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Friday Bulletin

7th September 2018

Welcome back to school! Another exciting and inspiring school year lies ahead. I wish an extra special welcome to the new children and staff that have joined us. I can already see that they are settling well.

We hope you enjoyed the holiday with family and friends; at least there was some decent weather this year. During the holidays, we had some minor works done at the school which included taller doors in our children's toilets, at the request of the school council.

The start of a new school year enables us to set the tone for learning. It is an important time for teachers and children to establish classroom routines and to set expectations. Please help us by ensuring children are in school by 8.55 (in preparation for a 9:00am registration), wearing the correct school uniform and prepared to learn. We know it takes a day or two to get used to going to bed on time and settling back in!

Our Greet the Teacher evening is a week earlier this year, this is due to other commitments the school has. It is a short session and we hope as many of you as possible attend. It gives a clear message to your children that you value their learning and supports a good relationship between parents and school. There is something new every year- this time it is Rockstars!

FOPS

DEDICATE A BRICK



We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to make a permanent mark on the school by dedicating a brick with your child or family name. Each brick will

be individually engraved with your child or family name and permanently displayed within the School for generations to come. Proceeds from each brick purchased will also make a valuable contribution towards school equipment. Each brick costs £40.00 for up to 2 lines, or £50.00 for 3 lines. Order forms are available from the office. Who will you dedicate your brick to?

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Without the help and support of parents, grandparents, carers and local volunteers, we cannot continue to raise the much-needed funds to enrich the education of our children at Purley School.

With parents stepping down from the FOPS (Friends of Purley School) Committee, we are looking for new Committee members. At our AGM on Thursday 4th October we will be, amongst other things, electing the Committee for the forthcoming academic year. If you are interested in joining the FOPS Committee or are able to give some time to be on an event sub-committee (for example, the School Fete Sub-Committee) or just want to know a little bit more about it, please contact Nicky Gibbens or Amelia Bell or ask Mrs Ham and she'll point you in our direction!

CHOIR

Choir will restart on Monday September 17th (3.00-4.00 pm). New members from KS2 are welcome to join. We have an exciting year ahead of us and will be preparing to sing at the Armistice centenary celebrations on Nov 11th. The choir will also sing at the school's Harvest Festival and the Carol Service. In the spring term, the choir will perform at the Anvil as a part of Berkshire's Music Festival. I look forward to

welcoming back faithful past members and maybe welcoming a few new ones.

ISS SCHOOL DINNERS - CHANGES



Please note that from September 2018, the school meal price will be **£2.35** (a 5p increase) for Year 3 upwards.

Payments can be made by cash or cheque in a named envelope or electronically by registering with ISS using the link below. Please note that all dinners need to be paid in advance.

<https://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/ways-to-pay/>

GREET THE TEACHER



On the evening of September 12th there will be an opportunity to greet the teacher and for the teacher to meet up with you. We would love as many of you as possible to attend even if your child has not changed teachers. Talks will last for 20 minutes apart from an extended talk for Year 6. We often have responses on surveys that parents are not sure on how to support their children..... this is your opportunity to find out more!

- Hedgehog class 5:30
- Badger class 5:50
- Owl class 6:10
- Woodpecker class 6:30 (this will include information about the Year 6 residential trip)

**NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION
Foundation, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5**

The immunisation programme will take place on Friday 28th September. A consent form is in your child's bookbag. Please ensure that all forms are returned by **Friday 14th September** at the latest. Thank you.



Has your child finished their reading challenge? It's not too late to complete it. You can still

borrow books for the challenge up to 30th September.

You can find further details about the Summer Reading Challenge using the link below:
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



The Year 1 children will start Woodland School on Monday 10th September. A letter has been sent via parentmail.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING



The Year 2 will start swimming lessons at the Oratory Pool on Monday 10th September. A letter has been sent out via parentmail confirming all details.

CLUBS

A list of clubs will be sent out via parentmail next week.

Gym Club (KS2): we've been advised that there are some spaces left. The club is on Tuesdays, 3.00 till 4.00 pm. If your child is interested, please contact Virtue Gymnastics direct – kara@virtuegymnastics.co.uk

DIARY DATES

20/07/18	End of Academic Year, 1.15 p.m
05/09/18	Start of new academic year
12/09/18	Greet the teachers evening Hedgehog class 5.30 pm Badger class 5.50 pm Owl class 6.10 pm Woodpecker class 6.30 pm
28/09/18	Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme Foundation to Year 5
04/10/18	FOPS AGM, 7.30 p.m
17/10/18	Parents Evening, 3.30 p.m to 6.00 p.m
18/10/18	Parents Evening, 6.00 p.m to 8.00 p.m
19/10/18	Harvest Festival at St Mary's, 9.30 a.m
22/10/18-29/10/18	Half Term
01/11/18	Individual school photos
04/11/18	Thameside Fireworks Fiesta

21/12/18-04/01/19	Christmas Break
18/02/19-22/02/19	February Half Term
08/04/19-23/04/19	Easter Break
24/05/19-31/05/19	May Half Term
24/07/19	End of Academic Year

As always, please remember our doors are open, should you wish to discuss any concerns, ask questions or celebrate successes regarding your children. You can contact me by phone on 0118 9842384 or email: headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk

Karen Fakes (Headteacher),
Learn to Love, love to Learn

Community Page



Soap Box Challenge, 8th September, Englefield Park

A chicane and a jump will test homemade modes of transport to the limit in the 2018 Royal Berks Charity Soapbox Challenge.

Engine-less vehicles of all shapes and sizes will line up at Englefield Park on Saturday, September 8 for the hospital trust fundraiser.

The Wacky Races-inspired event is a guaranteed crowd-pleaser with soapboxes ranging in design from the serious, such as last year's entry from Porsche, to the ridiculous.

Each machine is hand-made and fuelled by the force of gravity alone in two timed runs down a course.

<https://royalberkscharity.co.uk/event/rbc-soapbox-challenge/>

Can you spare 3-4 hours a week to help families in need?

Home START
Support and friendship for families
West Berkshire



Home-Start West Berkshire needs YOU! We have families in need of your support. We give you all the training and support you need to help families with young children.

Our next course starts on 19th

September. For more information contact 01635

760310 or email office@home-startwb.org.uk



LOTTERY FUNDED



A Family Fun Day is being held at Goosecroft on **Sunday 16 September**. There will be events in the Barn, on the playing fields and in the Sports and Social Club, as well as stalls raising money for community projects, and fun activities organised by local sports clubs. There will be refreshments available throughout, and the Sports and Social Club will be running a quiz in the evening.

Please see <http://purleysportsandsocialclub.co.uk/event/pssc-funday> if you'd like to know more.