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Friday Bulletin

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Has it only been a week since the Summer holidays? Everyone has been busy settling into the new school year and making plans for the term. We are currently organising a theatre trip for the whole school to see The Borrowers on Nov 27th (not FS1). Year 3 and 4 will not be going to Rushall farm but will instead work

towards the new Prince William award run by Skills Force. We are hoping to run a Scarecrow project for all year groups on Friday Oct 13th; look out for an invitation into school that morning. As you can see, school is an exciting place! More details of all activities will follow at a later date.

If at all possible, please attend the Greet the teacher evening, even if you child has not changed class teacher. If childcare is difficult maybe you could share with another parent from a different year group or a neighbour could help out. They are quite short sessions with some useful information shared.

FOPS UPDATE

School Fete

Thank you so much for all the donations already received. Please, please donate - we still need more items including bottles of wine, beer, soft drinks, sauces etc for the bottle tombola, **filled** jars (with sweets, small toys, etc) for children's tombola, pre-loved teddies, toys and books for the toy stall, cakes, sweets and chocolates! A sheet was put in your child's book bag this week detailing what we need and by when (see reminder below). Your child should give all donations to their teacher so that house points can be awarded!

We need filled bottles of all shapes and sizes – wine, beer, soft drinks, sauces etc.	By Friday 15th September
Unwanted teddies, in good condition or nearly new toys.	By Wednesday 20th September
Sweets, chocolates and bought or homemade cakes. Freshly baked cakes can also be brought into school during the morning of the Fete.	By Friday 22nd September

Filled jars containing small items for boys and girls such as pens, pencils, erasers, small toys, multi-packs of sweets etc.

ASAP

If you haven't signed up to help, please do. Many thanks to those of you who have already done so – we will be in touch with you next week!

You will have found raffle tickets in your child's book bag. Tickets are 50p each. Please do try to sell the tickets and return the stubs and money to school. There are some great prizes including: Fortnum & Mason hamper, Family photo shoot, £50 Boden Voucher, £40 voucher for the Swan in Pangbourne, voucher for Nino's in Pangbourne, Beale Park tickets for 1 adult and 1 child, Cotswold wildlife park tickets for 1 adult and 1 child, Farmer Gow's tickets for 1 adult and 1 child, bowling session for 4 people at MFA Thatcham, family ticket for the Living rain forest, Gel manicure at Finn Hair, bottle of Prosecco and much more. If you are unable to sell the tickets please return them to school as soon as possible and by Friday 22nd September.

Finally, our online auction site has now gone live at:

<https://auctionofpromises.com/auctionread.aspx?a=3057>

There are some great items including an iPad Air 2 32 GB, photography sittings, horse riding session, family cruise on the River Thames, fitness sessions, gel manicure, 6 cupcakes, piano or recorder lessons, dog grooming, running shoes, ice skating passes, day at Newbury races, floatation session and a dermalogica facial.

Please log on and place a bid – you could grab yourself a bargain!

FOPS AGM

Date for the diary! Please don't forget that all parents, carers, guardians and staff are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting 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.

GREET THE TEACHER - REMINDER



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)

HEDGEHOG PARENTS – SOCIAL EVENT!

All parents of children in Hedgehog Class (FS1 and FS2) are invited to meet up for drinks at The Elephant in Pangbourne on Saturday 14th October at 8pm. It will be a chance to get to know one another better.

Sarah Sinclair (Ben/Daniel's mum)

CLUBS

Thank you for returning your forms via Parentmail. Confirmations of clubs will be sent out early next week.

Choir is starting on Monday: 3:00-3:30 everyone, 3:30- 4:00 preparation for the festival.

HELP MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



My name is Paula Keegan and I work as a TA at Purley Primary. On the 30th September, I will be shaving my head to help raise money for the Macmillan Cancer

Support. If you would like to donate, please visit

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/?text=carmen+keegan>

BACK ENTRANCE

Thank you for your patience with the work taking place on the top playground. The netting will be in place by the end of the day. Access via the back entrance will resume on Monday.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week, our Foundation Stage 2 children began their first week full time in Hedgehog class, and they have been settling in well. They have been playing "getting to know you" games and exploring our environment and resources. The bikes and scooters are particularly popular! On Wednesday we welcomed our Foundation Stage 1 children and the older children have enjoyed helping them to settle.

