PURWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL 27th September 2022

Thought for the day: "No problem can withstand the assault of sustained thinking."— Voltaire

New certificates for demonstrating school values

From this week, pupils who demonstrate the school values may receive a special certificate in assembly. Last term's feedback from the parent survey included a desire held by many parents for a return to the public celebrating of success and commendation certificates for pupils. In response to this, we will be both, celebrating the success of pupils and raising the profile of our new school values, as chosen by the school community, by the launch of a new-style certificate.

The new certificate will reward pupils that uphold, demonstrate, and adhere to the school values of:

Honesty
Equity
Friendship
Perseverance
Opportunity

The class teachers and teaching assistants will select one or two of their pupils each week, who they believe have best demonstrated the values that week.

Attendance Competition

This year we will be launching a new class competition linked to pupil's attendance. Every week we share with pupils which classes have the best attendance of the week. A small trophy called SAM (Super Attendance Monitor) is given to two best classes of the week. One for the juniors and one for the younger classes. However, in addition to this, we will monitor the average attendance for each across the year. For those classes that achieve a 97% attendance, or above, by the summer term will be able to choose a fun school trip, for June or July, as chosen by the children from a selected list of venues.

Dealing with bullying update

Purwell School continues to crack down hard on bullying. Last term we shared with parents the school's definition of bullying. We know that bullying is taking place when all these criteria are met.

Being mean
On purpose
Over and over

The children remember this as **BOO** for short.

At the start of this term, we have seen a noticeably positive response by children who are seeming more confident in telling their peers if they have been upset by them. In most instances this has resulted in apologies being offered and received. In some cases, pupils have reported to adult instances of unkindness and staff have responded quickly to nip matters in-the-bud before they happened again. We are currently watching relationships between two pairs of pupils in the lower juniors and are working closely with their parents, ready to react immediately if bullying is suspected.

New Chair of Governors Elected

At yesterday evening's Governing Body meeting our long-serving governor, Matthew Hillman (father of Otto), stepped down as Chair of the committee. Shortly after, Dr Gareth Bates (father of Sophie, Toby and Natalie) was duly elected to the role. We wish him well.

On behalf of all the school community I would like to extend my gratitude to Matthew and to Michelle Sprake (mother of Oliver, who stepped down in July) for all their years of dedicated service to the school. Their departure creates 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

Secondary Transfer for Year 6 pupils

All the information you need is available on the website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. The website has full details about the application process and a school directory providing information about secondary and upper schools in Hertfordshire. Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. You should visit the website to view admissions information and apply online because: • it is quick, easy to use and secure • you will receive immediate confirmation that your application has been received and you can view it at any time. If you do not have internet access at home, you can apply online from any Hertfordshire library. The closing date for applications is Monday 31 October 2022.

PE kit

As the weather is now turning a bit chillier, it is important that pupils have the proper outdoor PE kit in addition to their indoor kit, for outdoor lessons. This is a navy, Purwell PE sweatshirt (available from Beats, in Hitchin) and navy jogging bottoms.

School meals

School meals now cost £2.78 per day, £13.90 per week. Payment can be made via cash or on School Gateway. Cheques are no longer accepted.

PSA news

At the recent AGM the following members were voted on to the Committee: Co-chairs Amanda Campbell-Phillips & Kay Tart; Secretary, Emma Rook; Treasurer, Natalie Mackenzie; Deputy Treasurer, Heather Haslam; Marketing Officer, Lindsay Campbell; Licensing officers, Gavin & Marcel Bonthron Voted in class reps: Nursery: TBC Reception: Lisa Warren Y1: Louise Biggs Y2: Nikki Timlett Y3: Lindsay Campbell Y4: Heather Haslam Y5: Charlotte Fairbrother Y6: Dawn Wood, Event refreshments orders: Trine Miller, Cash counters: Chelsea Hancock & Michelle Watson.

If you are not in a WhatsApp group yet, please contact your class rep & they will invite you in so you can keep up with the latest!

The next PSA meeting is on Tuesday 27th September, at 8pm Amanda's house on Purwell Corner, SG40NJ

A Halloween Disco has been arranged to take place on Friday 21st October.

Tickets will be available online from the Monday 17th October.



********Cleaner wanted*******

We are looking for someone who can work five days per week, for 2 hours per day to be carried out before or after school. £9.25 per hour. Those interested should contact the school office for an application form.

