

P U R W E L L N E W S L E T T E R

Purwell Primary School

27th January 2022

"A life spent making mistakes is not only most honourable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing" - George Bernard Shaw

Promoting a Growth Mindset

At the end of today's newsletter is an informative poster about how to help develop a growth mindset. The messages reflect some of the work that is being done in school to support children in developing positive learning attitudes. These messages are not for school use alone but can also be used at home when interacting with your children. Perhaps you can put the poster up in a prominent place at home and ask your children about growth mindsets?

Parent Teacher Consultations

These will take place on:

Wednesday 30th March - Parent Consultations (Late)
Thursday 31st March - Parent Consultations (Early)

Booking forms for these consultations will be in the entrance lobby from 3pm on Friday 18th March 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 been extended to include all Nursery pupils.

Dressing for Winter

With the cold weather upon us, please make sure your child brings a warm coat to school every day, along with a hat, scarf, and gloves. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named. In the event of snowfall, appropriate boots should be worn. Please also ensure that your child brings their tracksuit for PE lessons, as we encourage these to be worn for PE during the winter months.

Key Stage 2 Grassed Areas

The grassed areas outside the Key Stage 2 classrooms have been cordoned off to give the grass a chance to grow and to avoid too much mud being brought into the building. Please encourage your child to use the steps and paths.

Curriculum information

Each family should have received details of the curriculum for the Spring Term, for your child. These are available for parents to access on our website <http://purwell.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overview/>.

School closures - Winter 2021/22

As part of the school's planning for emergencies, parents are reminded that incidents that necessitate school closure include such things as extreme weather and loss of essential electrical, water or heating services. Details of school closures will be texted to parents via Schoolcomms. They will also be displayed on the front page of the school website and on Twitter. On days when the weather conditions are poor, but the school is open, parents are advised to walk to school, if possible, and, for those driving, it is advisable to park on Purwell Lane or Kingswood Avenue and walk the remainder. We hope you appreciate that the decision to close is never made lightly, as the safety and welfare of our children, school staff and parents/carers is of paramount importance, and no one would like to see this compromised.

Nursery admissions for September 2022

Applications for Nursery admission for September 2022 are now open. Applications to the nursery can be made via the school's website or by contacting the school office. The applications window closes on 14th March 2022.

Some parents may be eligible for 30 hours a week nursery. Please check this link to see if your child is eligible, 30 hours free childcare - [30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare)

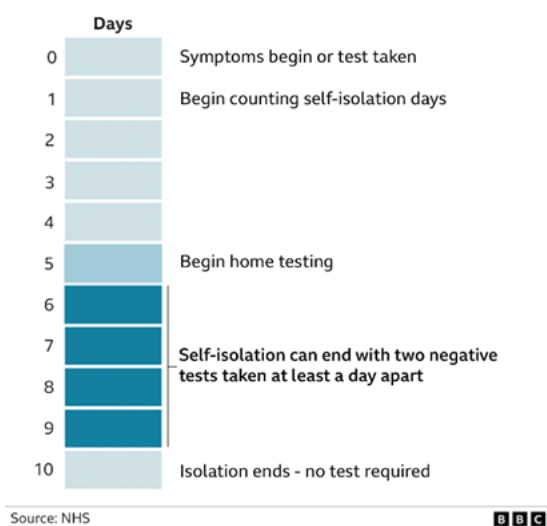
Covid Update

Isolation periods for people who test positive for COVID-19 have changed.

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature.

The day when you developed symptoms or tested positive is counted as day zero. Please see table below which explains Day Zero to Day 6.

How five-day isolation rule works in England



For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day.

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

The new rules also apply to people who are already isolating - so if someone was already isolating before Monday 17 January, they can take LFD tests on day 5 and 6 and if they are both negative and they have no temperature they can end their isolation.

Toy donations requested for infant playground

We are looking to supplement the provision of equipment to play with on the infant playground. We would welcome donations of 'small world' toys that could be used outside on the playground at lunchtimes. These are the most popular and requested.

- Toy cars
- Small balls
- Lego / Duplo Lego
- Hula hoops

Dates for Spring Term

Friday 28th January	School Closed for Inset
14 th – 18 th February	Half-term
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day – Non-uniform day (£1 donation requested).
Wednesday 30 th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 31 st March	Parent Consultations
Friday 1 st April	Last day of term

Dates for Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19 th April	School closed for Inset Day
Wednesday 20 th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 2 nd May	May Bank Holiday
30 th May–3 rd June	Half-term
Friday 24 th June	Sports Day
Friday 1 st July	School closed for Inset Day
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of term

Academic Dates for 2022/23

Autumn Term 2022

Thu 1 st September	Children return to school
Fri 23rd September	School closed for Inset Day
Mon 24 th Oct–Fri 28 th Oct	Half term
Mon 31st October	School closed for Inset Day
Fri 2nd December	School closed for Occasional Day
Wed 21 st December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2023

Thu 5 th January	Children return to school
Mon 13 th Feb–Fri 17 th Feb	Half term
Fri 10th March	School closed for Inset Day
Fri 31 st March	Last day of term

Summer Term 2023

Mon 17th April	School closed for Inset Day
Tues 18 th April	Children return to school
Mon 1 st May	Bank holiday
Tue 30 th May – Fri 2 nd June	Half term
Fri 30th June	School closed for Inset Day
Fri 21 st July	Last day of term

Support for Parents & Young People

NEW Supporting Links – Talking ASD & ADHD Workshops

Anxiety & Stress 16 March 2022 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Responding to Anger 7 March 2022 7:30pm to 9:30pm or 28 March 12:30pm to 2:20pm

See Flyer for booking links

👁️ LOOK OUT FOR **CAMHS** 6-week online Education Programme for Parents/Carers accessing a CAMHS, Step 2 or counselling service. Commencing Tuesday 22 February to 29 March 2022, 7pm-9pm.

Families in Focus

Various training - see website (Families in Focus - Looking forward together)

[Autism, ADHD & neurodevelopmental conditions/needs courses Spring 2022 / Parent Networks / Handling anger in child with Autism/ADHD]

Family Lives Training

Getting on with your pre-teen or teenager (targeted at FFA, CIN, COP or Youth Justice Plan) 26 Jan to 9 Mar - see DSPL 1 website for details. Bringing up confident children for parents of children with ADHD/ASD (online group) 27 Jan to 10 Mar - see flyers (daytime/evening avail) - see DSPL 1 website for details

ADD-vance have many funded training workshops for parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD/ASC - ADD-vance

Services for Mental health and wellbeing

Need help now? Call HPFT's freephone number: 0800 6444 101 - the quickest way to get help for a mental health crisis, day or night., Or you can call NHS 111 and select option 2 for mental health services. In the event of an emergency, dial 999.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk

Just Talk (justtalkherts.org) Links, Resources, Information for Mental Health, and wellbeing.

Speech and language advice line details:

New Address: Howard Court, 14 Tewin Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 1BW

New Number (for parents and professionals): 01923 470680, option 3 option 1 - speak to admin option 2 - advice line. DSPL1 SPLD Tutor Claire Smith. Claire.smith@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Safe Space 01992 588796

I have a **GROWTH**
MINDSET.

I am in charge of how smart I am because
I can **GROW** my **BRAIN**
like a muscle by learning hard things.

I can achieve
ANYTHING

with **EFFORT** and
RIGHT STRATEGIES.

And when I fail or make a mistake,
it is a **GREAT** thing, because
I can **LEARN** from them and

I GET BETTER!

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