Next week we will be thinking about the things we are good at and the story of how God created our world. In Maths, we will be exploring patterns. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



It has been a lovely start to the year and children have all settled well into Badger class. We are enjoying the new topic "Land Ahoy!" and have researched the lives of pirates at sea, their treasure and their clothes. We made treasure chests and went on a treasure hunt around the school grounds pinpointing on a simple plan where each new clue was found. On Wednesday, we had a fun drama workshop called "Under the sea" and in Science we looked at different animal groups focusing closely on ocean creatures. In Maths, we are looking at place value - Y1 numbers up to 20 and Y2 numbers up to 100. Could you please all send in a small plastic water bottle so that next week we can write some messages in a bottle.

The website

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/purley>

has an abundance of engaging pirate activities for the children to access at home in order to continue their learning. Using the link above, simply log in using Year1 or Year2 for both username and password.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



It is lovely to see how all the children are settling into Owl class. It is always tricky returning to school after the summer break, especially if you are changing classes, have a new teacher and moving key stage. We have spent the first two weeks getting used to routines and expectations.

This term our topic is 'Twit Two! Who are you?'. The children will be learning all about Owls and why everyone is different. In English, we have looked at descriptive writing, using Plop, the baby owl, from the story 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark'. In Maths, we are focusing on number bonds to support our mental maths skills. On Wednesday, we celebrated Roald Dahl day, reading some of Billy and the Minpins (a new release of The Minpins). In the afternoon, we had a live link up with Puffin Books, learning more about Roald Dahl and where he lived together with a

live lesson from Quentin Blake on how to draw Hornswogger from the story.

Next week, we are starting to investigate Owls and their habitats. If the children would like to do some independent research for our class research board it would be very beneficial to their work over the next few weeks.

Finally, if any one has any old shirts (not t-shirts), that we could use as art aprons they would be very much appreciated. We are about 8 short at the moment. Also if anyone is available on Wednesday afternoons to support our sewing project please let me know.
Mrs Pickering

WOODPECKER CLASS



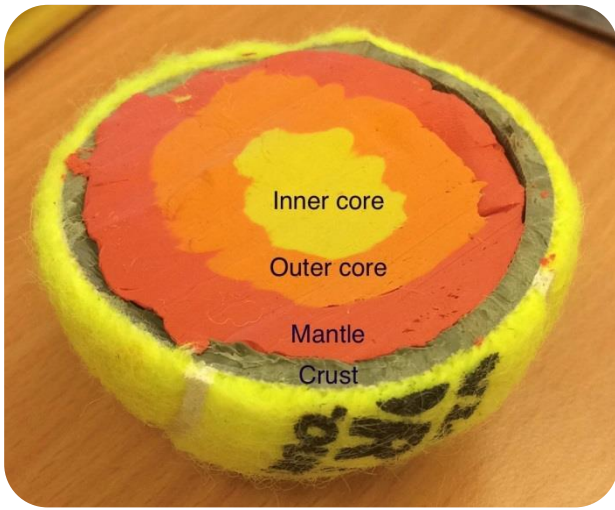
A new year, a new year 6 cohort and new additions to Woodpecker class. It always feels strange at the upper end of KS2 when children step up to meet the demands of being the oldest children in the school, the leaders and role models. And yet, within just one week, it is clear that this group is eminently ready to set the standard for Purley Primary School.

This week, our Maths work has involved consolidating understanding of place value, of reading, writing and working with multi-digit numbers. Ask your child to read this number: 765,539,901. Next, can they tell you what 1,000,000 more than this number would be? Or 1,000 less? Or a trickier one would be 100 more.

English has involved comprehension work using our class novel – There's a boy in the girl's bathroom by Louis Sachar. We are also unravelling a mystery about buildings disappearing across Europe and learning how to write incident reports.

Our topic this term is: Extreme Earth. We have learnt about the structure of the Earth using old tennis balls to create a cut-through model of our planet. We have also been learning about different climates across the world.

Mrs Archer



STARS OF THE WEEK 

Badger Class

Star of the week: Percy for persevering and challenging himself with his writing

Friendship Star: Frankie for taking care of someone when they needed a friend

Paragon: Samuel

Owl Class

Star of the week: Kira for her excellent thinking and evaluating during science

Friendship Star: Ben for helping his friends with their maths

Paragon: Reid

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Alice for excellent concentration throughout the week

Friendship Star: James for being kind and helping others with their work

Paragon: Ruby

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, 7.30pm
13/10/17	Scarecrow Day
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!
23/11/17	Individual School Photos – new date
27/11/17	Theatre Trip pm
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