



Purford Green Primary School

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December 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a long but very rewarding autumn term. As always, the children have displayed wonderful attitudes, modelled our school values, and made the most of the exciting learning experiences at Purford Green. We would like to thank you all for your continued support in all we do.

The staff would also like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful start to 2024. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 8th January, for another action-packed term. Have a wonderful holiday everyone!



Don't forget that on Thursday 21st December, school will finish at the earlier time of 1.30pm for Years R – 6. The last day for Nursery children is the day before on Wednesday 20th December.

Miss Emma Bloomfield

Christmas Performances

Thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents who have attended our Christmas performances. It was so lovely to see so many families coming together to support the children. Staff were very proud to see children performing with an abundance of enthusiasm and energy. Well done children, you were amazing. A big thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to make the performances so memorable and a special thank you for St Stephens Church for hosting our carol concert for Years 2 and 3.



Well done also to Bailey, Alfie S, Maycee, Carter, Hoang and Oscar for their African drumming performance as part of the Passmores Christmas concert.



Christmas Fair

It was wonderful to see the whole school community be able to come together and enjoy our annual Christmas event. This year we raised over £1000 for resources for school. We would like to say thank you to the Friends of Purford Green for their tremendous hard work in creating such a successful event. We would also like to thank Santa for his special visit.



Christmas Pantomime

The children and staff had a fabulous time watching Cinderella at Passmores. A definite highlight this year was Mr Hammond's dancing! Thank you to the Friends of Purford Green who fund this annual treat for the children.



Well Done!

Congratulations to the following children who have earned the most house points this term. They enjoyed a visit to the cinema on Monday.

Reception- Loreta, Lexi and AJ Year 1 – Charlie, Grace, Angel and Ire Year 2 - Emily Millie D and Gracie Year 3 - Rachel, Poppy and Phoebe Year 4 – Olivia, Freddie, Albert and Maddox Year 5 - Rio, Vinnie, Bella and Hazel Year 6 – Kizzie, Charis, Connie and Riley

Class Assemblies

Next 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

Online Safety Message from Essex Police

Are you planning on giving your child a new games console, mobile phone, tablet, or computer game this Christmas? Or do you have friends or family who are?

Visit www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings for practical things you can do to help make your child's new device safer when they are online. **#StaySafe**

At school, we are being made aware of online safety problems and we are speaking to individuals about how to behave appropriately online. We understand that keeping track of children's online use is hard: the easiest way to keep your child safe online is by sitting with them and regularly checking their devices, messages and apps.

On going problems with developers.

We are aware that there, despite our best efforts, the builders working on the new estate continue to cause safety problems for our children by parking on pavements. We do report all your concerns to Essex Housing and talk to the developers about unacceptable behaviour. However, we suggest that parents also email Harlow planning who are monitoring the situation. This can be done via telephone or via email (paul.dean@harlow.gov.uk)

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 if you would like to attend.

Young Carers

A big thank you to St. Nicholas School who invited our Young Carers to a brilliant Christmas party on Wednesday 13th December. The children who attended really enjoyed jumping on the bouncy castles, being creative with the arts and craft activities and meeting Father Christmas at the end of the day.

If you think your child is a Young Carer, please contact Mrs Hammond for further information of the support they provide.

Additional Children and young people's local help:

Child Mental Health Services
Call **SET CAMHS**: 0800 953 0222

For out of hours contact Mental Health Direct: 0800 995 1000

Kids Inspire - provide mental health and trauma recovery support for children, young people and their families. Age: from 4 to 21.
Through a range of therapeutic and community activities we promote resilience, self-awareness, and relationship building to empower more positive life choices.

Pact for Autism - small charity who connect a Neurodiverse community of Parents, Carers, Autistic Individuals and families along with the wider community, organisations and services
We are based in West Essex but you can contact us from anywhere.

Harlow Foodbank – Provides three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. They are a part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

YCT - YCT is a counselling and therapeutic support charity. We specialise in supporting children and young people, their families and the professionals who work with them. Age: 5 – 25



NHS Foundation Trust

<https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/set-camhs/>



<https://www.kidsinspire.org.uk/>



<https://www.pactforautism.org.uk/>



<https://harlow.foodbank.org.uk/>



<https://yctsupport.com/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 8th January – School returns

Tues 9th January - Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents @3.10pm

Weds 10th January – Year 6 SATs parent meeting @3.10pm

Weds 10th January – Open morning for prospective parents

Thurs 11th January – Meeting for Year 4 parents re Multiplication Test @3.10pm

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