

'While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about' ~Angela Schwindt

Science Week

This week is our 'Science Week' at Purwell. A letter was sent home, at the end of last half term, inviting pupils to bring science experiments into school this week and to share these with the rest of their class. We hope as many pupils as possible will choose to participate. Each class will choose their favourite experiment, which will then be shared with the whole school during a special Science Week 'Grand Final' assembly, starting at 2:15pm on Friday 8th March. Parents are, of course, welcome to attend and we hope to see as many of you as possible joining us for this celebration.

Parent Teacher Consultations

These will take place on:

Wednesday 27th March (early) and Thursday 28th March (late)

Booking forms will be in the entrance lobby from 3.00pm on Thursday 14th March for all pupils, from Nursery to Year 6.

Building Works Update

It is pleasing to report that work to repair the school roof was completed on time and that the scaffolding has now been taken down. Metal fencing on the KS1 playground will be removed imminently, with work to replace the canopy outside Nursery being scheduled for this Thursday and Friday.

School Uniform

A leaflet was recently sent out giving details of school uniform available from our new supplier. Please contact the office if you require any further information or to request a spare copy of this leaflet. Please note that items which can still be purchased from the school are book bags, shoe bags, water bottles and caps.

Drama Workshops

Last Friday, classes enjoyed drama and dance workshops based around the book 'Where the Wild Things Are'. This week, with World Book Day taking place on Thursday 7th March, teachers have planned stimulating units of work linked to the drama and dance workshops - some wonderful work has already been produced!

Healthy Snacks

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

PSA Update

The PSA will be holding its next meeting this Thursday (7th March), at 8pm at The Millstream. Any parents wishing to attend are welcome.

The next PSA event will be taking place on Saturday 30th March, when a Pamper Night will be hosted at the school. This promises to be a fantastic evening of Pizza, Prosecco and Pampering! (Non- alcoholic drinks are also available). Mini treatments, including manicures, massages and many more will be available. Keep the date free and watch out for more details soon!

Parent Workshop

Parents may be interested in a workshop called 'Anxiety in Early Years'. This workshop will be taking place on Wednesday 13th March 2019 (10am-12pm) at Hitchin Youth Trust, 111 Walsworth Road, Hitchin, SG4 9SP.

To book your place please go to <http://nhdspl.org.uk/home/event-list.html>



Sports Update

We have a busy programme of sporting fixtures from now until the end of term.

The first of four 'End of Season' football rallies takes place next Wednesday (13th March), when our Year 4s will be in action at Whitehill. On Saturday 16th March, it will be our girls' turn, at Wilshere-Dacre. Our B Team will be participating in a rally on Thursday 21st March, at Highover, with our A Team players getting their opportunity at Wilshere-Dacre on Saturday 23rd March. Good luck to all involved. Look out for tweets from all of these competitions!

Just before half term, our A Team netballers played a match away at Samuel Lucas, performing brilliantly to claim a 6-3 win. This was all the more remarkable as, for many of the team members, it was their first match representing the school at netball.

Our Year 4 Cup Stacking team was also in action at the end of last half term. Team members performed with great credit in the competition at Knights Templar and did themselves and the school proud.

Our gymnasts have been in action today (5th March) and have shown tremendous dedication to learn their routine for today's competition. Key Stage 1 gymnasts achieved a bronze medal and Key Stage 2 achieved silver. Well done to all.

Three of our A Team footballer players starred, once again, as Hitchin's District representative team recorded a 5-2 win over a strong team representing Brent District last Saturday, 2nd March. Oscar, Blaine and Isaac have represented Hitchin District admirably this season, demonstrating consistently high standards of play.

Athletics Competition Success

Huge congratulations to our Boys' Athletics Team who, having qualified from the local heats, participated in the Sports Hall Athletics Finals last Tuesday. The team performed admirably, finishing as the highest placed school from Hitchin and in 3rd place over all. This was a terrific achievement and all the team deserve great credit, as does Miss Saville for her sterling work in preparing the team!

Dates for Spring Term 2019

Please ensure that these dates are in your diaries

Friday 8 th March	Science Week Assembly (2.15pm)
Wednesday 13 th March	Mathlon at Fearnhill School, Year 5 Year 4 Football Rally at Whitehill School
Friday 15 th March	School closed for INSET Day
Saturday 16 th March	Girls' Football Rally at Wilshere Dacre School
Thursday 21 st March	B Team Football Rally at Highover School
Saturday 23 rd March	A Team Football Rally at Wilshere-Dacre School
Tuesday 26 th March	Quick-sticks Hockey at Hitchin Boys' School
Wednesday 27 th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 28 th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 3 rd April	Year 4 Football Rally at Highover School
Friday 5 th April	Easter Certificate Assembly (1.20pm) End of term (2.00pm)

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