

# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

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I enjoy hearing inspirational stories and sharing them with the children. Last year I was enthused by the Eddie the Eagle story. This term, I have had a recommendation from a parent regarding the film *Pelé: Birth of a Legend*. It is a PG film, so you may want to watch it before sharing it with your children. It is of course about the great footballer so may be a really good way in to have the discussion with your children about their aspirations. It is now on my shopping list.

### FOPS UPDATE

We are really looking forward to seeing you all at the School Fete tomorrow (11am – 2pm), being held in the school grounds, and have everything crossed for some good weather!

We have lots of great stalls including games, tombolas, food together with some external stallholders selling their wares and of course 'Gunge the Teacher' (it's 50p to vote!). Please do come along to show your support.

Also thank you so much for all your kind donations and also to the volunteers. Please check what you have signed up for on the board and if you have any questions about your 'shift' then please do contact either Charlotte Allum on 07818062259 or Amelia Bell on 07855 065 660.

Please do return all your raffle tickets and stubs and if you haven't had a chance to sell the tickets, please return them so we can sell them on the day. We have some amazing prizes including: Tickets for Beale Park, Cotswold wildlife park, Farmer Gow's (all 1 adult & 1 child), family ticket for the Living Rainforest, £50 Boden voucher, bowling session for 4 at MFA Thatcham, voucher for a family photography sitting, £40 food voucher for the Swan in Pangbourne, Weekday 2 course lunch for 2 at Nino's in Pangbourne, Fortnum & Mason Hamper, Gel manicure, Domino's Pizza vouchers, Cut & Blow Dry, prosecco, chocolates & smellies!

'Gunge the Teacher' - which one of our brave teachers will it be? Mrs Archer, Mrs Jones or Mrs Whyte? It's 50p to vote!

Finally, don't forget to check out the online Auction before it goes live at the Fete from 10am - there's lots there including a long weekend in Cornwall, fitness sessions, dog grooming, cakes, eggs, activities and an Apple iPad Air 2 - you really could pick up a bargain!

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

### FOPS AGM

Last reminder! 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 and maybe even join the committee!

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

*How do we learn? How do we hear?*

Have you ever stopped to think about how you learn? I'm struggling through a course at the moment. It asked me to consider how I learn new information.

So at the start of this week, we explored how we learn in Collective Worship. In teams, we explored which works best: by sealed letter, Chinese whispers or word-of-mouth. We found

that word-of-mouth worked best. That's often how we learn best in class.

This coming week there will be a team from the One Life Mission, visiting the school and leading all sorts of events in our village. They will be sharing the message of Jesus as Jesus commissioned his followers to do. If no one shares the message, how will we ever hear?

*Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor*



## WOODLAND ADVENTURES



Our return to the Woodland was great fun. We were lucky to see the sun and get a visit from a brave robin who watched us eat our snack pears. We wondered if robins like pears so we investigated. We sat really quietly and he did return, but he didn't eat the pear!

Most of us thought of pirate themed activities: Henry found a piece of chalk and used it to mark an X to show where the treasure was. Darcy, Isaak and Zayneb practised their balancing skills walking the plank. Jessica, Lukas, Ciara and Ollie split into two groups to play pirates with two separate ships. Mason enjoyed being a very loud captain, carrying a cutlass to keep order. Belle was busy finding treasure in a sandy, stony bank beneath the beech tree and Layla created a kitchen with wooden knives and bark plates, fern meatballs and old bark to chop. It was a brilliant start to the year! *Mrs Hodsdon*



## 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)*

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUB PICK UP

Please could you collect your children from Afterschool Club from the double glass doors, in the back playground near Owl Class. There is a door bell on the left hand side of the door frame. Thank you.

## £1 COINS



Please note we will no longer be able to accept the old £1 coins as of 1st October 2017. It might be worth checking your child's 'piggy bank' too.

## 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>

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children enjoyed learning about the story of how God created the world, and they found out that God created jellyfish even before the dinosaurs! The children had great fun following instructions for making and tasting jelly. They were also very creative in making patterns, with Sydney and Lewis choosing to make a repeating pattern in the garden using bricks.

Next week we will be practising counting to 20 and back again, looking at what could go into a healthy lunchbox, and preparing for our trip to Ella's Kitchen on Friday.

*Mrs Burton*

## **Reminder for Ella's Kitchen Trip for FS2 29<sup>th</sup> September**

What to bring on the day?

**Clothing:** Long sleeve t-shirt to cover their arms, fleece, long trousers, strong shoes or wellington boots, sun hat and sun cream if needed. Waterproof trousers and jackets in case of rain - please remember to name the items.

**Footwear:** Please provide your child with additional footwear to change into for the visit (Wellingtons boots) in a named carrier bag. Please include a spare pair of socks.

**Lunch:** please provide a packed lunch for your child that day including a drink. Ella's Kitchen will provide smoothies for a mid-morning snack.

