

Purwell Primary School

22nd June 2023

Quote of the week. "Children reinvent your world for you." - Susan Sarandon

Sports Day - Wednesday 28th June

This year, Sports Day will be on Wednesday 28th June. The organisation of the day will be like previous years, with children taking part in a range of athletic events such as long jump, javelin, and discus, in addition to running races on the track. In the morning, from 9:30am, it will be the turn of Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children: Acorn, Holly, and Willow Classes, with Key Stage 2 children: Beech, Maple, Aspen and Oak competing in the afternoon, from 1:30pm.

Teachers will be making sure that children have the opportunity to practice each of the events as part of their PE lessons this term. All children should make sure they have their PE kit (including proper trainers) in school so that they can take part. Parents are most welcome to watch their children on Sports Day - come and join us!

Open Day/Evening - Wednesday 12th July

The Open Day and Open Evening for parents will be on Wednesday 12th July. Parents are invited to come into their child's class, from 2.15pm until 3.15pm, where they will be invited to join the children in fun learning activities which reflect our diverse and creative curriculum.

To accommodate the later-working parents, the school will open again at 6.00pm with refreshments in the hall, where Mr Cano will be saying a few words before introducing to the parents the teachers for September and announcing class allocations. There will also be a representation from the school governors and PSA members who will be delighted to answer any questions for parents looking to be more involved in the school. After this, parents will be free to tour the school. There will be displays of children's work, subject information, and interactive computer demonstrations, with staff and pupils available to guide and answer any questions.

If you are feeling peckish, Herts Catering will be providing a sample of items from their menus for parents who are considering swapping their children from bringing packed lunches to taking school lunches.

Sad Farewells and Warm Welcomes

At the end of this term, we will be saying a sad farewell to Mr. Chan, who will be taking up a new position as a phase leader at another school. Although Mr. Chan has been with us a relatively short time, we will miss him very much and wish him well in his new job.

Mr Chan will be replaced in September by a new teacher, who will be joining the team. Mr Smith will be teaching in Year 4 next term. He is an experienced teacher, who is a computer specialist with a passion for sports. Mr Smith is very enthusiastic about meeting the staff, children and parents at Purwell School and will be joining us at the Open Evening, on Wednesday 12th July, where parents will get the first chance to meet him. The following day he will return to spend some time with his new class at the meet the teacher morning.

School uniform recycle, bring and swap - Wednesday 28th June

On Wednesday 28th June, the same day as Sports Day, all the school uniform that the school holds will be put out on display for parents to take what they need for their ever-growing children. We also welcome from parents, donations of any used uniform that is clean and in good condition. Ideally, please bring those with you on the day. There will be a further opportunity to find uniform for September

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during the summer break, so look out for news on that on social media!

Purwell Panthers cheerleaders to compete once again in national competition

On Friday, the Purwell Panthers cheerleaders will be travelling to Bournemouth to compete at the prestigious national cheerleading competition. Mrs Law has been working very hard in rehearsals with the squad, and they are all very excited at the prospect of performing against other teams from around the country. In addition to this event, the Panthers will be performing on Sports Day and at the Glee Club performance, on the evening of 20th July.

Year 6 Cycle training from Monday 3rd July

Mr Brazier will be running our Year 6 cycle training during the first week in July and will need parent volunteers to support with the delivery of these sessions. Helpers will be needed from 12.45pm (for a full briefing) until 3.15pm on Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July. If you can support on any of those days, or would like further information before committing to one or more sessions, please approach Mrs Lancaster or Mr Brazier.

Glee Club to perform at special summer evening event -Thursday 20th July

We are excited to invite you to our end of term school performance of singing and dancing! Our talented children who perform with Glee Club, are working hard to prepare for this special event, and they cannot wait to showcase their talent.

Join us on Thursday 20th July in the school hall for an evening of entertainment that is sure to leave you impressed. Our performers will be showcasing a range of songs and dance routines that they are working on with Miss Plunkett, Mrs Eaves, Mrs Nichol, Mr Brazier and Mrs Rook, that will delight and entertain the whole family. As an additional treat, Mrs Law's Purwell Panthers will be performing their national competition routine, which is sure to be impressive.

This is an excellent opportunity to support our pupils and witness the incredible progress they have made over the year. We encourage all parents and families to attend and celebrate this fantastic achievement. Tickets will go on sale for this event nearer the time, so look out for those!

