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Friday Bulletin

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The *Reading Mercury* of 13th February 1875 reported:

"The new school building was opened on Tuesday last and gave the occasion of a happy parish gathering whose brightness was only clouded by the thought that the liberal donor of the schools, the late Rev. Richard Palmer passed to his rest before his last work for Purley was completed. There was a short special service in the schoolroom at 3.30 and a tea at four o'clock to which the Rev. C.H.Travers and Mrs Travers invited the school children and the parishioners generally. The former numbered 48 - a large proportion for so small a population - a satisfactory evidence that the encouragements given to education in this parish are duly appreciated. The schools which were designed by Mr Morris are very effective, standing on an eminence adjoining the Rectory Garden".

I have recently been trying to find out some more about the history of the school and thanks to Mrs Denman who lives opposite the school, I now know that the school first opened for children aged 5-14 in February 1875 with 48 children.

FOPS UPDATE

Thank you so much to everyone for making the School Fete such a huge success, whether it was by making a donation, helping to set up, running stalls, clearing away or turning up to support us! We had a brilliant day, the sun even shone and there was a great atmosphere and importantly we raised lots of money for the school - a grand total of £2,312.86 - an amazing effort. Thank you!

Last night FOPS held its Annual General Meeting - thank you to those who were able to attend. The annual accounts for the last financial year were approved and the committee for the forthcoming year was elected. We would like to thank those long standing members who are sadly moving off the committee this year as their children have left the school and are delighted to welcome some new members on board. Your committee for the year is:

Nicky Gibbens (Chair); Amelia Bell (Secretary);
Charlotte Allum (Treasurer); Sarah Sinclair;

Eva Robinson; Ewa Folwarska-Smolka; Danni Tovey; Mrs Chohan and Mrs Pickering.

The planning for our next big event is now underway. Tickets for the Thameside Fireworks Fiesta, taking place on **Sunday 5th November** down at the lock, will be going on sale soon. Please do come along as it promises to be another spectacular event!

If you are able to help out at the event or have ideas you would like to share with us, please do let us know.



WOODLAND ADVENTURES



Despite a very wet and rainy morning we had a great time in the woods. Henry enjoyed playing with the ball run, using an unusual shaped branch to make a bridge. He later discovered that there was solid chalk rock under the ground and uncovered it with the help of his friends. Next week we will take some black card to make chalk pictures. Jessica found and then used pieces of chalk to mark X for treasure. She then took children around on a treasure hunt singing the poem We're Going on A Treasure Hunt that we learnt last week in English.

Layla made a wonderful bug home using branches, twigs, leaves and other woodland finds, and a woodlouse moved in! Many of us made camps and used string to make defences. We finished our session sharing our various woodland activities and the robin came to join us just in time to say goodbye. What a treat! *Mrs Hodsdon*

HARVEST FESTIVAL



As mentioned in the diary dates, our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 20th October at 9.30 at St Mary's Church. The children will need to come in to school as per usual and will walk to the church accompanied by members of staff. Parents are invited to come along and attend this service.

AFTERSCHOOL CARE CLUB

Staff recruitment is still on-going for our afterschool care club. We're currently looking for a Leader and an Assistant to run the club. Please see link below for details.

<http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/current-job-vacancies.php>

The current immediate vacancy for the assistant position is currently being filled by the office staff. The leader's vacancy will need fulfilling after half term. Unless we can recruit for both vacancies, we won't be in a position to

run the club and would therefore need to close it by Christmas.

HEALTHY EATING – PACKED LUNCHES

As a healthy school, we strive to encourage children to develop healthy eating habits.

To this end we would like to remind you of a few simple guidelines regarding packed lunches. The link below has examples of healthy packed lunches options.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#W2ArR2MmhKZ6Gc0r.97>

We would also like to remind you not to include chocolate bars in your child's lunchbox. Thank you for your support.

PARENTS EVENING

Next week you will receive a notification via Parentmail inviting you to book your parents evening meeting with your child's teacher. Dates are Wednesday 18th October (3.30-6.00) and Thursday 19th October (6.00-8.00). Please make sure that you allow for 10 minutes prior to your meeting to see your child's tray with all their work. Below is a link with further advice about how to make the bookings.

