



# November Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to have parents and carers back in school with us for parent consultation meetings or parent workshops in our younger classes. We are delighted that almost every child in our school has had a family member attend a parent consultation appointment with the class teacher and they have had the opportunity to show you all that they have been learning so far this term. Thank you to all parents and carers who took time to complete our annual parent survey - we are pleased to celebrate the following results from the surveys.

## parent survey results (134 responses)

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| My child is happy at this school  | 100%  |
| My child feels safe at this school  | 100%  |
| The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved                             | 100%  |
| My child has been bullied (number)  | 6%    |
| The school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively                    | 100%  |
| The school makes me aware of what my child will be learning during the year   | 99%   |
| If I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly | 100%  |
| My child has SEND (number)  | 8%    |
| The school gives my child with SEND the support they need to succeed          | 91%   |
| The school has high expectations for my child                                 | 100%  |
| My child does well at this school   | 99%   |
| The school lets me know how well my child is doing                            | 99%   |
| There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school        | 100%  |
| My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school                 | 99%   |
| The school supports my child's wider development and wellbeing                | 100%  |
| Recommend school to another parent  | 99.4% |

Miss Smith

## INSET Day

Please note that 25<sup>th</sup> November is a non - pupil day and INSET day. We will see children back in school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

## Class Dojo

Please can we remind you when contacting teachers on Class Dojo that it is for day-to-day questions or messages to the teacher for example: missing items or asking about a specific event. If you have a specific concern about your child's wellbeing or learning, please speak directly with the teacher after school or make an appointment to see the teacher at a mutually convenient time.



## Mental health and wellbeing

Recently children have completed a pupil mental health and wellbeing survey. This has been done as a way of identifying children whose wellbeing is not as positive as it could be and then helping us to work with any individual pupils here in school who may need some intervention or work with our learning mentor to feel happier and more content in themselves.

## Cost of living crisis

We are very aware that many families are finding it harder and harder to make ends meet with rising costs in living. We are in a position to be able to provide foodbank vouchers for any families who are struggling - please contact the school office if you require one of these.

## Spelling Bee competition

We are launching our **Spelling Bee competition** once again at Purford Green after a break due to Covid 19.



All children will be given a list of words to learn to spell and will be required to write the words down when read aloud by an adult. These words will be **tested in the first week of the spring term** – week beginning **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January**. Children will have all the Christmas holidays to practise.

The top five scoring children in each year group will then be given a different longer list of words to learn in January. In whole school assemblies each week, the 5 children from each year group will be tested on a selection of words to try and win the title of 'Spelling Bee Champion' for their year group.

## World Café Day

It was lovely for the whole school to come together for World Café Day on 4th November. In the hall was an assortment of stalls from around the world serving up culinary delights to the children.

Each year group chose a country and spent the day finding out information about that destination and in the afternoon, all children were able to sample the foods from around the world. We would like to thank the parents who came to speak to the children and the students from Passmores who helped run the stalls.



## Children in Need

Thank you to our school council and Miss Machin for organising Children in Need. Children also got a surprise when Pudsey turned up to see them in class - there are some lovely photos of this on Twitter.



The school council are still counting and collecting monies raised and will inform you of the grand total in the next newsletter.

## Author visit

On the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November, author C.S Clifford visited the school and entertained us all with his storytelling. There was laughter heard all around the school as he retold a classic fairy tale with a very humorous twist. He gave our older students lots of advice about how to write stories and edit them effectively. We also learned how to travel through time and space through worm holes!



## Anti Bullying

To mark anti-bullying week 2022, in a school assembly we revisited our school definition of bullying which I would like to remind parents and carers of.



'Bullying is when someone deliberately hurts you or your feelings over and over again. A person can be hurt by words or actions, in person or online.'

Children have been reminded about the importance of reaching out if they know bullying is happening to someone and, if experiencing bullying themselves, about being brave and speaking out. Children have learnt about who bullying could be reported to - Friends, parents and carers, school adults and our pupil wellbeing champions. If your child shares with you that they are being bullied, please contact your child's class teacher.

## Friends of Purford Green

Thank you for all of your generous donations given for the up and coming Christmas fete. Please note the fete will be after school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas post box

Our school Christmas post box will be out from 5<sup>th</sup> December for children to put Christmas cards to their friends and school staff into. If you would like a list of names of children in your child's class, please ask at the school office.



## Current vacancies

### LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT REQUIRED JANUARY 2022

Purford Green Primary School is looking for an enthusiastic Learning Support Assistant, initially to work in our reception class alongside our wonderful team of staff.

Hours: 15 hours per week

Weeks: 39 weeks per year (44.6 paid weeks)

Salary: Scale 3 Point 4 - £7,577.82 pro rata, per annum (including fringe allowance)

Permanent contract

Closing date: Friday 2nd December 2022

Interviews: To be confirmed

For further information, please see the following link: [Current Vacancies - PCLC Trust](#)

### Part-time job opportunity with flexible working hours

Due to the expansion of our Trust's central team, we're looking to appoint a Governance Officer. Based at Passmores, this part-time role offers flexible working hours with some evening work required during term time, as well as the opportunity to work from home. Full training will be provided. For further information, please see the following link: [Current Vacancies - PCLC Trust](#)

## Dates for your diary

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

Friday 6th January—INSET Day

Monday 9th January—Children return to school



Unicorn house - 1401



Lion house —1376



Griffin house —1330



Dragon house - 1321