

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

Ofsted Inspection Last Week

The school was visited last week by an inspector from Ofsted. The last time the school was inspected was in 2016, so we were expecting another visit anytime. The inspector spent two days looking at various aspects of the school including assessing our safeguarding practices, checking the curriculum, and visiting lessons. At the end of the second day her findings were fed back to senior leaders and members of the Governing Body. The final report, which must now go through Ofsted's quality assurance processes, will be ready for publishing in two to three weeks' time and will be sent out to parents.

Parent Teacher Consultations

These will take place on:

Wednesday 20th October until 6.00pm

Thursday 21st October until 7.00pm

Booking forms for these consultations will be in the entrance lobby for all pupils, from Nursery to Year 6, from 3pm on Friday. The wearing of masks is optional for parents and staff at the consultations.

A feedback board will be available for parents to leave comments and there will be information about the role of being a parent governor available, with a governor and Mr Cano available to answer any questions.

PSA News

At the recent AGM there was a warm welcome to the refreshed committee members and the new class representatives. The Chair, Amanda, would like to extend her gratitude to them for representing our classes for the school year 2021/22. After hosting a fabulous school disco recently for the children, the PSA are already planning their next set of exciting events.

PSA, upcoming dates:

Next PSA meeting will be on Monday 11th October. Starting at 8pm, the venue tbc.

Halloween family party will be held on Friday 22nd October. It will offer families an opportunity to dress up in your spooky costumes and enjoy a tuckshop, bar, disco, and spooky games.

Pumpkin Trail will be held on Sunday 31st October 5-8pm. Starting at Purwell Corner, Benchley Hill
There will be pulled pork, tea, coffee, hot choc & mulled wine! Come follow our trail!

Christmas Cracker Event will be held on Friday 10th December.

All the best bits of our Christmas Fayre wrapped up in a party night for the whole family.

The PSA newsletter will be published next week giving details of all the new team and more information on these events.

No nuts in school

The school has a no nuts policy. Please can parents, who provide packed lunches for their children, ensure that they are not using any nut-based products, such as Nutella.

Free School Meals (FSM)

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

Spring Bulb Donations

Mrs Barhey is asking for donations of daffodil bulbs for our school grounds for that lovely cheer in spring. Thank you in advance.

School meals

School meals cost £2.65 per day, £13.25 per week. Payment can be made via cash or on School Gateway. Cheques are no longer accepted.

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Become a Purwell School Governor!

There are two vacancies on the Governing Body for parent governors.

We are seeking people who have an enquiring mind and are keen to contribute to the effective day-to-day running of the school and the educational achievements of its pupils.

We need people who can bring further skills, experience and objectivity to decision making in our meetings. We would be particularly interested in parents who have financial, legal, ICT or Health and Safety backgrounds, although this type of experience is not essential.

A Governing Body's responsibility is to work in partnership with the Headteacher to promote continuous improvement in the performance of the school. Aligned to its improvement role, the Governing Body also supports and challenges the performance of both the Headteacher and the school.

Typically, a governor's duties will average around 6 hours a month. Hertfordshire governors are fortunate to be supported in their role by relevant training courses.

If you are interested and wish to enquire further, please contact the school office either in person or on 01462 432950 and collect a nomination form. Or, if you have any questions please speak to Mr Cano, Headteacher, or any of the existing Governors. Alternatively, you can email admin@purwell.herts.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you!

Dates for Autumn Term 2021

October

Thursday 18th Braiswick photographer in school for individual and family portraits

Wednesday 20th Parent Consultations

Thursday 21st Parent Consultations

25th -29th Oct ***Half term***

December

Wednesday 8th Christmas School Lunch

Thursday 9th Market Theatre production of Puss in Boots

Tuesday 14th EYFS/KS1 Christmas production (afternoon and evening)
KS2 Christmas production (afternoon and evening)

Wednesday 15th 1:30pm Christmas assembly and certificates

Friday 17th **Term ends at 2pm**

Dates for Spring Term 2022

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| Wednesday 5 th January | Pupils return to school |
| 14 th - 18 th February | Half-term |
| Friday 11 th March | School Closed for Inset Day |
| 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

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| 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 1 st June | School closed for Inset Day |
| Friday 24 th June | Sports Day |
| Friday 22 nd July | Last day of term |