*******1to1 Support********

We are also looking for a part-time 1:1 Learning Support Assistant to support a very sweet-natured boy in an infant class, who has SEN. They require regular support in familiar routines. You will be supported by an excellent and experienced staff team and SENCO. Full training in therapeutic practices and SEN will be provided.

Communicating with teachers

The teacher emails, created for remote learning purposes during lockdown, are no longer in use. So, if you wish to contact your child's teacher for any reason, please do so via the school office at admin@purwell.herts.sch.uk or by phoning 01462 432950. Alternatively if you are able to, you can speak directly with the teacher at the start and the end of each day, before they enter the classroom to start the day, bearing in mind the limited time they have then, but it might be long enough to deliver a message, or to arrange a meeting, if necessary.

Free School Meals (FSM)

If you are in receipt of benefits, your children may be eligible for FSM. Registering for UIFSM will identify pupils in Reception and Years 1 and 2. However, you will need to apply separately for pupils in Years 3 - 6. You should complete the appropriate form on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to apply or contact Mrs Sharp in the office to apply on your behalf.

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.





The school football teams representing Purwell at the recent inter-school team rallies.

Join our private school Twitter group to get the latest news

You can keep up to date with what's going on in school via our private Twitter page. As it is a closed group, you will need to apply to become a member on the school's Twitter page before contacting the school office, and giving them your Twitter username, to be accepted into the group.

Dates for Autumn Term 2022

<u>October</u>

Thursday 6th Kingswood meeting for parents, 6:30pm, in the hall.

Monday 17th Braiswick photographer taking individual and family portraits

Wednesday 19th Parent Consultations
Thursday 20th Parent Consultations
Friday 21st PSA's Halloween Disco

24th -28th Oct Half term

Monday 31st School closed for Inset Day

PSA Halloween Pumpkin Trail

November

Sun 6th - Fri 11th Kingswood Residential trip for Year 5 and 6

<u>December</u>

Friday 2nd School closed for Occasional Day

Wednesday 7th Christmas School Lunch

Monday 19th EYFS/KS1 Christmas production (afternoon and evening)
Tuesday 20th KS2 Christmas production (afternoon and evening)
Wednesday 21st 1:30pm Christmas assembly with carol singing

Term ends at 2pm

Thursday 5th January Pupils return to school

13rd - 17th February Half-term

Friday 10th March School Closed for Inset Day

Wednesday 29th March Parent Consultations Thursday 30th March Parent Consultations

Friday 31st March Last day of term (2pm finish)

Dates for Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April

Tuesday 18th April

Monday 1st May

29th May-2nd Tune

School closed for Inset Day

Pupils return to school

May Bank Holiday

29th May-2nd June Half-term Thursday 29th June Sports Day

Friday 30th June School closed for Inset Day Friday 21st July Last day of term (2pm finish)

Parent and family support Course/Booking	Key Topics
HNF Banding Descriptors and Provision Tool Briefing Session For all schools and settings, parents, carers, professionals and LA staff 28 September 12pm to 2pm at Herts Development Centre HNF Banding Descriptors and Provision Tool Tickets, Wed 28 Sep 2022 at 12:00 Eventbrite	Banding Descriptors
Bookings1 - NESSie IN ED, CIC - Supporting Children with ASD/ADHD Girls & Woman 27 September 1pm to 2:30pm Forum for parents.	Autism / ADHD Girls & Women School Avoidance
Bookings1 - NESSie IN ED, CIC Supporting Children with ASD/ADHD Emotionally Based School Avoidance 5 October 7:30pm to 9pm	
Autism Hertfordshire Transition Service for 16-20 year olds. Autism Hertfordshire are offering a transition support service to young autistic adults and their families. Workshops, Social Groups, Parent/Carer Support Sessions. Contact Rachel.hatton@autismherts.org 01727 743246	Transition 16-20 – Autism
Transitions service is open to anyone with an autism diagnosis aged 16-20. We provide workshops and courses, as well as a fortnightly social group. For more information, the link to our website is here: Support for Adults in Hertfordshire Autism Bedfordshire	
Helpline which is open Monday to Friday, 9am until 5pm. The telephone number is 01727 743246. This is open to anyone for information, advice and guidance on all aspects of Autistic Spectrum Conditions.	
Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Service Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (hct.nhs.uk) Pre-recorded webinar, workshops for parents / carers and young people and links to the guidance docs.	School Avoidance
Clinically moderated online peer to peer support for 16+ feeling low/ depressed, new users have to register Togetherall	Peer Support for 16+ feeling low/depressed
Free online workshops for parents, carers and older siblings of young people struggling with body image and/or their relationship with food. Register interest, programme for parents/carers with YP struggling with body image/eating disorder. Skills for Carers - First Steps ED	Body image/eating disorder
CAMHS Online Support Group – Does your child visit a CAMHS clinic or Step2 Early Intervention CAMHS – speak to people who understand, learn more about strategies to help, support for yourself. contact@carersinherts.org.uk 01992 58 69 69. CAMHS Online Support Group (carersinherts.org.uk)	Support for parents – CAMHS/Step2
Understanding ADHD and Autism - FREE 6 WEEK COURSE IN NORTH HERTS Tickets, Fri 16 Sep 2022 at 10:00 Eventbrite	Understanding ADHD/Autism – in person
Understanding Autism - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Mon 19 Sep 2022 at 10:00 Eventbrite	Understanding Autism
ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP for Parents/Carers of Secondary Aged Children Tickets, Tue 20 Sep 2022 at 13:00 Eventbrite	Online support Secondary Aged

