

PURWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

20th April 2021

"You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself. That is something you have." - Jim Rohn

Covid update

Risk arrangements for Covid-19 will remain in place in school for, at least, up to the June 21st date that the Government have identified as the 'return to normality'. We will be monitoring the situation closely over the next few weeks, to ensure that whatever we decide to put in place to mitigate against further risks posed by Covid-19, post the June 21st date, is in-line with national recommendations and local advice.

Curriculum information

Later this week, each family will receive a booklet with details of the curriculum for the Summer Term.

Parent Consultations evenings, Summer Term

Despite the ongoing impact of Covid-19, parent consultation evenings will go ahead this term, as we were not able to hold them last term. They will be arranged and conducted slightly differently to those held in the autumn. The teachers will be conducting face to face consultations in their classrooms. These will be socially distanced, and we ask parents to wear masks.

In May, you will receive an email directly from your class teacher, detailing the allotted date and time for your appointment. Every parent will be given a 10-minute slot, between the hours of 3pm and 6pm, from Monday 24th to Friday 28th May. These times may vary a little, depending on the year group. If you are unavailable at the time you have been allocated, please let the teacher know, but we hope that the majority of parents will be available to speak with their child's teacher at their allotted times.

By the autumn term, we hope to be able to conduct consultation meetings as we have done in the past. We would like to thank parents for their ongoing support and understanding at this difficult time.

Email links to class teachers

In preparation for the forthcoming parent consultations, teachers have email addresses which can be used to communicate to, and from, parents of children in their class.

mrsprue@purwell.herts.sch.uk mrsbarhey@purwell.herts.sch.uk mrskeohane@purwell.herts.sch.uk
mrhart@purwell.herts.sch.uk mrspowers@purwell.herts.sch.uk misscooper@purwell.herts.sch.uk
mrslancaster@purwell.herts.sch.uk

Class photos - Wednesday 28th April

On Wednesday 28th April, the photographer will be coming in to take photos of our classes. The photos will be available to purchase afterwards. Sibling photos will take place in the autumn when Braiswick return to do individual portraits.

If any parents do not wish their child to appear in class photos, please contact the school before the start of next week.

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Safety on school premises

The pedestrian gates on the infant and junior playgrounds should be kept shut. Please remember to close these gates when you have gone through. At morning drop-off, can parents of younger children please stay with your child and supervise them into the care of their class teacher, who collects from the playground.

Also, a reminder that parents and children should not use the main car park entrance to enter the school. This gate is for staff cars and deliveries only, and moving vehicles are obviously a danger to pedestrians. For the same reason, please do not cross the car park when walking from one side of the school to the other. There are paths which you can use.

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

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 16th June. Money received will go to the PSA. More details will be available nearer the time.

Free School Meals

Your child is entitled to a free lunch at school if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, this is called UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meal). If you register for FSM (Free School Meal) in these year groups, the school could get extra money to help pupils - this is called Pupil Premium. Pupil Premium funding helps pupils achieve more.

If you are in receipt of any of the benefits below, your child may be eligible for FSM and to apply please log on to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. Please contact the school office if you would like us to apply on your behalf.

If your financial circumstances have changed, recently, and you are in receipt of any of the benefits below, you can apply for FSM for children in Years 3 - 6 on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Benefits

Income Support

Income-based jobseekers Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get).

School Diary Dates

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April

School closed for INSET day.

Tuesday 13th April

Children return to school.

Monday 3rd May

Bank holiday.

Monday 10 th -14 th May	Cycle training for Year 6
Monday 24 th -28 th May	Parent consultations week.
31 st May - 4 th June	Half-term.
Monday 7 th June	School closed for INSET day.
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
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