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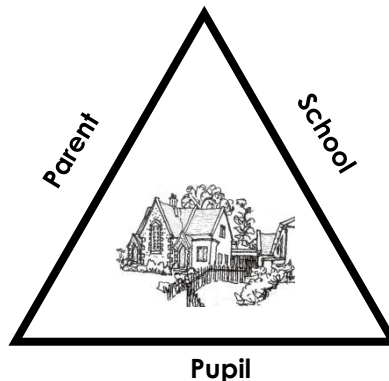
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Friday Bulletin

8th September 2017

On behalf of the staff at Purley School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year! We hope that you and your children have had a lovely few weeks together and are looking forward to a continued productive partnership to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential building on the successes of last year.



On a different note, did you watch the two part television programme "No more boys and girls" on the BBC over the holidays? It is still available on Catch up. There may be some ideas on there for Christmas presents! I am already encouraging my son to practice Tanagrams, as he wants to do a degree in engineering.

FOPS UPDATE

Welcome back, we hope you had a great summer!

School Fete

You will have seen the boards up around Purley advertising the School Fete which is taking place on **Saturday 23rd September** from 11am to 2pm and is sponsored by Parkers Tilehurst.

As well as some external stallholders selling their wares, there will also be lots of traditional stalls including a bottle tombola, cake stall, children's sweet tombola, food & drink, games, a raffle and an auction of promises.

We have some great prizes and auction items including an iPad 2 Air 32GB donated by Parkers, tickets for various local attractions, a

riding session, Lamborghini trainers and a photography sitting. Raffle tickets will be sent out in bookbags next week and look out for the online Auction of Promises which will then go live at the fete.

Calling all parents, carers and staff!

To make the Fete a success we need your help. Not only do we need volunteers to help set up, run stalls and clear away but we also need donations. Each child who brings in a donation will get a house point!



Bottles – we need bottles of all shapes and sizes – wine, beer, soft drinks, sauces. Please could these be bought into school by **Friday 15th September** to enable us to ticket them up.



Toys, Teddies and books – Do you have a house full of unwanted teddies, in good condition nearly new toys and books that are no

longer used that we could sell? Please bring them into school by **Wednesday 20th September**.



Cakes & sweets – We need cakes for our cake stall, bought or homemade and sweets / chocolates. Please bring them in by **Friday 22nd**

September. Freshly baked cakes can also be brought into school during the morning of the Fete.



Fill-a-Jar – please fill a jar with lots of small items for boys and girls such as pens, pencils, erasers, small toys, multi-packs of sweets etc for our children's tombola.



Finally, we need volunteers! Please sign up to the rota which will be put up outside school at the beginning of next week.

Auction of Promises



We are still looking for Promises for our Auction and a form is attached. Previous auctions have included an evening of babysitting, 2 nights B&B, a meal for two, made to

order cupcakes, ironing etc. If you are able to donate something, please could you fill in the slip attached to the newsletter and return to the School Office as soon as possible – all ideas are very welcome!

Friends of Purley School (FOPS) Parent Teacher Association AGM

FOPS plays a vital part in the school community. All parents, carers, guardians and staff are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting which is being held in the school hall on **Thursday 28th September at 7.30pm**. Please do come along to show your support, share your views and hear what we have been up to. We look forward to seeing you there!

GREET THE TEACHER



On the evening of September 20th 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)

READING AT HOME



Time and time again, research shows that learning to read - and to love to read - is directly linked to children's success at school and beyond.

With the new term getting under way we thought it would be a good opportunity to address how we would like to use the reading journals that are sent home alongside your child's reading book. The expectation is for all pupils in KS1 to read at home 5 times a week and in KS2 at least 3 times a week. A parent/adult should sign the journal after each read.

Inspire your young reader to practice every day

In KS1 give your child lots of opportunities to read aloud to you. Use the journal as a means of communication between home and school. The journals are checked daily as we guide our pupils with choosing the next text that they want to read. Your comments on how your children are approaching their reading at home are always appreciated and it helps us to build up a clear picture of how they are progressing. A sticker will be awarded to those children who have read 5 times in a week. A warning will be given if a pupil has not read at least 3 times in one week.

Read about it, talk about it, and think about it! Encourage your child to build understanding, the ultimate goal of learning how to read.

In KS2 the reading journals provide space for reflection and evaluation by the child. At the front of the journal their teacher will include a collection of activities that they may choose

from. Entries can take a variety of forms such as: jottings, notes, diagrams and pictures, mind maps, questions, poems and so on. Once a week their teacher will check the journals and house points will be awarded to those who have read 3 times in that week. Any additional reading activity completed will also be rewarded by a house point. Warnings will be given if a pupil has not read at least 3 times in one week.