See website for full Autumn Term <u>Programme</u> September:	Autism/ADHD
Parent/Carer Support Group 19 September (online)	Healthcare
Money Advice unit: Benefit Advice 22 September 10am to 12pm (Stevenage)	Benefit Advice
Parent/Carer Support Group 22 September 10am to 12pm (Stevenage)	Applying EHC needs
Workshop Applying for an EHC needs assessment and Q&A 27 September	assessment
10am to 12pm (online)	Support Groups
Parent/Carer Support 29 September 10am to 12pm (Stevenage)	A C (A DIID (NI
Puberty and Neurodiversity Tickets, Thu 15 Sep 2022 at 19:00 Eventbrite	Autism/ADHD/Neurodiverse
	Conditions - Puberty
Teen/Adult Lamp Art Session Tickets, Fri 16 Sep 2022 at 19:00 Eventbrite	For Teens / Interactive Art
Online Cookery Session Tickets, Mon 19 Sep 2022 at 17:30 Eventbrite	Online cookery
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Check In and Chat - Susan Brooks - EP Tickets, Wed 21 Sep 2022 at 19:00	Online check in and chat
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Tourette's and ASD Talk Tickets, Mon 26 Sep 2022 at 19:00 Eventbrite	Autism / Tourettes
Alongside our usual Parenting Courses, Supporting Links are pleased to be	
offering the following 8 workshops this coming Autumn Term. These are	
open to parents and carers of children with ASD and/or ADHD across	
Hertfordshire, funded by the Local Authority.	
ASD & ADHD: Anxiety and Stress. For parents/carers in Herts (536)	Autism/ADHD – Anxiety /
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Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with ADHD/ASD -Online (6 weeks) Thursday 15th September to 20th Oct, 9.30 – 11.30 Confident Children – for Tuesday 4th October to 15th November, 9.30-11.30 parents/carers of children Tues 8th November to 13th December 7.30pm – 9.30pm with ADHD/Autism Wednesday 9th November to 14th December, 9.30 – 11.30 This programme provides support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential. Sessions will cover: * ADHD - a whole-family issue / * Understanding your child's behaviour / * Helping your child manage their feelings and outbursts /* Balancing support of siblings /* Learning new parenting strategies to address challenging behaviour and to make a difference in your family life Getting on with Pre-Teen / Teenager Getting on with your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) – Online (6 weeks) Thursday evening 6th Oct to 17th November 7.00pm - 9.00pm This group is particularly suited for parents and or carers of pre-teen/teenagers who may have a FFA, CIN, CP or Youth Justice Plan and are showing signs of: * Risky behaviour online through social media / * Attraction to or involvement in gangs / * Alcohol and/or drugs, early sex, self-harming, crime and anti-social behaviour, aggressive and challenging behaviour We accept referrals from professionals as well as self-referrals. Please click here referral form for the online referral form. Following our data protection protocols, please note that our referral form, which is also attached with flyers for each group, must be password-protected before returning to <u>services@familylives.org.uk</u> with the password sent in a separate email. Parents can also email services@familylives.org.uk or call us on 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8701 for more information. Helpline We offer a confidential and free* helpline service for families in Help / Live Chat / Contact England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). Please call us on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. If you don't get an answer first time please do try again. Helpline opening hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 9pm. Weekends 10am to 3pm Live Chat Our online chat service is open on Monday between 1.30pm to 9pm, Tuesday to Friday between 10.30am to 9pm. You can contact us about any family or parenting issue. To start a chat, you can click on the 'Live chat' button when the service is available. Please note, the service is closed on weekends and bank holidays. Email You can contact askus@familylives.org.uk about any parenting or family issue. Please note we are unable to respond to legal or medical issues, and we are not connected to social services. Forum Our forums are a safe space for parents to share dilemmas, experiences and issues with others who understand the ups and downs of family life. If you are concerned about a post or experiencing technical issues, you can email us. www.facebook.com/FamilyLivesHertsandBeds Complete guide to parenting children with SEND 10 Week Course. Parent/Carer of children aged 2 to 11 with all SEND Wednesday Mornings via Zoom 9:30am to 11:30am - September 14, 21, Guide to parenting - All

