

PURWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

10th June 2021

'Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted,' Garrison Keillor

Wellbeing Day - the circus comes to town!

We are very grateful to the PSA for funding a wellbeing day for children and staff, at the end of the term. I am delighted to announce that the circus will be coming to school on Wednesday 21st July! The day will start with a show for all the children, then, throughout the day, each class will get an opportunity to have a go at practicing some circus skills themselves. Some of the activities the children will have a go at will include juggling, plate spinning, hula hooping, low stilt walking, ostrich feather balancing, and spinning the 'diablo'.

It promises to be a lot of fun, which is exactly what we need at the end of this tough year.



Class organisation for September and meet the teacher - Thursday 8th July.

On Thursday 8th July, pupils will get the chance to spend some of the morning with their new teacher for September. The morning will offer the opportunity for children and their next teachers and TAs to get to know one another in preparation for moving up a year group in September.

I am pleased to announce that we will have the same teaching and learning staff next academic year as we have had for the last two years. That consistency and securing of their expertise is important to maintaining our high standards.

We will, also, have an additional teacher joining us next year, Mr Timothy Chan, who we will be welcoming to the Purwell team. This new addition to the staff has been made possible as Mr Hart's role will look slightly different next year, as he will be working with pupils across the year groups. The full class allocations will be as follows:

Early Years - Mrs Prue
Year 1 - Mrs Barhey
Year 2 - Mrs Powers
Year 3 - Mrs Keohane
Year 4 - Mr Chan
Year 5 - Mrs Lancaster
Year 6 - Mrs Cooper

Sports Day- Friday 9th July

Our Sports Day will, this year, take place on Friday 9th July. Reception and Key Stage 1's events will take place in the morning (starting at 9:30am), with Key Stage 2's in the afternoon (starting at 1:15pm). Save the date! All being well, we hope to be in a position to invite parents onto the field to spectate,

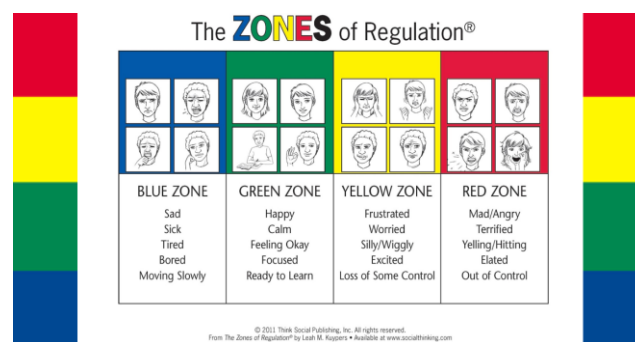
however, this very much depends on future Government Covid announcements, on the planned return to normality, on 21st June. If we can arrange crowds on the field safely, and legally, we will do it.

Zones of Regulation

Recently, staff have been trained in ways to better help pupils to regulate their emotions. The programme, called Zones of Regulation, seeks to help pupils understand their emotions better and offer strategies to help them at times of heightened emotional states.

For more information, a useful PowerPoint has been created for parents to help them understand a little more about how the programme works. This PowerPoint is now on the school's website and can be found under the parent's information tab. Here's a link to it;

[Purwell Primary School » Parents' Information](#)



Pedestrian skills training - Tuesday 15th June

Our 'Pedestrian Skills' training for Year 4 pupils will take place on Tuesday 15th June. We have implemented this programme successfully for many years, with pupils being given the opportunity to walk around the Purwell area in supervised, small groups, learning how to cross roads safely and spot hazards faced by pedestrians.

Sun safety

With the glorious weather we have had recently, it seems like a good time to recap our 'safe in the sun' approach.

- There are plenty of shaded areas under the trees and by the gazebo and children are encouraged to play in the shade on hot sunny days.
- All children should have a sun hat or cap to wear when playing out. Purwell School caps can be bought from the school office. Please ensure all are NAMED clearly.
- You may wish to apply sunscreen to your child at the start of the day; however, children should not bring bottles of cream into school for reapplication. There are many brands which offer long-lasting/all-day protection and a liberal application in the morning would see them through the school day.
- Children should have a bottle of water with them in school, each day, which should be named. However, these must have a 'sports cap' and not an open bottle neck, to prevent spillages on children's work. Bottles of water should not be frozen (although specially designed water bottles, where the centre can be frozen to keep the water chilled, are permitted).
- Children should have summer PE kit for outdoor sports, every day (not long trousers).

PSA Update

Bags2school - 16th June

Bags2school charity will be collecting any donations of unwanted clothes, belts, paired shoes or handbags in black bin liners from Purwell School on newt Wednesday 16th. Bags of items can start coming in from Monday. Money received will go to the PSA.

Cleaner - recruiting for September

The school needs to recruit a Cleaner, to start in September. Working hours are five school days per week, two hours each day. Duties include cleaning classrooms and other areas of the school. The rate of pay is £9:25 per hour. If you are interested, please approach Mrs Sharp, our School Business Manager in the school office, for an application form.

School Diary Dates

Summer Term 2021

Thursday 10 th June	Swimming lessons commence for Year 5
Tuesday 15 th June	Pedestrian skills training for Year 4
Friday 2 nd July	School closed for INSET day.
Friday 9 th July	Sports Day
Friday 16 th July	Annual reports sent to parents
Wednesday 21 st July	PSA funded Circus Wellbeing day
Thursday 22 nd July	Last day of term.

Term dates for 2021/22

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 2nd September	Children return to school
25th October - 29th October	Half-term
Friday 3rd December	School closed for Occasional Day's holiday
Tuesday 21st December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 6th January	Children return to school
14th February - 18th February	Half-term
Friday 11th March	School closed for INSET day
Friday 1st April	Last day of term

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April	School closed for INSET day
Wednesday 20th April	Children return to school
Monday 2nd May	Bank holiday
30th May - 3rd June	Half-term
Friday 1st July	School closed for INSET day
Friday 22nd July	Last day of term

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We wish to support people in our community who have been financially impacted due to the pandemic.



Although restrictions are easing personal financial circumstances may still be difficult.

It's easy to **apply for a supermarket e-voucher** to ease the pressure on you and your family.

Perhaps you have been furloughed or are returning to work and are waiting for your finances to adjust, been made redundant or had your hours significantly reduced. You can re-apply for this support. Please contact us to see if you are eligible.

For an application form email us:

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