Thank you for your continued support. Parents play a key role in helping to develop a love of reading and together we can foster positive engagements with literature.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

STAFFING

This September we have had some movement around the school and we have appointed new staff to run the After School Club. The main move has been that Mrs Pickering has now taken over the role of SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator).

Below is a list of school staff:

Mrs Fakes Headteacher

Office

Mrs Ham - Secretary

Mrs Les- Finance Officer

Woodpecker Class

Mrs Archer - Class teacher and KS2 leader

Mrs Jones Higher Level Teaching assistant (HLTA)

Mrs Browning - Maths HLTA

Miss Maisey - Teaching assistant

Owl Class

Mrs Pickering Class teacher and SENCO

Mrs Browning - Maths teacher

Mrs Street - Teaching assistant

Mrs Whyte - Teaching assistant

Mrs Keegan - Teaching assistant

Mrs McConnell - Teaching assistant

Badger Class

Mrs Lyn Jones (Senior Teacher), KS1 leader, Class teacher

Mrs Hodsdon - Teacher and HLTA

Ms Maisey - Teaching Assistant (Mondays)

Mrs Browning - Teaching assistant

Mrs Keegan – EAL (English as additional language) assistant

Hedgehog class

Mrs Burton - Class Teacher

Mrs Carr - Teacher (Thursday afternoons)

Mrs Chohan - Teaching Assistant

Miss Clarke - Teaching Assistant

Mrs McConnell - Teaching Assistant

SEN teaching assistant Mrs Smith

Lunchtime assistants

Mrs Clarke (Senior Assistant)

Mrs Smith, Mrs Webb, Mrs Browning, Mrs Street, Miss Burgess

After School club - Mrs Mandrell

Should you have any concerns, please see the class teacher in the first instance.

CLUBS

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

Gym Club (KS2): we've been advised that there are 2 spaces left. The club has moved to Tuesdays, 3.00 till 4.00 pm. Cost is £45 for 10 weeks. If your child is interested, please contact Virtue Gymnastics direct – kara@virtuegymnastics.co.uk

CHOIR



I have a new plan for this school year! Taking part in the music festival every year is a highlight for some children but to others the struggle to learn the words, is too much. In order for children to be able to be a part of the choir without the extra pressure of preparing for the festival there will be two sessions: Monday 3:00-3:30 everyone, 3:30- 4:00 preparation for the festival. I look forward to welcoming new members, continuing the journey with my already trusted members and maybe a return of some others. The first practice will be on September 18th.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING



The Year 2 children will start their swimming lessons at the Oratory pool on Monday 18th September. A letter will be sent out next week with further details.

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



The Year 1 children will have the opportunity of carrying on with their Woodland adventures starting on Monday 18th September. A letter will be sent out next week to confirm details.

BACK ENTRANCE

We are pleased to confirm that netting will be installed in the top part of the playground. The work will commence on Monday 11th September and last three days. During the installation, the back gate will remain shut. Please use the front gate. Apologies for the inconvenience.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Badger Class

Star of the week: Jaiden for working hard

Friendship Star: Ellie for looking after our new children

Owl Class

Star of the week: Tiana for doing extra research about Owls at home

Friendship Star: Olly for excellent support to new Owls

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Natalia W for showing great enthusiasm for her work

Friendship Star: Alice Barber for taking the time to help a friend who was struggling during maths.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Mr Adamski (Ciara and Niamh's dad) who has worked tirelessly over the last few months to smarten our school grounds.

DIARY DATES

20/09/17	Greet the teacher evening + Year 6 Evening
23/09/17	School Fete, 11.00 am to 2.00 pm
28/09/17	FOPS AGM
12/10/17	Individual School Photos
18/10/17	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00
19/10/17	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00
20/10/17	Harvest Festival at St Mary's (9.30 am)
23/01/17-27/10/17	Half Term
20/10/17	End of Autumn Term 1, 3.00pm
05/11/17	Fireworks Fiesta!
20/12/17	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15pm
21/12/17 - 03/01/18	Christmas Break
09/02/18	End of Spring Term 1, 3.00pm
12/02/18 - 16/02/18	Half Term
29/03/18	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm
30/03/18 - 16/04/18	Easter Break
25/05/18	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00pm
28/05/18 - 01/06/18	Half Term
20/07/18	End of Academic Year, 1.15pm

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