28. October 5, 12, 19. November 2, 9, 16, 23

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: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk www.familiesinfocus.co.uk/sendcourses

Bookings

SEND, children aged 2 to

Handling Anger in your child with ADHD and/or Autism 6 Week Course. Parents of Primary Aged Children with ADHD and or Autism Thursday mornings 9:30am to 11:30am - September 15, 22, 29. October 6, 13, 20. OR Monday Evenings 6:30pm to 8:30pm - September 12, 19, 26. October 3, 10, 17 OR Thursday mornings 9:30am to 11:30am - November 3, 10, 17, 24. December 1, 8 Bookings: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk	Handling Anger ADHD and/or Autism Primary Aged
Join the Ambitious Youth Network (ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk) The Ambitious about Autism youth network is a fun and friendly space for autistic young people, between the ages of 16-25, to meet other autistic young people and be themselves. It offers them a safe and moderated online space to help them understand their autistic identify and reduce isolation and loneliness that many feel. Young people will be able to take part in peer support sessions which are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 5:45-6:45 over Zoom. These sessions are a chance to meet new autistic young people across the country, share experiences and find volunteering, work experience and employment opportunities. Sessions are a safe environment where you can stay within your comfort zone, there is no pressure to turn on your camera or microphone. You can choose to participate or just observe. The sessions are led by Ambitious staff trained in safeguarding, who you may contact at any point if you are uncomfortable or feel unsafe. Every session has a different theme, past sessions have included arts and crafts, comedy night, DJ sessions, language lessons, and a monthly general knowledge quiz. Youth network members over the age of 18 also have a chance to instant message each other on the platform. To access the peer sessions, you will need to request to join the youth network.	Autism / Youth
The courses are fully funded by HCC for families who have needs in Hertfordshire. Please would you kindly promote the following courses to parents and carers and to other colleagues on your networks. For all enquiries and to make a referral, please email enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk For Dads, Step-Dads and male carers A FREE ONLINE course for Dads, Step-Dads and Carers • Families Feeling Safe Online Tuesday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm 13, 20, 27 Sept, 4, 11 & 18 Oct 2022	Protective Behaviours – Male Carers
For Mums, Dads & Carers A FREE course for Mums, Dads, Step-parents and Carers • Families Feeling Safe Stevenage at The Oak Suite, Peartree Spring Primary School, SG2 9GG Wednesdays 9.30am—11.30am 21, 28 Sept, 5, 12, 19 Oct, 2, 9, 16 & 23 Nov 2022 Bushey at The Hub, Bournehall Primary School, WD23 3AX Tuesdays 11.30am – 1.30pm (arrival 11-11.15am) 20, 27 Sept, 4, 11, 18 Oct, 1, 8 & 15 Nov 2022	Protective Behaviours – Parents/Carers
School Transitions: Managing Anxiety & Worries in Children & Young People Tickets, Thu 8 Sep 2022 at 18:00 Eventbrite	School Transition
Supporting Your Child With Sleep Difficulties Tickets, Tue 13 Sep 2022 at 10:00 Eventbrite	Sleep Difficulties
Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing and ability to self-regulate Tickets, Wed 14 Sep 2022 at 10:00 Eventbrite	Self-Regulation
Emotional Wellbeing Workshop (For young people 11 - 16) Tickets, Wed 21 Sep 2022 at 18:00 Eventbrite	Wellbeing – 11 to 16 years
Adolescent Self-esteem Workshop Tickets, Wed 28 Sep 2022 at 18:00 Eventbrite	Adolescent Self-Esteem
Supporting Your Child's Self-esteem Tickets, Thu 29 Sep 2022 at 10:00 Eventbrite	Self Esteem