### **BADGER CLASS**



Badger class have been finding out about the notorious pirate Blackbeard and wrote sentences about him. Our Y2 children tried really hard to join their sentences together using different conjunctions. We have started to learn a pirate poem called, "We're going on a treasure hunt" and we looked carefully at how adjectives are used to add detail and description. We went on our own treasure hunt around the school grounds, searching for clues and identifying our route on a simple plan. Great excitement was had when we eventually found the treasure! In Maths, Y1 have continued to look at numbers and place value, finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number up to 20. Y2 have been exploring number bonds and finding all possible ways to make a number using addition.

Next week we will be starting to create or own pirate adventure stories. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

### **OWL CLASS**



Wow! What an exciting week we have had in Owl class. On Monday,

we had a taster session for participating in the Prince William Award. All the children were very motivated and enjoyed the session. Owl class will start with this from Monday 25th September. Sessions will be held each Monday from 1pm-3pm and children will need PE kit with trainers, long trousers, jumpers and waterproof coats (recommended as we approach the colder months). During the session the children will engage in activities to develop: team-building, self-motivation, resilience, perseverance and problem solving. There will be a cost of £10 per term for this activity. A request for payment will be sent via parentmail. The cost for this is over £5000 but with support from FOPS and some grants, we request a small donation each term.

On Wednesday, Sadie, the Owl Lady came to visit with Wiggy the Barn Owl, Charlie the European Eagle Owl and Pip the Little Owl. It was an amazing experience to meet and handle real owls and she shared a wealth of information about owls that the children can use within their writing next week. Ask your child to tell you what they learnt about owls, I think you may be surprised about some of the facts they will share!

On Thursday, we held our first google hangout with our partner school in Madison, Wisconsin and now look forward to doing some collaborative projects with them during the next academic year.

Surprisingly, we have also had time to do some character description and letter writing in English and learn about place value in Maths.

I think we may have some very tired children and teachers this weekend :)

*Mrs Pickering*

### **WOODPECKER CLASS**



Our week began with an abundance of visitors in Woodpecker class. We have been asked to support a few local schools seeking to develop the teaching and learning of computing skills – and so we welcomed teachers to watch as we used iPads to annotate water cycle diagrams and import them into google docs before submitting via google classroom. I would love to say the

lesson was seamless but that wouldn't have been half as authentic for our visitors as witnessing the real deal. The team was very impressed with the children, with the way we use iPads to support learning across the curriculum and with the projects which the children were proud to share with them.

Over the course of the week we were also delighted to have several returners visit: Teyah, Nathan and Tyreese from Denefield and Ronan from The Wren. All seem to be thriving in their new schools.

In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of decimal numbers, place value and rounding to the nearest 1000, 100, 10, 1, tenth and hundredth.

Our English has involved looking at the use of relative clauses (clauses which begin with 'who, 'which,' 'that' or 'whose') in report writing. We will be using these skills in our own report writing later in the term.

In Science, we have continued to learn about different classes of animals and what distinguishes them from each other.  
*Mrs Archer*

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Brandon for good listening at carpet time

**Friendship Star:** Arthur for making a new friend

**Paragon:** Lewis

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Toby for being a maths champ with his number bonds

**Friendship Star:** Elsie for being such a help to her teachers in and around the classroom

**Paragon:** Jaiden

**Woodland Star:** Harry, who said he was persevering, whilst collecting and dragging logs with help from Isaak to make their pirate ship.

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Louis Hodgson for being the class oracle of Owls through extra independent research!

**Friendship Star:** Iona for asking peers to join

in her game when they had no-one else to play with.

**Paragon:** Jessica

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Callum for working so conscientiously and making great progress in maths.

**Friendship Star:** Natalya for her kindness and consideration – all the time.

**Paragon:** Leo

**Delightful diners:** Annabelle, Amelia-Mae, Emily, Somaya, Maegan, Kira, Darcy and Layla

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](mailto:headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk)

**Karen Fakes (Headteacher)**

**Learn to Love, Love to Learn**

## DIARY DATES

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) – parents invited to attend
20/10/17	End of Autumn Term 1, <b>3.00pm</b>
<b>23/10/17-27/10/17</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
05/11/17	Fireworks Fiesta!
23/11/17	Individual School Photos –
27/11/17	Theatre Trip pm
13/12/17	Children Christmas Lunch
14/12/17	Nativity play to parents
15/12/17	(Hedgehog/Badger Class), 9.30
20/12/17	End of Autumn Term 2, <b>1.15pm</b>
<b>21/12/17 - 03/01/18</b>	<b>Christmas Break</b>
09/02/18	End of Spring Term 1, 3.00pm
<b>12/02/18 - 16/02/18</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
29/03/18	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm
<b>30/03/18 - 16/04/18</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>
25/05/18	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00pm
<b>28/05/18 - 01/06/18</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
20/07/18	End of Academic Year, <b>1.15pm</b>