Pre-teen/Teen for parents of children aged 10 to 16	9.30 - 11.30am	Friday	13, 20 & 27 November & 4, 11 & 18 December 2020

Perform drama club free offer

The Perform drama group is offering all children an introductory free class which can be booked at this link - <https://www.perform.org.uk/free-drama-class>. Parents can also watch a video about their safety measures at [perform.org.uk/covidsafety](https://www.perform.org.uk/covidsafety). They are offering a £40 discount should they decide to sign up.

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