Online Education Programme for parents/carers of secondary aged young people who are attending CAMHS Clinic/Step2. 6-week course, online Wednesdays 7:30pm to 9pm 28 September to 9 November (break for half term 27 Oct). Book: nhdspl@wilshere.herts.sch.uk	Secondary Accessing CAMHS/Step2 Support for parents
Monthly 2hr Zoom peer support group for parents/ carers with CYP engaged in CAMHS – (HPFT or Step 2) – delivered by Carers in Herts- parents need to book on but its free	Support Groups
CAMHS Online Support Group (carersinherts.org.uk)	
<u>UpOnDowns Hertfordshire – Down's Syndrome Support Group – Hertfordshire</u> <u>Family Support Meeting - Up On Downs</u>	Down Syndrome – Family Support Meeting
Local Offer This short video (less than a minute) is designed to give an understanding of what the Local Offer website is, and what kind of information and resources they can find on there. You can see the video on Youtube here: https://youtu.be/hmcGbFqmsl8	Local Offer
Services for Young People North Herts Project for Young People with Learning Disabilities at Hitchin young People's Centre. Ages 13-17 Wednesdays, 6:30pm to 8:30pm / Term Time Only / Bookings always needed - FREE Hitchin Young People's Centre, Nightingale House, Nightingale Road, Hitchin SG5 1SD	Young People with Learnin Disabilities
sfyp.northherts@hertfordshire.gov.uk / 01438 843340 or text: 07860 065 178 Services for Young People North Herts Project for Young People with Learning Disabilities at Hitchin Young People's Centre The Services for Young People North H Services for Young People Listings	
First Thursday of each month – booking via Eventbrite Herts Family Centre Service - North Herts District Events Eventbrite School nurses in Hertfordshire (hertsfamilycentres.org)	Family Centre SEND Drop-In School Nurses
Herts Disability Sports Foundation is proud to promote the development of disability sport in Hertfordshire. We provide a wide variety of sports activities for people with a disability and pride ourselves on being able to adapt activities to suit the needs of the participants. We work with Individuals, groups, schools and businesses. See website to find activities.	Disabilty Sports
Young Minds – young people's mental health Parents' Guide to CAMHS Guide for Parents YoungMinds	Young People's Mental Health
If your child is too anxious to go to school (hertfordshire.gov.uk) School Avoidance/Anxiety - Webinar and Resources: Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Service Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (hct.nhs.uk)	Too anxious to go to school
Togetherall clinically moderated online peer to peer support for 16+ feeling low/ depressed, new users have to register	Peer support 16+
Just Talk Herts Just Talk (justtalkherts.org) Emotional wellbeing information and resources to help young people in Hertfordshire (justtalkherts.org)	Resources

Home :: Hertfordshire and West Essex Healthier Together Join (hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk) Dates Services for Mental health and wellbeing (hertfordshire.gov.uk) Spring 2023 Skills for Carers - First Steps ED **Body Image** Contact a SEND service (hertfordshire.gov.uk) ISL SEND Advice for Parents/Carers (hertfordshirefamiliesfirst.org.uk) SEND Support Guest Blog SFYP - Moving on from school (hertfordshire.gov.uk) Herts Parent Carer Involvement (hertsparentcarers.org.uk) Webinars | Herts Parent Carer Involvement (hertsparentcarers.org.uk) Preparing for adulthood (hertfordshire.gov.uk) Help for children who aren't attending school regularly (hertfordshire.gov.uk) Caring for your health into adulthood (hertfordshire.gov.uk) Deaf and Hearing Support Service (hertfordshire.gov.uk) SEND documents and resources (hertfordshire.gov.uk) The Dyslexia-SpLD Trust - Parents All ages, borrow sensory, educational practical If you live in Hertfordshire and your child has additional needs, SPACE Lending Library operate Hertfordshire's only specialist equipment ending library. Visit them to:

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operate Hertfordshire's only specialist equipment ending library. Visit them to: borrow sensory, educational and practical resources for free get some friendly advice and help on equipment for your child's specific needs find a listening ear for emotional and practical support benefit from signposting: knowledge and understanding of local resources, as well as community and statutory services

Stay for a drink and a chat with the SPACE team and other parents /carers. Children are welcome! Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays 9.30am - 12.30pm - Unit 7, Arlington Business Park, Whittle Way, Stevenage, SG1

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