

PURWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL
15th July 2021

"He who has imagination without learning, has wings and no feet." Joseph Joubert

Pride for our School Community

With just a few days to go before we break up at the end of an academic year which has brought about numerous challenges, I just wanted to say how extremely proud I am of every single member of our school community and know that we have achieved so much despite the obstacles placed in our way.

Looking Ahead

From the start of the Autumn Term, schools are no longer required to maintain 'bubbles' across the school. This means that many of the things we have missed over recent times can resume.

Whole school assemblies can start again and there will be no need to separate the year groups at lunchtimes in the dining room. It also means we can reintroduce whole playground use, rather than having to zone them off for different pupils. We can be sociable again!

Whilst it is likely there may be positive cases going forward after the summer break, we will not have to send a whole class of pupil's home if this happens, only the pupil confirmed positive or awaiting test results if symptomatic, will need to be at home. This will also apply to staff members who have had both vaccinations and so there should be minimal disruption to learning.

From Thursday 2nd September, when pupils return to school, the timings for the school day are as follows:

- 8.50am - All pupils to be in school by this time. Arrivals after 8:55am need to go in via the school office.
- 3.15pm - School finishes for all pupils

School productions, open days and PSA community events will also be making a welcome return.

One thing that has worked very well at school, over the last year, has been with regards to the pupils' footwear. Since we moved to pupils wearing black trainers the school staff have noticed, far fewer injuries from tripping and less wasted learning time, without the need to change in and out of shoes, each time they leave the classroom. The trainers are also proving more supportive for the pupil's feet compared to plimsols, or hard leather shoes.

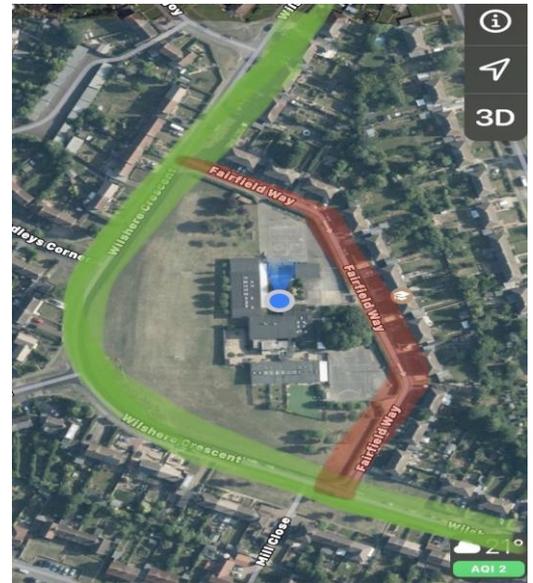
So, that is one idea we are keeping for next year.



Parking from September

An end to staggered times at the start and end of the school day, will mean the roads around the school are likely to get very busy around the start and end of the day.

We strongly suggest that all parents avoid using Fairfield Way entirely at these times as it can be chaotic. Alternative roads such as Wilshire Crescent, should be considered, as they are much wider and can accommodate more parking spaces.



Fond Farewells

As another group of Year 6 pupils move on, I know they leave having had wonderful opportunities over the years and having made so much progress across all aspects of their learning. Parents of pupils in Year 6 leavers will be invited to join us, via Microsoft Teams, for their leavers' assembly, at 1:30pm, on Tuesday. At this special event, in addition to the pupils sharing their memories about their time at the school we will announce the pupil that has been voted Year 6 Pupil of the Year.

As well as saying goodbye to some pupils, we also say goodbye or 'see you soon' to two members of staff.

We bid farewell to Mrs Lawson, our teaching assistant in Year 4, who leaves us for pastures new.

Also, after 51 years of service to the school, our long-serving cleaner, Peggy Constable, leaves Purwell for the last time, to start her extremely well-earned retirement.

For over 5 decades, come rain or shine, Peggy has made her way up the hill, each day, to make sure that the school is clean and ready for the children and staff. Happy retirement!

We all wish her the very best.



Annual reports

This Friday, parents will be emailed their child's annual school report. It will be sent to you directly from your child's teacher and will be sent at some point during the school day.

PSA update

Thank you to the generosity of our parent body for helping to raise an impressive £102 in our recent Bags2school collection. Also, a big thank you for those who took part in the virtual balloon race which helped raise a further £123.

The PSA would also like to thank everybody who gave their support in buying tickets for the '7 days of summer raffle', we raised £145 and the draws are now under way!

PSA Upcoming events:

Purwell leisure bags

The PSA will be selling Purwell logo bags, for leisure use, for just £2.50. Order forms went out this week. You can pay online or in cash by returning the forms in an envelope to the office.

Summer raffle

The PSA are currently looking for any donations from any local businesses that anybody knows.

Cake Sale- Mon 19/Tue 20 July

There will be a Cake Sale on Monday 19th July and Tuesday 20 July. The PSA needs your help in securing any shop-bought donations, to be brought in on Monday 19th July. All donations gratefully received - thank you. On the days the cakes will cost 50p each.



Circus & non-uniform day- Wed 21 July

The last Wednesday of term will be a non-uniform day. The children can, either choose to dress up in a circus theme or in their own clothes. A £1 donation for the day is kindly requested.



School Diary Dates - Updated

You will be aware that the government have given over another day as a bank holiday for the Queen's jubilee next year. In response to this, schools have been given an additional occasional day to add into their calendar for 2021/2022. Please add these dates to your calendars at home.

Summer Term 2021

Friday 16 th July	Sports Day
Friday 16 th July	Annual reports sent to parents.
Tuesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (1:30pm)
Wednesday 21 st July	Non uniform Day and 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 - 29th October	Half-term
Friday 3 rd December	School closed for Occasional Day
Friday 17th December	Last day of term.

Spring Term 2022

Thursday 6th January	Children return to school.
14th - 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