

Thought for the week: *"Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten."*—Neil Gaiman

Curriculum Information

Later this week each family will receive details of the curriculum for their child's class for the Summer Term.

Parent questionnaire going home next week

At Purwell School we value your feedback and believe it is vital for us to continuously improve our school. Therefore, we will be sending out a survey next week to gather your valuable insights and opinions.

At Purwell, we place great importance on understanding the needs and expectations of our pupils and families. Your feedback helps us make informed decisions and enhancements to our educational provision and services. We genuinely appreciate the time you take to share your thoughts.

Next week a survey will be sent home with your child. It will cover various aspects of our school, including wellbeing, extracurricular activities, communication, and overall satisfaction. The information collected will be analysed to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement.

We strongly encourage all parents to participate in this process. Your input plays a significant role in shaping the future of our school. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in providing the best possible educational experience for our pupils.

Bullying update

I am delighted to say that there have been no bullying reports in the last few weeks and, as such, no updates on the school newsletters. However, we will continue to report on any incidents of bullying and how the school is dealing with them, as and when they emerge. Until then, at the start of this new term, it is worth reminding parents of the school's definition of bullying, so they can use the term correctly at home.

The Purwell definition of bullying is: "A systematic and extended victimisation of a person or group, by another, or group of others".

We share this in a child friendly way with our children in the acronym BOO:

Being mean

On purpose

Over and over

The children remember this as BOO for short.

Provision Map

We are delighted to announce that we have recently introduced a new system across the school for storing and sharing SEND information with parents/ carers. This new platform will allow staff to create, store and share termly SEN plans with parents as well as providing a central place for any reports from outside agencies. We are looking forward to using this to provide a more streamlined process for SEN support. Staff have recently received training on the new system and more information will be sent out to parents and carers later this term.

Coffee with the SENCO

Our next SEN coffee morning is scheduled for this Thursday morning. This will be our third SEN coffee

morning, and everyone is welcome. If you have concerns about your child or just want to meet other parents of children with special educational needs, please come along. We are hoping to have an SEN officer from Hertfordshire County council joining us at this upcoming meeting. If there is anything you would like to find out about at the coffee mornings, please get in touch. We are keen to be guided by you.

Sports news

A Team Netball Rally 17th April

Last Wednesday our A-Team netballers participated in the annual netball rally, at Whitehill Junior School. Our team took on some strong opposition including teams from St Andrews, Highover, Wilshere Dacre and Ickleford School. As ever, Team Purwell gave a very good account of themselves making many chances and scoring lots of goals. A huge well done to Amelie, Remi, Bella, Luke, Esmail, Nahla, Annabel, Thea and Hunter.

Cycling Club

The Purwell Pedallers have another action packed summer ahead. As well as our Tuesday after school sessions we've been invited to the Ashwell Spring Grass Track Meeting on Sunday 12th May. Racing starts at midday and runs until around 4pm, Pedallers are encouraged to register in advance using the following link - <https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/301767/Ashwell-Spring-Grass-Track-Meeting---NGTS&source=website-ems> and will need to enter the 'Go-Ride' category. The racing is also open to siblings, both older and younger, and the whole day has a fun vibe with picnics encouraged.

Following the success of last year's end of term Greenway ride we'll be heading out onto the local trails again with an after school ride on Wednesday 10th July, marking the last club session of the summer with a special treat. As per last year we'll need a ratio of 1 adult per 2 children so if you're a keen cyclist and are willing to help, please get the date in your diary. The ride will start at 3.30pm.

Cricket fixtures

With this newsletter you will find an attachment which shows all the cricket fixtures for the term.

Governors Update

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](#)

School Hall Hire

The school hall is available for private hire for birthdays and events outside the school day. Please contact the school office for further details.

Taking holidays during term time

Another reminder to parents that you should not take your child on holiday in term time, as it is disruptive both to your child's education and to school. The next academic year's dates are detailed below and are on the Website, so any parents making holiday plans can check that they fit around the school dates first before booking anything.

Parental support, workshops and events

With this newsletter you will also receive a document which details the local support agencies for parents and carers. These include workshop and events.

PSA News

Thanks very much to everyone who donated secondhand clothing for the Bag2School collection- the pile was HUGE!

Family Bingo - Friday 26th April, Please come and support this really fun event, and help raise some money for items on the schools wish list! There will be food, licensed bar and tuck shop.

Doors open at 5:30pm, eyes down 6pm.

Tickets - Adults £5, Children £3.50, Family £15 (Includes 3 games of Bingo and Chilli/Hot Dog. Vegan option available)

Please email the PSA (purwell.school.association@gmail.com) confirming your name and how many tickets you would like. You can pay online or in a clearly labelled envelope to the office.

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 26th April - Family Bingo
- Friday 17th May - Non-uniform day (sweetie jar donation)
- Sunday 19th May - Walsworth Festival
- Wednesday 22nd May - Plant & Cake sale
- Saturday 6th July - Summer fair

Purwell Party Pack - Don't forget if you have a party coming up soon we have our awesome party pack available to hire. It contains plates, bowls, cups, cutlery, jugs, serving plates and bunting! £5 per hire + £1 damage deposit. Email the PSA to book!

PSA communications - to keep up to date with all things PSA please join the Facebook Group and make sure you are on your class WhatsApp group. 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!

Next PSA meeting - Wednesday 24th April, 8pm (Purwell Community Room)

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Summer term 2024

Friday 26 th April	PSA Family Bingo
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 17 th May	Non-uniform day
Wednesday 22 nd May	PSA Plant and Cake sale
27 th May-31 st May	Half-term
Thursday 27 th June	Sports Day
Friday 28 th June	School closed for Inset Day
Saturday 6 th July	PSA Summer Fair
Thursday 11 th July	Meet the teacher day (Secondary transition day)
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term (2pm finish)

Academic Year 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 nd September	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 3 rd September	Children return to school
28 th Oct- 1 st November	Half-term
Monday 4 th November	School Closed for INSET day
Friday 6 th December	School closed for occasional day
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term