

PURWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

12th November 2024

Thought for the day; "Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."
– Winston S. Churchill.

Celebrating Our Ofsted Success!

Last Thursday, we were delighted to host our Ofsted Report Information Evening with our Chair of Governors, Dr Gareth Bates. Parents and staff joined us in the school hall to celebrate our recent 'GOOD in all areas' Ofsted inspection report.

Dr Bates shared highlights from the report, acknowledging the hard work of our staff, students, and community. The evening was filled with pride as we discussed the positive steps we've taken as a school and outlined our plans to build on this success.

Alongside the presentation, parents had the opportunity to mingle over cheese and wine, creating a warm and celebratory atmosphere. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the evening so memorable!

Consider signing up to a smartphone-free childhood

Purwell School has added its support to the smartphone-free childhood pact. The group's intention is to ask parents to join the growing movement of parents across Britain who believe that childhood is too short to be spent on a smartphone. Parents are invited to sign up if they wish to.



If you want to find out more, here is the link:

<https://parentpactresults.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/hertfordshire>

Bullying update

This November we are marking Anti-Bullying week with activities in class as well as holding an Odd Socks Day. These will take place during the week of the 18th-22nd of November. On Tuesday 19th November, we are asking children to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



Sad Farewell

We are sad to announce that Mrs Rathbone, one of our valued teaching assistants, will be leaving Purwell School after six dedicated years. Mrs Rathbone's warmth, creativity, and commitment have made a lasting impact on our pupils and staff alike. She will be greatly missed by all - especially for her ever popular Hamma Beads Club and her impressively-accurate MC Hammer dance (an in-joke!).

We wish her every success and happiness as she starts a new job as cover supervisor at a local Secondary School. Thank you, Mrs Rathbone, for everything!

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Becoming a school governor

Being a school governor is an incredibly rewarding role to take on and it means that you can have a direct input in creating the future success of the school. We currently have two vacancies on the Governing Body. Any parents who are considering becoming a school governor can find out more about the role by approaching Mrs Sharp in the school office. Alternatively, we have a page on our school website that can be accessed by the link below.

[Purwell Primary School » Role & Responsibilities](#)

Attendance update

As part of our regular feature on attendance, I am pleased to announce that the current attendance for the school stands at 94.9%, which means we are well on track to achieve our 94% target this year

PE kit

As the weather is now turning a bit chillier, it is important that pupils in KS2 have the proper outdoor PE kit in addition to their indoor kit, for outdoor lessons. This is a navy, Purwell PE sweatshirt (available from Beats, in Hitchin) and navy jogging bottoms.

Communicating with teachers

If you wish to contact your child's teacher for any reason, please do so via the school office at admin@purwell.herts.sch.uk or by phoning 01462 432950. Alternatively, if you are able to, you can speak directly with the teacher at the start and the end of each day, before they enter the classroom to start the day, bearing in mind the limited time they have, but it might be long enough to deliver a message, or to arrange a meeting, if necessary. We can now also arrange video meetings on line for parents.

Sports Report

Given the fading light and growing cold, we'll be stopping after school outdoor clubs from next week, with a view to resuming in the second Spring Half Term. So, the last week for both netball and cycling will be this week.

Upcoming fixtures

Sun 24/11/24 - Purwell Pedallers Race Day at Ashwell

PSA news

PSA communications - to keep up to date with all things PSA please join the Facebook Group ("Purwell School Association") and make sure you are on your class WhatsApp group. The WhatsApp groups are also handy for general class stuff (missing jumpers / birthday parties / what page is this week's homework? Etc!). If you're new to the school and not sure who your Class Rep is please email purwell.school.association@gmail.com and we'll help!

ASDA Cashpot & Easy Fundraising- don't forget to check out our recent Facebook posts about these. Two brilliant ways to help fundraise some extra cash for the PSA without costing you a penny!

PSA upcoming events:

Thursday 28th November - Next Page Books Book Fair, 3:15-4:15pm in the school hall

Thursday 5th December - Food Drive for Feed Up Warm Up / Non-uniform day

PSA Facebook/WhatsApp groups

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Seeking parental support of all kinds? Here is a link to all the parental workshops held locally.

[North Herts DSPL 1 Weekly - a roundup of training, information, and events in our area](#)

Dates for Autumn Term 2024

November

Sun 10 th - Fri 15 th	Year 5 and 6 to Kingswood residential trip
Tuesday 19 th	Odd socks day to mark anti-bullying week.
Thursday 28 th	Next Page Books Book Fair, 3:15-4:15pm in the school hall

December

Thursday 5 th	Food Drive for Feed Up Warm Up/Non-uniform day
Friday 6 th	School closed for Occasional Day
Wednesday 11 th	Christmas School Lunch
Thursday 12 th	PSA Christmas Shop
Friday 13 th	PSA Christmas Shop
Wednesday 18 th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas production (afternoon and evening)
Thursday 19 th	KS2 Christmas production (afternoon and evening)
Friday 20 th	1:30pm Christmas assembly with carol singing

Term ends at 2pm

Join our PRIVATE school Twitter group to get the latest news

You can keep up to date with what is going on in school via our **private Twitter page**. No pictures or information about the children can be seen by anyone on Twitter who is not part of the private group, you must join the group and only parents of children at Purwell can join. You will need to apply to become a member on the school's Twitter page and then contact the school office, giving them your Twitter username, to have permission to be accepted into the group.