Book Review of the Week - By Annable Powers, Year 5

The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

The Wizard of Oz is a book about Dorothy, who lives in Kansas with her aunt Em and her uncle Henry. They are a very poor family and have one room in their whole house. In Kansas, they get lots of cyclones (powerful spinning storms), and one day Dorothy's entire house gets swept up in one with her and her dog Toto inside! Dorothy finds herself in a strange land, but is everything what it seems...?

I like this book because it is a light-hearted story that always makes you laugh at its oddness. I would recommend this story for children aged 8 plus as it is a penguin classic with some old-fashioned language.

By Annabel Powers, Y5



A shoutout for donations

Donations of compost, garden forks and gardening gloves for our garden team would be glorious, if anybody has any they can spare.

PSA News & Events

This Saturday, June 24th is the Purwell LEGO Challenge!!!! Doors open at 10.30 and the event will run until 3.00. There will be a big LEGO display including Star Wars, Ninjago, a LEGO fairground and big LEGO town too, as well as LEGO to play and build with and some fun challenges to take part in if you like, otherwise please come to build and have fun or have a look at the display.

Everyone is welcome, children, parents, grandparents and admission is free. There will be a tuck shop available during the day, but please bring a packed lunch. We hope to see lots of you there.

The next PSA meeting will be on Monday 26th June at 8pm Amanda's house discussing the Purwell Rocks Festival, which will take place on Sat 15th July, 2-8pm. Join us for music and dance, bouncy castle, stalls, games, food from around the world and barbecue.



Employment opportunity - Caretaker required

Purwell Primary School is looking to appoint a reliable and capable person to take responsibility for caretaking duties within the school. This is an important role with responsibility for repairs, property maintenance, health and safety checks, some grounds maintenance, sweeping and window cleaning as well as liaising with contractors. Training is available through the caretaking course run by Herts County Council.

Visits to the school are welcomed. If you are interested, please phone the school and ask to pick up an application form, from Mrs Sharp, our School Business Manager, on 01462 432950.

Applicants are required to complete the application form and will be required to complete an online Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to the appointment. Purwell Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people.



After School Cleaner (Purwell School)

General school cleaning required, Desk cleaning, vacuuming, mopping, rubbish removal, plus toilets and staffroom. Enhanced DBS required (company can apply for one for you if you do not hold one). The job is part-time, 10 hours a week and is permanent. Salary is £10.70 per hour. This is Monday to Friday, cleaning experience and janitorial experience preferred. Please contact May Harris on 01474879333 or 07970282400 (Michelle Gilliam).

Working for Cookie Club

Our wrap-around care provider, Cookie Club, are currently looking to recruit team members at their Purwell Cookie Club.

Ideally the person would be able to help them with school pick-ups at 3:15pm, and we have the advantage of being able to offer flexibility in the hours we can offer - potential staff could work for just an hour each afternoon, or for the full session until 6:15pm.

We will pass on the details to them of anybody that might be interested.

Family 'First' Support

Families First is the term used in Hertfordshire for services that work together to support families who need extra help. These are also known as early help services.

We all experience difficulties at some point. Families First can help you find early help and information to prevent issues from getting worse.

If you need more help than your usual support network - for example your health visitor, school, doctor or family centre - we can work with you and your family to create a package of support. Ask for support.

Support Workshops for Parents

With this newsletter you will be sent a list of local support agencies and workshops that are available to support parents and carers.

Dates for Summer Term

Friday 23 rd June	Purwell Panthers perform at National Comp in Bournemouth.
Saturday 24 th June	Lego Challenge Day
Wednesday 28 th June	Sports Day
Friday 30 th June	School closed for Inset Day
Monday 3 rd July	Cycle training for Year 6
Wednesday 12 th July	Open Day and Evening, 2:15pm and 6pm
Thursday 13 th July	Meet the teacher morning, Year 6 to their secondary schools
Saturday 15 th July	Purwell Rocks
Monday 17 th July	Annual progress reports sent home
Thursday 20 th July	Glee Club Performance Evening, featuring the Purwell Panthers.
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term (2pm finish)

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Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1 st September	School closed for INSET day
Monday 4 th September	Children return to school
23 rd - 27 th October	Half-term
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 4 th January	Children return to school
19 th - 23 rd February	Half-term
Monday 26 th February	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 th April	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 16 th April	Children return to school
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday
27 th - 31 st May	Half-term
Friday 28 th June	School closed for INSET day
Friday 19th July	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 22 nd July	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 23 rd July	School closed for Occasional Day's holiday