

Purwell Primary School

9th October 2018

Quote for the day: 'One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade' - ancient Chinese proverb"

Harvest assembly - Thursday 11th October

The harvest assembly will take place this Thursday, at 2:15pm, in the school hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend this service. Donations of produce should be brought into school either the day before, or on the morning of, the assembly. These items will be distributed amongst the senior citizens living in our community on the Friday. The school holds a list of senior citizens in the area. Please let us know of any new senior citizens who have moved into the area, or of any who have not received harvest gifts from us before but would like to do so now. Pupils are invited to decorate a shoebox and bring it to school to be used to distribute our harvest gifts.

Parent Teacher Consultations

These will take place on:

Wednesday 24th October until 7.00pm

Thursday 25th October until 6.00pm

Booking forms for these consultations will be in the entrance lobby for all pupils, from Nursery to Year 6, at 3pm on Friday 12th October.

Book Fair

The Travelling Book Company 'book fair' is in school on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th October, to coincide with Parent Teacher Consultation evenings. It will be open from 3.20pm until 5pm on these days, for you and your child to come and visit. Please support us, as the commission goes towards new books for school.

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 user name, in order to be accepted.

Electronic payments

A reminder that the most secure way of paying for school meals etc is via the School Gateway, although cheques and cash can be paid in at the school office. If you do not know how to access the School Gateway, please ask in the school office. The school cannot take responsibility for cash which goes missing if it has not been delivered directly to the school office by an adult.

School Cuts National Day of Action, Friday October 19th

The HHPASC (Hitchin and Harpenden Parents Against School Cuts) campaign group is keen to get as many schools as possible in Hitchin and Harpenden involved in a national event. The organisers, Mrs Tart and Miss Fairbrother, recently attended a parents' conference at the NEU on 15th September, where it was decided that the theme for the National Day of Action would be #floss4funding.

The idea is that schools, parents and members of the wider community organise their own floss performance, film it, and then upload the clips to social media on 19th October. The school will be supporting this event with some flossing in PE and assemblies. A letter will be sent home, later this week, seeking parental permission for your child to take part in this event.

For further information is available via a short video. Here is the link to the video, via YouTube channel: [HHPASC Floss4Funding Video](#)



Data collection sheets

If you have not yet returned your child's data collection sheet, please do so at the earliest opportunity, but definitely by Friday 12th October, even if there are no changes.

Sports Update

It's been a busy and successful start to the season for Purwell's sports teams. Victories in the early rounds have seen both our Girls and A-Team footballers progressing to the Quarter Finals of their respective Wix Cup competitions, where Ickleford and Highover await.

Our A-Team footballers also represented Hitchin in the Pix Cup, competing against schools from Letchworth, Baldock and Stevenage in a competition held at Pixmore School. After fantastic performances in each of their matches, Team Purwell won the trophy for the first time by picking up the most points, scoring the most goals and conceding the fewest. We are incredibly proud of the team on this tremendous achievement.

Congratulations also to three of our footballers who have been selected to be part of the Hitchin District Representative squad. Oscar, Blaine and Isaac played very well when they made their first appearances in fixtures against North Herts and St. Albans recently.

It's not been all football, as a team of girls and boys from Years 5 and 6 also attended an Olympic Legacy event at Knights Templar School. During this event, our teams competed in various events and activities as diverse as boccia, wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball and table tennis (to name a few). Other pupils took on roles of Sports Reporters and got to carry the Olympic Torch during an Opening Ceremony. There were some terrific Team Purwell performances, with medals being won in several different events including, notably, our all-conquering handball team.

Our netballers have been enjoying their after-school training and are really looking forward to starting their fixtures in the next few weeks.

We have seen an unprecedented number of boys and girls attending our Friday lunchtime cross-country running club. We are very much looking forward to attending the North Herts cross-country running competition in the next few weeks. It looks like we will have lots of very strong runners to select our team from.

All of our clubs have started, and these have been well attended so far. Despite the issues faced in school funding, we are committed to providing a diverse range of clubs to pupils. We are only able to do this through the dedication and commitment of our hard-working staff here at Purwell.

Free Parent Workshops

Understanding behaviour in your child with additional needs

Tuesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd October 6th, 13th, 20th November 2018, 7.00 - 9.00pm. Mrs Howard Hall, Norton Way South, Letchworth, SG6 1NX. Pre-booking essential

For further information, contact Supporting Links on: 01442 300185

Talking Families

FREE 6-week course for parents and carers of children aged 0-19 will help you to: Manage challenging behaviour with consistency; encourage positive behaviour; build your child's self-esteem; set and maintain boundaries; respond to tantrums and difficult feelings in children
Thursdays 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November and 6th, 13th December 2018 7.00 - 9.00pm The Oval Community Centre, Vardon Road, Stevenage. SG1 5RD. Pre-booking essential. For further information, contact Supporting Links on: 01442 300185

Other important dates

Monday 7th January

Tuesday 8th January

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February

Wednesday 27th March

Thursday 28th March

Monday 8th - Monday 22nd April

Tuesday 23rd April

Wednesday 24th April

Monday 6th May

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May

Friday 28th June

Friday 12th July

Wednesday 24th July

Inset Day

Pupils return for start of Spring Term

Spring Half term

Parent Consultations Evening

Parent Consultations Evening

Easter holidays

Inset Day

Pupils return to school for Summer Term

Bank Holiday

Half Term

Sports Day

Inset Day

End of the Summer Term



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BIG GREEN
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TO BE FOUND**

**21ST OCTOBER 2018
10AM - 12NOON
ALL OVER HITCHIN**

TO JOIN IN EMAIL:
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BY 14TH OCTOBER

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