



# September Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already well into our first term of the new academic year. It has been lovely to meet new children and families joining Purford Green along with families already familiar to us. Our new reception children have really impressed us with how they have settled into a new environment and new routines. It was also great to see so many parents attending our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions held recently. We hope that you are now well informed of curriculum content for the year for your child and other events that will take place. We hope that all parents and carers are now signed up to Class Dojo and that our school APP has also been downloaded. These channels are our most common means of communication to parents along with emails. We look forward to seeing parents in school again for individual parent consultation meetings which will take place in the last week of this half term and more details will be sent shortly.

Miss Smith

## Celebrating children's achievements outside of school

As a school we enjoy celebrating children's achievements gained in clubs and hobbies they take part in. Up until now we have shared these weekly in celebration assemblies but we found towards the end of the year, our assemblies were overrunning. This year, we have dedicated one assembly per half term to celebrate out of school achievements and this term this will be on 10<sup>th</sup> October. If your child has gained a certificate or medal in a club they attend outside of school, please send them in with this on the date.

## Appointments during term time

During COVID it was very difficult for appointments to be made with doctors and dentists and we have accepted medical appointments being taken in school time. We are asking now, that medical appointments are made wherever possible outside of school time. Of course, for emergencies we understand that this will not be possible. If appointments can only be made in school time, please make these at the beginning or end of the day. If your child has an appointment locally in the middle of the day, we do expect them to be in school beforehand and if time allows, return to school so they do not miss out on important learning time.

## Water bottles

Please can I remind parents and carers, that your child should come to school each day with a named reusable water bottle. Children are only allowed to have water in their drinking bottle, not juice or squash.

## Bikes and Scooters

Please can I remind you that children should not be riding on bikes and scooters on the school pathways before and after school. These pathways are very busy at these times and this is to help all of the community to be safe. When children collect their bikes or scooters from the bike storage, they should be walking these on pathways. Thank you

## Arriving at school on time

For the large majority of our children, they arrive to school on time, ready to start learning at 8.50am. We have tried to work hard with our parent community to understand the negative effects of children arriving late and our lateness record is positive. However, we have made the decision that children in Key Stage Two who are regularly arriving late in the mornings will miss their breaktime and complete learning missed by arriving late.

## Congratulations

Well done to all children who prepared and gave house captain speeches to houses recently. Children and adults in houses have now voted and I am pleased to announce the following:

Dragon House Captain - Lily

Dragon House Vice Captain - Riley

Lion House Captain - George

Lion House Vice Captain - Lucy

Unicorn House Captain - Scarlet

Unicorn House Vice Captain - Bailey

Griffin House Captain - Isobella

Griffin House Vice Captain - Sam

Science Ambassadors have also been voted for in classes and well done to the following children who have been chosen to do this role.

Year 1: Henry and Amelia

Year 2: Jade and Oliver H

Year 3: Leon and Olivia

Year 4: Amira and Aarian

Year 5: Finley and Charis

Year 6: Archie and Pixie

## World Mental Health day

On 10<sup>th</sup> October, it is World Mental Health day. We will be recognising this by taking part in #Hello Yellow to raise money for the mental health charity Young Minds. We would like all children and staff to participate and pledge support for raising the importance of mental health and wellbeing by wearing something yellow to school. Children will come into school in uniform but could wear yellow socks, a yellow top, a yellow scarf or ribbon etc. If you are able to give a donation of £1 for this event, we would be most grateful.

## Friends of Purford Green

The Friends of Purford Green would like to invite all parents to a Tea and Cake afternoon on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2.40-3.10pm in the school hall. This will be an opportunity to meet some other parents, have a natter and some delicious refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Wellbeing Champions

Those children appointed as Wellbeing Champions last year in years 5 and 6 will continue with their important role this year. Well done to the following children in year 4 who applied for the post.

Maisie, Oscar and Burak

## Year 6 Families

You can now apply for a secondary school place for your child. The date for applications has now opened and finishes on 31<sup>st</sup> October. This can be done online by visiting Essex County Council's School Admission website.



Unicorn house - 368



Griffin house —348



Lion house —331



Dragon house - 326

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 22nd September —Year 1 Library visit

Monday 26th September —Harvest Assembly

Tuesday 27th September—Friends of Purford Green Tea and Coffee afternoon @ 2.40pm

Thursday 29th September—Year 1 Trip to Walton-on-the-Naze

Thursday 6th October—EYFS Town Park trip

Thursday 6th October—Year 2 Library visit

Monday 10th October—World Mental Health Day

Thursday 13th October—Year 1 Library visit

Thursday 13th October—Open day for new intake 2023-2024  
(Please contact the school office to book)

Friday 14th October—Individual photos

Tuesday 18th October—Parent Consultations

Wednesday 19th October—Parent Consultations

Thursday 20th October—Friday 28th October  
Half term

Children return to school on Monday 31st October