

Purwell Primary School Newsletter

8th June 2023

Thought for the week: 'Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than one with all the facts.' - Albert Einstein

Sports Day - Wednesday 28th June

This year, Sports Day will be on Wednesday 28th June. The organisation of the day will be like previous years, with children taking part in a range of athletic events such as long jump, javelin, and discus, in addition to running races on the track. In the morning, from 9:30am, it will be the turn of Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children: Acorn, Holly, and Willow Classes, with Key Stage 2 children: Beech, Maple, Aspen and Oak competing in the afternoon, from 1:30pm.

Teachers will be making sure that children have the opportunity to practise each of the events as part of their PE lessons this term. All children should make sure they have their PE kit (including proper trainers) in school so that they can take part. Parents are most welcome to watch their children on Sports Day - come and join us!

Open Day/Evening - Wednesday 12th July

The Open Day and Open Evening for parents will be on Wednesday 12th July. Parents are invited to come into their child's class, from 2.15pm until 3.15pm, where they will be invited to join the children in fun learning activities which reflect our diverse and creative curriculum.

To accommodate the later-working parents, the school will open again at 6.00pm with refreshments in the hall, where Mr Cano will be saying a few words before introducing to the parents the teachers for September and announcing class allocations. There will also be a representation from the school governors and PSA members who will be delighted to answer any questions for parents looking to be more involved in the school. After this, parents will be free to tour the school. There will be displays of children's work, subject information, and interactive computer demonstrations, with staff and pupils available to guide and answer any questions.

If you are feeling peckish, Herts Catering will be providing a sample of items from their menus for parents who are considering swapping their children from bringing packed lunches to taking school lunches.

School uniform recycle, bring and swap - Wednesday 28th June

On Wednesday 28th June, the same day as Sports Day, all the school uniform that the school holds will be put out on display for parents to take what they need for their ever-growing children. We also welcome from parents, donations of any used uniform that is clean and in good condition. Ideally, please bring those with you on the day. There will be a further opportunity to find uniform for September during the summer break, so look out for news on that on social media!

School Garden Restoration Project

Mrs Nichol has commandeered a raised bed in the school garden for Beech Class tallest sunflower mission. Many thanks to Mr Brazier and his team of volunteers who have been working steadily in restoring the garden back to looking it's best. There's still a way to go, so if you are a keen gardener and are willing to help out, please catch Mr Brazier in the school playground and offer your services.



Purwell Panthers cheerleaders to compete once again in national competition

On Friday, 23rd June, the Purwell Panthers cheerleaders will be travelling to Bournemouth to compete at the prestigious national cheerleading competition. Mrs Law has been working very hard in rehearsals with the squad, and they are all very excited at the prospect of performing against other

teams from around the country. In addition to this event, the Panthers will be performing on Sports Day and at the Glee Club performance, on the evening of 20th July.

Glee Club to perform at special summer evening event -Thursday 20th July

We are excited to invite you to our end of term school performance of singing and dancing! Our talented children who perform with Glee Club, are working hard to prepare for this special event, and they cannot wait to showcase their talent.

Join us on Thursday 20th July in the school hall for an evening of entertainment that is sure to leave you impressed. Our performers will be showcasing a range of songs and dance routines that they are working on with Miss Plunkett, Mrs Eaves, Mrs Nichol, Mr Brazier and Mrs Rook, that will delight and entertain the whole family. As an additional treat, Mrs Law's Purwell Panthers will be performing their national competition routine, which is sure to be impressive.

This is an excellent opportunity to support our pupils and witness the incredible progress they have made over the year. We encourage all parents and families to attend and celebrate this fantastic achievement. Tickets will go on sale for this event nearer the time, so look out for those!

Volunteers needed for leaflet drops in your road

We are asking for volunteers to help advertise our caretaker vacancy in the local area. If you live in and around the Purwell area, and are willing to post some leaflets through the post boxes along your road, then please come collect some from the school office. All help is gratefully received.

Sports update

Last week, Purwell Cricket Club enjoyed their first taste of professional cricket at Merchant Taylor's, as Middlesex took Gloucestershire to the last ball in a thriller! Autograph hunting and free bat and ball for every child were the highlights. Our thanks to Mr Brazier for organising this opportunity for the children.



Employment opportunity - Caretaker required

Purwell Primary School is looking to appoint a reliable and capable person to take responsibility for caretaking duties within the school. This is an important role with responsibility for repairs, property maintenance, health and safety checks, some grounds maintenance, sweeping and window cleaning as well as liaising with contractors.

Training is available through the caretaking course run by Herts County Council.

Visits to the school are welcomed. If you are interested, please phone the school and ask to pick up an application form, from Mrs Sharp, our School Business Manager, on 01462 432950.

Applicants are required to complete the application form and will be required to complete an online Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to the appointment. Purwell Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people.

PSA News & Events

PSA Events update

Welcome back to the Summer Term and an awesome 🥳 line-up of Purwell PTA events! We hope you can come to the PSA meeting this evening, Thursday, at 8pm, at Amanda's house. All are welcome to attend.

- Mr Brazier's Family Quiz Night- Friday 16th June, a chance to win a prize 🏆 and have family fun!
- June 24th Lego Challenge Day - maximum of 4 in a team.
- And to finish the term in style don't forget to save the date for our amazing summer event, Purwell Rocks 🎸 🎺 🎱 with live music, barbecue, bar and more 15th July 2-8pm!

Family 'First' Support

Families First is the term used in Hertfordshire for services that work together to support families who need extra help. These are also known as early help services.

We all experience difficulties at some point. Families First can help you find early help and information to prevent issues from getting worse.

If you need more help than your usual support network - for example your health visitor, school, doctor or family centre - we can work with you and your family to create a package of support. Ask for support.

Support Workshops for Parents

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

Dates for Summer Term

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| Friday 16 th June | Family Quiz Night |
| Friday 23 rd June | Purwell Panthers perform at National Comp in Bournemouth. |
| Saturday 24 th June | Lego Challenge Day |
| Wednesday 28 th June | Sports Day |
| Friday 30 th June | School closed for Inset Day |
| Monday 3 rd July | Cycle training for Year 6 |
| Wednesday 12 th July | Open Day and Evening NEW |
| Thursday 13 th July | Meet the teacher morning, Year 6 to their secondary schools NEW |
| Saturday 15 th July | Purwell Rocks |
| Monday 17 th July | Annual progress reports sent home NEW |
| Thursday 20 th July | Glee Club Performance Evening, featuring the Purwell Panthers. |
| Friday 21 st July | Last day of term (2pm finish) |

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Autumn Term 2023

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| Friday 1 st 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

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| Thursday 4 th January | Children return to school |
| 19 th - 23 rd February | Half-term |
| Monday 26 th February | School closed for INSET day |
| Thursday 28 th March | Last day of term |

Summer Term 2024

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| Monday 15 th April | School closed for INSET day |
| Tuesday 16 th April | Children return to school |
| Monday 6 th May | Bank holiday |
| 27 th - 31 st May | Half-term |
| Friday 28 th June | School closed for INSET day |
| Friday 19th July | LAST DAY OF TERM |
| Monday 22 nd July | School closed for INSET day |
| Tuesday 23 rd July | School closed for Occasional Day's holiday |