Purwell Primary School

 **2nd February 2023**

**P**

**URWELL

NEW**

**S**

**L**

**E**

**T**

**T**

**E**

**R**

**Thought for the week:** *“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Feel Good Week (6th- 10th February 2023)**

Next week is Feel Good Week, Mrs Barhey has been planning a week that promotes children and young people’s emotional wellbeing by raising awareness of mental health and showing where support can be accessed within the community.

During this week, children will be taking part in a variety of special activities designed to boost their emotional and mental wellbeing. These include: music and art therapy activities; dance workshops with Mrs Eaves and Miss Cunningham; yoga sessions with Mrs Allen (Felix’s mum) and a musical assembly with performances by Mrs Nichol, Miss Plunkett and Mr McCalman.

**World book day – Thursday 2nd March**

This year World Book Day will be celebrated on 2nd March. At Purwell we strive to instil a love of reading which can spark the imagination and stimulate curiosity!

Words are powerful and can inspire, so this year, for World Book Day we would love children to come dressed as a noun or adjective! This could be a colour- red, yellow, green; an object- a knight, a princess, a scientist or perhaps you want to be sparkly, brave or energetic! We can’t wait to see where your imagination takes you!

Classes will also be completing some book related activities, sharing stories and each child will also receive a World Book Day voucher to spend on a book.

**STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths**

For those of you who follow us on Twitter, we hope you have enjoyed the creations that have been posted on there during their STEM Exploring this week and last. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The children have been presented with a series of challenges where they have worked together to design, produce, and then test their creations within a time frame. Collaborative learning, editing and building has been an essential part of the learning.



**PSA updates**

A BIG thank you to the PSA for organising a very enjoyable **Quiz Night** on Friday evening. Mr. ’Brains’ Brazier hosted the evening and posed questions on a variety of topics and the music round got everyone bopping along. We are very much looking forward to the next one.

**BINGO!** The next event on the calendar is the **Family Bingo Night,** which will be held on Saturday 25th March. The tickets will be on sale from Monday 20th March, so look out for those.

We are delighted to announce that the heart defibrillator is now fitted and working. It is located just outside the community room and is ready to save lives if needed. Let’s hope that it is never required.

**Clubs for the Spring Term**

The majority of clubs running for the Spring term have already commenced with many pupils joining clubs, particularly with the wide offer of lunchtime activities available. Please find below the details of all the clubs that are currently available. For clubs starting after half term a letter will be going out for pupils to join up.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **LUNCH TIME** | **AFTER SCHOOL** |
| **MONDAY** | **Board Games/Lego - Yrs 3,4,5,6** | **Chess Club - Yrs 3,4,5,6****Cheerleading - yrs 5 & 6 (FULL)** |
| **TUESDAY** | **Year 6 SAT Booster –Invitation only****Girls Football – yrs 4,5,6** | **Cycling Club - Yrs 4 & 5** **Textile Club - yrs 4, 5,6 (FULL)****Year 6 SAT Booster – Invitation only****Dungeons & Dragons – yrs 4,5,6** |
| **WEDNESDAY** | **Year 6 SAT Booster – Invitation only****Boys Football – yrs 4,5,6** | **Glee Club – yrs 5 & 6****Netball – yrs 5 & 6 (FULL)** |
| **THURSDAY** |  | **Cookery club – yrs 3,4,5,6 (FULL)** |
| **FRIDAY** | **Hamma Bead Club – Yrs 3,4,5,6** |  |

**Support Workshops for Parents and Half-term Activities**

With this newsletter you will be sent a list of agencies and workshops that are available to support parents and carers. There will also be a document that details half-term holiday provision and childcare in the local area.

**Dates for Spring Term**

6th-10th February Feel Good Week

13rd – 17th February Half-term

Thursday 2nd March World Book Day, Non-uniform, dressing up. **NEW**

Friday 10th March School Closed for Inset Day

Saturday 25th March Family Bingo Night **NEW**

Wednesday 29th March Parent Consultations

Thursday 30th March Parent Consultations

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

**Dates for Summer Term**

Monday 17th April School closed for Inset Day

Tuesday 18th April Pupils return to school

Monday 1st May May Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May                             Coronation Bank Holiday

29th May–2nd June Half-term

Wednesday 28th June Sports Day

Friday 30th June School closed for Inset Day

Friday 21st July Last day of term (2pm finish)

**2023 / 2024**

**Autumn Term 2023**

Friday 1st September School closed for INSET day

Monday 4th September Children return to school

23rd – 27th October Half-term

Wednesday 20th December Last day of term

**Spring Term 2024**

Thursday 4th January Children return to school

19th – 23rd February Half-term

Monday 26th February School closed for INSET day

Thursday 28th March Last day of term

**Summer Term 2024**

Monday 15th April School closed for INSET day

Tuesday 16th April Children return to school

Monday 6th May Bank holiday

27th – 31st May Half-term

Friday 28th June School closed for INSET day

Friday 19th July Last day of term

Monday 22nd July School closed for INSET day

Tuesday 23rd July School closed for Occasional Day’s holiday