

Thought for the week: "Every day do something that will inch you closer to a better tomorrow." Doug Firebaugh.

Spring/Easter Assembly - next Friday, at 1.30pm

You are very welcome to join us next Friday, for our end of term, Easter celebration and class attendance assembly. We will also have a performance from our Glee Club to enjoy. The school day will end at 2.00pm.

The huge amount of lost property that has accumulated this term will also be on display.

Parent Teacher Consultations

These will take place on:

Wednesday 29th March - Parent Consultations (Early)

Thursday 30th March - Parent Consultations (Late)

Booking forms for consultations are in the entrance lobby for all pupils, from Nursery to Year 6. In the past, only parents of Nursery pupils in their first term of Nursery were invited to parent teacher consultations, this has now been extended to include all Nursery pupils.

Year 3 visit St Faiths Church

Year 3 enjoyed a trip to St Faith's recently to hear about features of a church, develop understanding of the Easter Story and they all had a go at delivering a sermon.

Many thanks to Rev'd Crowley for her time and knowledge.



Purwell School 65 years young this week



This week, Abbie from Maple Class asked when the school's 'birthday' was. She was taken to the plaque in the hall and discovered, to her delight, that the school's birthday was the following day! So, happy 65th 'birthday' Purwell School!

Easter Egg Dash - Thursday 30th March

To celebrate Easter, on the last week of term, staff have organised a special Easter Dash for the children. The children will be able to take part in the event with their classes. They will enjoy some egg-related fun-running and problem-solving with their friends! I will refrain myself from adding any Easter related puns, humour, or cheep yolks!

PSA updates

BINGO! This is the event you have all been waiting for! This Saturday is Family Bingo Night, which will be held in the hall. It promises to be a night of family fun, with food and soft drinks on sale, too. So, why not come along, with or without the children, and have a good time!

Springtime birds nest watch update



As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have a nest box setup in the school grounds, equipped with a camera, to watch nesting birds. Children enjoy watching the birds on the screen in the canteen at lunchtime. The nest box has been cleared for this year, following last year, when we had a pair of nesting blue tits. The box remains empty for the time being as winter has extended its stay recently and so birds will be unwilling to start nesting until they are certain the frosts are gone. Fingers crossed we will have some exciting pictures to share for the next newsletter.

Meals for the Summer Term

The new menu for the Summer Term is attached and can be found on the school website.

From the 1st April 2023 the cost of a school meal has increased due to inflation to £3.15 per day. Dinners for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes can have a school dinner at no charge under the government UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meal) scheme. If you feel you may qualify for income related free school meals for any year group it is easy to apply on-line at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals or by phone on 0300-123-4048 and this may also provide additional benefit within school.

If you pay for school dinners you must have credit on your account to cover the cost of meals ordered, as the school has a zero debit policy.

High energy drinks

We kindly ask parents not to provide their children with any high-energy drink bottles for school. We have noticed an increasing number of the older pupils bringing in 'trendy', PRIME drinks bottles into school. Although, on closer examination, these bottles are containing water, we believe that the promotion of these high-energy drinks is not appropriate for children of primary age.

Sports update

It has been a busy term for our school teams, with netball and football fixtures against other schools and a Sports Hall Athletics competition held at Fearnhill.

Our team of 20 athletes performed admirably at the Sports Hall competition, a mixture of indoor running, throwing, and jumping events. Field events proved a real strength, with first place finishes in javelin and speed bounce and our 2-person relay teams also secured some points. Although we finished outside the top 2 schools - and so did not qualify for the next round - our athletes had lots of fun and did Purwell proud.

Our netball teams have put in some impressive performances, attacking with great speed of handling and movement. We have had a mixture of wins and losses, amongst which there have been many highlights - most notably Meghan's first quarter Hattrick against Samuel Lucas in a particularly exciting fixture. During matches, players rotate their positions between each of the 4 quarters and it has been wonderful to see everyone becoming more comfortable and confident when playing in each of the 7 positions. Well done to everyone who represented the school.

Our A Team footballers have had a remarkable season, going unbeaten throughout the league, and topping the Eastern-Hitchin Division. They will be in the play offs with the winners of the Western-Hitchin Division, early next term, to determine who will be crowned as League Champions. A terrific achievement!

Whilst the Girls' End of Season football rally was able to take place last weekend, unfortunately the weather caused some other netball and football rallies to be postponed. Hopefully, these will be able to be rearranged for next term. Despite kicking off in sunshine, the heavens opened as the Girls' football rally progressed. Even with increasingly wet conditions, our girls played enthusiastically, did some brilliant runs forward and had lots of fun. Having played in goal for the last two matches, if there was a competition for the muddiest Purwell kit ever seen, Evie was quite literally covered from head-to-toe and would have won hands down!

