



Purford Green Primary School

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September 2023 Newsletter

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 nursery and reception children have really impressed us with how they have settled into their new environment and new routines. Thank you to all the parents who have greeted me on the door, it is a privilege to be part of this fantastic community.

It was great to see so many parents attending our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions held last week. We hope that you are now well informed of the curriculum content for the year for your child and other events and information.

Miss Emma Bloomfield

Purford Green Nursery

We are very proud to have a new nursery as part of our school. Miss Smith and her nursery team have been busy over the holidays creating a vibrant and nurturing environment for our youngest children. If your child is turning 3 this academic year and you would like to apply for a place, please visit the office for an application form. We have spaces available for parents looking for 15 hours per week or 30 hours per week.



Home Learning

After attending our 'meet the teacher' sessions this week, you will know we have taken on feedback and updated our homework policy for this year. We are increasing our focus on every child regularly reading at home as well as helping families to make home learning more manageable. We believe engaging with learning at home is important to support children's progress, so home learning is compulsory at Purford Green. Children in KS2 may be asked to stay in at play time or lunch to complete missed home learning so if you have any problems supporting home learning, please talk to the class teachers.

How we teach early reading



This year we have updated how we teach early reading and phonics to our younger children. There is a parent session with parents on **Thursday 21st September at 3.20pm for Year R and Year 1 parents in the hall.** Please attend if you are able to so you can hear about the changes.

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 out of school. Each term we celebrate achievements in a special assembly. This term it will take place on 16th 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.

Congratulations to our new House Captains

Well done to all children who prepared and gave house captain speeches to houses recently. All the children prepared and delivered speeches that were of high quality. Children and adults in houses have now voted and we are pleased to announce the following:

Dragon House Captain – Connie

Dragon House Vice Captain – Ivan

Lion House Captain - Daniel

Lion House Vice Captain – Peyton

Unicorn House Captain - Amelie

Unicorn House Vice Captain - Finley

Griffin House Captain – Riley

Griffin House Vice Captain – Annabelle

Wellbeing Champions

Well done to the children in years 3, 4 and 6 who applied for the post of wellbeing champion. Our wellbeing champions for this year are:

Year 3: Ivy, Jade, Sienna, Molly

Year 4: Darcie, Ava B, Rosie, Leon

Year 6: Lilly, Tanisha, Riley



Tour of Britain

Purford Green were invited to join other primary schools in Harlow to watch the end of the Essex stage of Tour of Britain. They set off from school and cycled to meet other primary schools at the Harlow Rugby Club. All primaries then cycled to the finish line by The Water Gardens where they had the opportunity to cycle through the finish line before watching the end of the race. All pupils enjoyed watching the race and were loudly cheering on the British competitor!

Year 6 Families

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

We encourage you to take up the opportunity to visit secondary schools as part of their open evenings, the dates are:

Friends of Purford Green

The Friends of Purford Green would like to invite all parents to a Coffee and Cake afternoon on **Tuesday 26th 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!



Lost Property

The staff try their hardest to make sure that children do not lose their belongings but sometimes things still go missing.

We would ask for your support in the following ways: Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled with permanent marker. Please check that your child has not accidentally taken home an item of clothing that does not belong to them.

If your child is missing an item of clothing, please check with the class teacher as all items of lost property will be held in class. At the end of each half term, any items that are unlabelled and unclaimed will be donated to charity.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 20th September – Year 6 parent meeting – transferring to secondary school

Thursday 21st September —Year 2 Library visit

Thursday 21st September – EYFS and Year1 parent reading meeting

Thursday 21st September – Passmores open evening

Tuesday 26th September—Friends of Purford Green Tea and Coffee afternoon @ 2.40pm

Wednesday 27th September – Harvest Festival (children and staff only)

Thursday 28th September—Year 1 Library visit

Thursday 28th September – Mark Hall open evening

Thursday 5th October—Individual photos

Thursday 5th October – St Marks open evening

Wednesday 11th October—Open afternoon for new reception intake 2024-2025 (Please contact the school office to book)

Thursday 12th October – Year 2 library visit

Friday 13th October – Flu immunisations

Tuesday 17th October—Parent Consultations afternoon

Wednesday 18th October—Parent Consultations evening

Thursday 19th October Year 1 library visit

Friday 20th October – Non uniform day

Monday 23rd October—Tuesday 31st October Half term

Children return to school on Wednesday 1st November.