<http://parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/applications/parents-evening-manager/>

If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Ham.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Today, the successful candidates for the school council were announced in celebration assembly. Congratulations to:

Year 1: Lukas and Julia
Year 2: Samuel and Frankie
Year 3: Jessica and Alfie PH
Year 4: Ethan and Iona
Year 5: Ryan and Jasmine
Year 6: Callum and Sara

The first council meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd October.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



In preparation for our visit to Ella's Kitchen and Rushall Farm, the children have been thinking about healthy eating, choosing which items to put into a healthy lunch box and using a computer programme to fill a dinner plate. They have been practising counting up to 20 and back to 1, and counting objects accurately.

Next week our Maths will focus on using the language of position and time, and we will be recording our memories of the trip. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



This week in badger class we imagined that we had been marooned on a desert island and wrote messages in bottles in the hope of being rescued. We also read a pirate adventure story and retold it in our own words. We thought carefully about the character of Captain Plank and wrote character descriptions about him using exciting adjectives. Next week, we will be writing our own pirate adventure stories so the children could start to think up some exciting story plans at home. In Maths, Y2 we have been learning their number bonds up to 20 and exploring the relationship between addition and subtraction. Y1 have been looking at 1 more and 1 less and have started to find pairs that make 5 and match them to number sentences. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



It has been another busy week in owl class. In English, the children have been writing non-chronological reports about Owls in general. We have looked at specific features of this type of text and done loads of research to use in our reports. Next week, the children are going to choose one or two specific owls to research and complete reports about. These will all be collated together for the child's own personal information book about Owls. In Maths, we have been learning about place value and how this supports both mental addition and subtraction.

The children had a very enjoyable first session on the Prince William Award completing a range of activities to help with their cooperation, trust and listening. May I remind you that preferably children do need trainers rather than black pumps on a Monday afternoon. We have now started our DT project, making owl bags to store our earphones, using sewing techniques. If anyone is available to support this on the next few Wednesday afternoons, your help would be very much appreciated. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker created mini tornadoes on Monday and then began tornado-inspired art, using shading to create a 3-dimensional effect.

In English, we have continued with Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar. If your child is enjoying this, Louis Sachar has written many other great books (beware the American spellings). We have also written our formal incident reports about iconic buildings disappearing across Europe. Children have been encouraged to use an impersonal formal tone of voice, include relative clauses and those aiming for perfection have included at least one sentence written in the passive voice. In Maths, some groups have been exploring algebraic sentences and the order of operations; others have been investigating fractions and decimal fractions whilst another group has been consolidating place value.

Science has taken us from the Rainforest to the Arctic as we explored how animals (and some plants) adapt to their environment.

All children have spellings and KIRFs to practise and home support is really helpful for this. *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Lilliana for her enthusiasm in all she does

Friendship Star: Daniel for being kind to everyone

Paragon: Annabelle

Badger Class

Star of the week: Casey for working hard on her reading

Friendship Star: Belle for cheering up her friend when she was upset.

Paragon: Percy

Woodland Star: Jessica for organising a treasure hunt and encouraging others to join in.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Lucas for amazing writing about owls.

Friendship Star: Brayden for encouraging others to make good choices within the classroom.

Paragon: Ben R

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Lola for her outstanding perseverance and hard work in maths.

Friendship Star: Leo for being kind and considerate - and looking out for children who are feeling sad.

Paragon: Grace

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

DIARY DATES

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, 3.00pm
23/10/17-27/10/17	Half Term
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 (Hedgehog/Badger Class), 9.30
15/12/17	
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

See invitation to our Scarecrow Day



Dear mums, dads, carers, grandparents, aunties,
neighbours

You are invited to come to school to help in our TASC
(‘Thinking Actively in a Social Context’) making day.



Friday Morning
October 13th



Please come along and join the fun.

9:00-11:00 or as long as you can manage

There will be a display of the scarecrows- around the school at 3:00 p.m.