Congratulations to everybody who represented the school this term and we look forward to a full programme of Summer Term sport after Easter - watch this space!

The Purwell Pedaller's Race Dates

Here are the key dates for Pedlar parents, so you can get them in your diaries. We will be racing:

Saturday 13th May - 12pm - 4pm at Smallgains Lane, Ashwell, SG7 5LT

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/280277/Ashwell-Spring-Grass-Track-Meeting>

Saturday 8th July - 12pm - 4pm at Smallgains Lane, Ashwell, SG7 5LT

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/280284/Ashwell-Summer-Grass-Track-Meeting>

Saturday 9th September - 12pm - 4pm at Smallgains Lane, Ashwell, SG7 5LT

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/280282/Ashwell-Autumn-Grass-Track-Meeting>

Race entry is also open to siblings wishing to race, with riders aged 5+ welcome. There will also be adult racing on the day. It's a full 'bring a picnic and the family' occasion. Any Pedallers wishing to enter need to book in to the 'Go-Ride Omnium' category.

Online safety

With this newsletter you should receive a copy of the latest information for parents regarding online safety. The letter is produced by Herts for Learning and is designed to raise parents' awareness of the dangers children face when using computers or their phones.

Support Workshops for Parents

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

Dates for Spring Term

Saturday 25 th March	Family Bingo Night
Wednesday 29 th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 30 th March	Parent Consultations
Friday 31 st March	1:30pm, Spring and Easter Assembly NEW
Last day of term (2pm finish)	

Dates for Summer Term

Monday 17 th April	School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 18 th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 1 st May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
29 th May-2 nd June	Half-term
Wednesday 28 th June	Sports Day
Friday 30 th June	School closed for Inset Day
Monday 3 rd July	Cycle training for Year 6
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term (2pm finish)

DATES FOR 2023 / 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1st 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 4th January

19th - 23rd February

Monday 26th February

Thursday 28th March

Children return to school

Half-term

School closed for INSET day

Last day of term

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April

Tuesday 16th April

Monday 6th May

27th - 31st May

Friday 28th June

Friday 19th July

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

School closed for INSET day

Children return to school

Bank holiday

Half-term

School closed for INSET day

LAST DAY OF TERM

School closed for INSET day

School closed for Occasional Day's holiday



WEEK ONE

MONDAY

Bean and Vegetable Grill (Ve)
Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread (V)
with Diced Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Sandwich

TUESDAY

Chicken Pie
Spanish Omelette (V)
with Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Roll

WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon with Gravy
Veggie Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (V)
with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Wrap

THURSDAY

Beef Burger in a Bun
Pea and Lemon Risotto (V)
with Diced Potatoes or Tricolour Pasta
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Ham Sandwich

FRIDAY

Battered Fish Fillet
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
with Oven chips or Wholemeal Pasta
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll

WEEK TWO

MONDAY

Caribbean Chicken
Veggie Burritos (Ve)
with Rice or Wholemeal Pasta
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Sandwich

TUESDAY

Organic Beef Bolognese
Savoury Puff Roll (Ve)
with Spaghetti or Diced Potatoes
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Ham Roll

WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork Loin with Gravy
Quorn Fillet with Gravy (V)
with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Wrap

THURSDAY

Quorn Hotdog (V)
Special Fried Rice with a Spring Roll (V)
with Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Sandwich

FRIDAY

Crispy Coated Salmon
Margherita Pizza Wrap (V)
with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Egg Baguette

WEEK THREE

MONDAY

Pork Sausage with BBQ Sauce
Cheese and Sweet Potato Slice (V)
with New Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Roll

TUESDAY

Veggie "Meatball" Sub (Ve)
Roasted Tomato Pasta (Ve)
with Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Sandwich

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy
Creamy Quorn Pie (V)
with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Ham Roll

THURSDAY

Mild Chilli Con Carne
Quorn Burger in a Bun (V)
with Rice or Potato Wedges
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Baguette

FRIDAY

Fish Fillet Fingers
Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta
Jacket Potato with various toppings
CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll

Served Week Commencing:

17th April, 8th May, 5th June, 26th June, 17th July, 4th September, 25th September, 16th October

Served Week Commencing: 24th April, 15th May, 12th June, 3rd July, 11th September, 2nd October

Served Week Commencing: 2nd May, 22nd May, 19th June, 10th July, 18th September, 9th October

SUMMER
AUTUMN
2023

PUPILS' CHOICE EXTRA

