



Purford Green Primary School

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March 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of a short but very busy spring term here in school. Many exciting events have taken place including the first of our class assemblies, World Book Day and Purford Green's Got Talent. Staff and children are ready for a well-deserved rest to recharge batteries ready for the longer summer term.

You will be receiving your child's annual report early in the new term and your child will have targets identified to work on at school and at home for the rest of the school year. We do hope that you enjoy some lovely family time over the holidays and fingers crossed that the weather will be kind to us.

Miss Bloomfield

Staff Goodbyes

At the end of this term, we are sadly saying goodbye to two members of staff. Mrs Ami Leland, who teaches Year 1 on Mondays, will be leaving Purford Green School to take up a new teaching post at a specialist speech and language centre. Mrs Leland has been a valuable member of the PCLC team for many years and we will miss her very much. While we are sad to see her leave, we are also excited for her as she embarks on this new chapter in her career. After Easter Mr Hammond, who is an experienced teacher at Purford Green and very familiar to the children, will teach Year 1 on Mondays. Mrs Tracey will continue to teach the class, Tuesday to Friday.

Mrs Justine Pope, who is a Nursery LSA will also be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a new post at a special school. Mrs Pope has worked at Little Acorns and Purford Green Nursery for seven years and has been a valued member of the Nursery Team. We will miss her and wish her well in her new role. Miss Kimble will be joining the Nursery team, changing from her role of SEND admin.

Parent Survey

Thank you so much for completing the parent surveys and returning them to school. We had 174 responses and as you can see the results are overwhelmingly positive. All the staff are proud to serve the Purford Green community and knowing that children are happy and feel safe in school makes all our work worthwhile. We also thank you for working with us to make sure your child has the best opportunities at

school, we know our relationships with the community is key to everyone's success. Please remember we will always listen if you have any concerns and try our best to resolve them.

From 174 parent responses	Agree
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 not been bullied, or if my child has been bullied the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	100%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	99%
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly or I have not had to raise concerns with the school	100%
The school has high expectations for my child	98%
My child does well at this school	100%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	100%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	99%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	97%
The school supports my child's wider personal development and well being	100%
I would recommend this school to another parent	99%

Comic Relief Talent Show

We were thoroughly entertained at the Comic Relief Talent Show: Gymnastics for Loreta, bouncing from Leyo , dancing from Amelia, drawing from Sully and singing from Alessia, Skylar, Albert and Amelie.

The judges gave every competitor 10 out of 10 but finally had to award joint winners to Amelie for her song: 'Try Everything' and Albert for his song: 'Highs and Lows'.



Spelling Bee (winners)

We have been remarkably impressed with how well so many of our children have been learning their spellings for the Spelling Bee competition. The finals, which have taken place with the rest of the school watching, have been tense. Well done to all the winners:

Reception— Loreta
Year 1— Bobby
Year 2—Emily
Year 3—Ivy
Year 4—Ryan
Year 5—Daniel
Year 6—Annabelle

Celebration of reading at home for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

In January, we launched a new reading certificate reward to encourage children and families to share and read more books together at home. The more books children experience in their early years, the better life opportunities they will have as they are exposed to more and more words and new vocabulary.

This week we have celebrated a number of children who have already read 30 new books at home with their families and some children even more. We are very impressed that we already have children who have been given their silver certificate and gold and platinum already.

Children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2, were presented with certificates in recognition of this in a special assembly and were rightly very proud to be given their certificate.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have engaged in this initiative and for taking time out of your busy lives to find time for this important experience that every child needs in their early years. You will have already made a great difference as, children who love stories and listening to them, will want to read and this is how a lifelong lover of reading is born. This reading challenge will continue into the summer term so there is still time for you to start on this adventure with your child. We will celebrate again at the end of the summer term.

Breakfast Club, After School Club and Nursery families

When dropping off your child or collecting them from nursery, breakfast club or after school club, please ensure that your child/ children are not using resources in the nursery front garden. Sadly there have been some resources broken by older children standing on them and things being moved to other places which is not helpful. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Sports News

This month Purford Green pupils took part in the Town Cross Country tournament at Mark Hall Sports Centre. All competitors did incredibly well, challenging and pushing themselves to do the best they could. Over 150 pupils competed in each age group.

A special congratulations to Ivy in Year 3 who came 3rd out of all the year 3 girls in the town. Ivy will now go on to the Level 2 County Final. I hope you will all join me in wishing her "Good Luck!"



Uniform

A reminder that all children should be wearing black shoes as part of our uniform policy. For hygiene purposes, the shoes should be separate from their PE trainers and open toed sandals, or any crocs should not be worn for safety reasons. We appreciate that some families may be struggling with the cost of living, please come and see us if you need support with purchasing school uniform.

Jewellery and make up

Please remember that children should not wear any jewellery to school other than a cheap analogue watch and small studded earrings which they must be able to remove themselves for P.E.

Make up, nail varnish and tattoos, are not allowed and we will ask children to wipe them off whilst in school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Term

Monday 15th April – Children return to school

Friday 19th April – Reports to parents YR-Y6

Thursday 25th April – Year 2 Class Assembly (9.15am)

Thursday 2nd May – Year 3 Class Assembly (9.15am)

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Wednesday 8th May – Class photos

Thursday 9th May – Year 4 Class Assembly (9.15am)

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs

Thursday 16th May – School Disco 4pm-5pm (EYFS, Key Stage 1) 5.30pm-7pm (Key Stage 2)

Thursday 23rd May – Year 1 Class Assembly (9.15am)

Friday 24th May – Non uniform day

Half Term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June – children return to school

Thursday 13th June – Year R Class Assembly (9.15am)

Friday 14th June – Father's Day afternoon 1pm – Dads or a significant male over the age of eighteen