



October Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we have almost been in school for a whole half term already. Children continue to make us proud with their great attitudes towards learning and focus seen in lessons. We have been particularly impressed with how our new reception class have settled into routines in school and watching their levels of confidence grow. We can see how well children across the school are working and conducting themselves by the number of house point certificates being awarded each week in our Friday celebration assemblies. We wish all of our families a happy half term break when it arrives when we break up on Wednesday 19th October at 3.10pm.

Miss Smith

Parent consultation meetings

Please come through the main school entrance for your appointments and exit via the main school entrance. Your child's class teacher will give you a parent survey to complete after your appointment. We have left a space for you to write your child's name on the form but please leave this blank if you wish to remain anonymous and just indicate the year group your child is in. We look forward to seeing you in school.

World Mental Health Day

Thank you to all parents and carers who helped us to mark World Mental Health Day recently by letting your child wear something yellow. On the day we took part in an assembly which taught children about different feelings and how if these feelings get too big they can affect our mental health. In the afternoon, classes paired off together to take part in a 'Speedy Friendship activity' - introducing themselves and telling children they may not usually speak to in school, information about themselves. Connecting with others is one of our 5 ways to well-being. As a school we raised £149.37 which will be donated to the charity 'Young Minds'.

Parking outside of school

A gentle reminder that parents should not be parking in areas which are marked as no parking zones outside of school. This restricts parents being able to use the road safely to drive and last week, this nearly led to a serious incident where a child was almost knocked over. Please park considerately.

Please, please, please label uniform

Once again we have a huge pile of uniform in our lost property box which we are unable to return to its rightful owner as it is not named. Please spend some time over the half term break, labelling your child's uniform - particularly jumpers and coats. In our younger classes all clothing needs to be labelled. It seems such a waste, especially when at a time where everyone's finances are stretched that uniform is being unclaimed and parents will need to be unnecessarily replacing items of school uniform.

Being punctual

A reminder that our window of children starting school in the mornings is between 8.40am and 8.50am. Your child is late if they arrive after this time. This can be very embarrassing for your child arriving into class when the rest of their peers are learning and not a positive start to a child's day.

Friends of Purford Green

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the coffee afternoon this half term and for putting your name down to become a member of FOPG. The next event which will be run by FOPG will be the Christmas Fete which will take place after school on 9th December. Please put this date in your diary.

Adult and family learning

Please see the attached list of courses/events that you may wish to engage with.

Year 6 families

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is 31st October.

Purford Green Sport's news

Purford Green have started the year off with some fantastic events. We started with a morning at the town Activity Festival. It was a morning of numerous events enjoyed by all that took part. We then ventured over to Mark Hall for our Futsal tournament. Purford Green played well, winning most of their games but narrowly missed out on making it through to the finals. This was then followed by the Best Team Football qualifiers at Passmores. The boys team played really well with the least amount of goals conceded at this tournament. Riley R continuing his great goal keeping record from futsal to football. The tournament came down to "Golden Goal" to see who went through, unfortunately Purford Green narrowly missed out on the chance of going through to the final.

The term ended with our year 3/4 Girls football. All of the girls played really well, scoring 2 goals and only conceding 2 in the whole tournament. We look forward to another half term full of events.

Author visit

On the 7th and 8th of November, we have arranged for KS1 and 2 to have a writing workshop experience with author C. S. Clifford.

Please see attached for more information



Unicorn house - 962



Lion house —916



Dragon house - 904



Griffin house —886

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 18th October—Parent Consultations evening

Wednesday 19th October—Non uniform day

Wednesday 19th October—Parent Consultations afternoon

Thursday 20th October—Friday 28th October

Half term

Children return to school on Monday 31st October

Tuesday 8th November —Open day for new intake 2023-2024

(Please contact the school office to book)

Wednesday 9th November—Phonics session for EYFS parents @9am

Thursday 10th November—Year 2 Library visit

Friday 11th November—Non uniform day

Friday 11th November—Flu immunisation

Monday 14th November— Year 1 and 2 parent session—How to teach reading @ 9am

Tuesday 15th November —Open day for new intake 2023-2024

(Please contact the school office to book)

Thursday 17th November—Epping Museum Year 4

Friday 18th November—Children in Need

Thursday 24th November—Year 1 Library visit

Friday 25th November—INSET day

Tuesday 29th November—Colchester Castle trip—Year 3

Monday 5th December—Colchester Zoo trip—Year 2

Thursday 8th December—Year 2 Library visit

Friday 9th December—Christmas jumper day

Friday 9th December—Christmas fete

Tuesday 13th December—Christmas Panto @Passmores

Wednesday 14th December—KS1 Christmas performance to parents @ 9.30am

Wednesday 14th December—Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carols at St Stephen's Church @4pm

Thursday 15th December—EYFS Christmas performance @ 9.30am

Thursday 15th December—KS1 Christmas performance @ 1.30pm

Monday 19th December—Christmas dinner

Wednesday 21st December—School finishes @1.30pm