

Purford Green Primary School

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January 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although a little belated I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of us at Purford Green, to wish you a Happy New Year and, although a distant memory, we hope you had a lovely Christmas. It has been lovely to pop into classes over the last two weeks and to see the children ready to learn and already immersed in their new topics.

We are already half way through the half term so, we will be inviting you to our parents' consultation meetings which mark the halfway point through the year. These are very important appointments as they are an opportunity for you to look at your child's work, discuss their progress and find out ways to support your child further at home. We look forward to seeing you and your child there.

Miss Emma Bloomfield

Children using social media

We are aware that an increasing number of parents are choosing to give children access to the internet on a range of devices, which includes the use of chat rooms and WhatsApp. Whilst there are many benefits of social media, there can also be a negative impact on children's mental health and behaviour. Most sites have age ratings of 13 or 16 years old because children are not socially and emotionally ready to use the sites at primary school age. Risks involved include sharing their location with strangers, talking to people they do not know, sharing / accessing inappropriate content and developing obsessive behaviours.

We are proud that our E safety work develops children's understanding of how to keep safe on line but parents should regularly check the sites and apps being used to ensure children are keeping themselves safe and behaving appropriately. We will work with families to address unacceptable online behaviour and our advice to parents is always to block anyone (even if they are a friend) who is sending inappropriate / unkind messages. Mr Hammond is always available to help parents set up internet / Wi-Fi/ phone controls and restrictions, just ask to see him after school.



Our Little Book Swap Library

We are delighted to introduce our little book swap library at the front of the school. The book swap box was made by Mrs Barbara Byham and paid for by the Friends of Purford Green. Please have a look and feel free to take a book for your child to enjoy at home. When you have finished reading the book, you can return it or keep it if you would like. If you would like to donate a book to the book swap, please feel free. They can be new or used books in good condition.

Reading for pleasure at home

To promote reading for pleasure in 2024, children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and 2 have started their reading challenge. Children can earn different certificates for when a book is shared with you at home. In your child's reading diary, you will find a reading pathway for you to write in books you read with your child. You can list down the names of additional books (not Phonic books sent home) shared at home with your child. For each different book read, children will earn a reading point. Please write a brief comment about the book. Points will only be awarded when a parent/carers has communicated to teachers that a book has been shared and enjoyed.

In Key Stage 2, children will be awarded points from their Accelerated Reader quizzes throughout the term. At the end of term certificates will then be awarded for reading the most words; reading the most books; and for the most accurate answers on their Accelerated reader quizzes.

Author Visit



This week Reception and Year 1 had a virtual visit from the author Emily Lloyd-Gale. She entertained the children with funny stories and read from her book, *Mighty Maurice*. The children loved the visit and learned lots about being an author.



Sports News

2023 ended with a badminton festival where pupils got to take part and try out different badminton activities. This was followed up with the Gifted and Talented day. Four members of Purford Green took part in a day of activities, including UV dodgeball, Kings and laser tag! The new year has started with a flurry of tournaments. Purford Green had a successful New Age Kurling tournament with the Year 3 and 4 teams coming 4th, 5th and 6th. This was followed with a difficult afternoon tournament for the Year 5 teams who came 5th, 8th and 12th, although all pupils played extremely well and enjoyed the day of sport. This was then followed by the Year 5 Tag Rugby tournament, which saw Purford Green narrowly miss out on qualifying for the final by 1 point!



Class Assemblies

This term, class assemblies will begin to take place. Each class will showcase their learning for the year so far. Please see the important dates below to book your child's assembly into your diaries. These will be held at 9.15am.

Year 6 - Thursday 15th February 2024

Year 5 – Wednesday 7th February 2024

Year 4 - Thursday 9th May 2024

Year 3 - Thursday 2nd May 2024

Year 2 - Thursday 25th April 2024

Year 1 - Wednesday 23rd May 2024

Year R - Thursday 13th June 2024

My Happy Mind

This half term we are learning the Appreciate module in the myHappymind programme.

We are learning how to have an attitude for gratitude; how to be grateful for others, experiences and ourselves; and how giving and receiving gratitude makes us feel.

To support your child at home:

Log onto the parent App for more information about the Appreciate module and lots of activities you can do to support your child at home. To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources>

It will ask for an authentication code which you can get from your class teacher via dojo.

Support For Families

Home-Start Coffee Morning for parents of children in Nursery, Reception or Year 1

Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 9:15am

Home-Start is a charity that provides expert non-judgemental, compassionate support to families with young children. At the coffee morning Home-Start will be sharing school readiness activities and will be available to talk with parents about other services their team can provide. Please let the office know (either in person or by email) if you would like to attend.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 26th January – INSET DAY (school closed for pupils)

Wed 31st January – Reception Class Maths workshop @9am

Mon 5th February – Safer Internet Day

Weds 7th February 9.15am – Home Start Coffee Morning

Weds 7th February 9.15am– Year 5 Class Assembly

Tues 13th February - Parents consultations afternoon

Weds 14th February – Parents consultations evening.

Thurs 15th February 9.15am – Year 6 Class assembly

Friday 16th February – Non Uniform Day (Last day of half term)

Monday 26th February - School returns

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 8th March – INSET DAY (school closed for pupils)

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief Day