

# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

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Have you heard of the TASC wheel? It stands for Thinking Actively in a Social Context. Every child has been given homework that will culminate in a Scarecrow making morning on October 13th. As you know, space is limited in the school and we hope that every child will have someone in with them. If you are unable to get childcare for younger siblings, please be aware that we do not have the space for pushchairs etc. in the school building. If you are unable to come to school on the morning, is there someone else who could come in to be with your child? A friend? A neighbour?



## Remember, remember, Sunday 5th November!

The Thameside Fireworks Fiesta will be going off with a bang again this year! It promises to be another fantastic not-to-be-missed event for all the family with tasty hot food outlets, music, a licensed bar and glow novelties.

Gates will open at 5.30 pm, with the Fireworks kicking off at 7.00 pm. Weather permitting, free parking will be provided in the field adjacent to the end of Mapledurham Drive.

Once again proceeds are in aid of the school. We've kept last year's prices and tickets can be booked in advance at the discounted rate.

So, get your tickets beforehand and avoid the queue! You can get them online at

[www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.org](http://www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.org) or they will be available at various establishments in and around Purley including at school, the post office on Purley Rise and the shop on Colyton Way (please ask in the school office for more information).

Advance prices - Family ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children) - £15, Adult - £6, child - £2.50.

If you decide to buy at the gate, tickets are £25 for a Family ticket, Adult - £9, Child - £4.

### Help needed!

It's a big event and we need volunteers to help set up, run stalls and clear away. A board will be put up outside the week before half term, but please do let us know if you are able to help in the run up to the event or on the day!

See you there!!

**FOPS Team**

## WOODLAND ADVENTURES



The weather was very kind to us today as we had sunshine and a gentle breeze which meant, according to Sienna and Darcy, that it was "raining leaves!". Many children played imaginary games involving horses, queens and babies. The children were very busy sweeping leaves today, clearing areas and making paths. Belle found a stick that became a suitable broom. Julia and Zayneb used found chalk to draw on black card and turn them into masks. Macie and Sienna went on a scavenger hunt to find pirate objects. Ollie created a wonderful camp and was successful at tying knots. Henry discovered spiders and long legged flies but we didn't notice any birds today. We all decided that it is because it was windy and so we couldn't hear them. *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.

## ReadiFood



For Harvest, the school will be collecting food on behalf of Reading Food Bank. They provide food parcels for those in need.

There will be a collection box in the playground w/c 16th October.

Please see below a list of food needed:

- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Ready Meals
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Small Bags of Rice
- Tinned Fruit

## 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. 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.

## PARENTS EVENING

Don't forget to check Parentmail and make your booking for parents evening.



Well done to all of those pupils who took part and to all families who helped their children to participate.

Research does show that over the long summer holidays children's reading fluency can dip and consequently impact on their progress and attainment in the autumn term. What a better way to prevent this from happening, whilst at the same time supporting children to read wildly and for pleasure!

This year we made the challenge into a house competition so a massive congratulations goes to .....

**Earthy Bears** for coming FIRST and winning 50 house points for their house!!

**Watery Otters** came in second place winning 40 house points

**Fierce Foxes** came in third place winning 30 house points

**Airy Herons** came in fourth place winning 20 house points

Thank you for taking part ...

Iona, Alfie, Casey, Jaiden, Kira, Zayneb, Hiba, Sara, Lizzie, Darcy, Molly, Lola, Evie, Caitlin, Milo, James, Maegan, Ciara, Niamh, Emily, Jessica, Louis, Mason, Tianna, Jasmine and Samuel.

A special mention to Nathan who despite starting his secondary school still came back to hand in his certificate and support his house. What great team spirit!!

## HELP MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



As you may have noticed, Mrs Keegan shaved her head to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks to your generous donations, Mrs Keegan was able to raise **£800!**

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



Hedgehog Class enjoyed their visit to Ella's Kitchen last Friday. The children had the opportunity to plant peas, make smelly smoothies, search for the colours of the rainbow, and took part in a digging for worms competition. They learned lots of information about the pigs, donkeys, hens, and sheep, but most agreed their favourite part of the day was the very bumpy trailer ride to see the cows!

Next week we will be thinking about harvest time and finding ways of making 6.

If your child has come home wearing school clothing for whatever reason, please could you remember to return it as our supplies have run worryingly low! *Mrs Burton*



## BADGER CLASS



Badger class have had fun exploring ideas for a pirate adventure through drama. Following on from this, they planned and then wrote their own pirate adventure stories. Y2 tried really hard to think about the sequence of events and include adjectives and conjunctions in their sentences. Y1 worked hard to rehearse their sentences prior to writing and use the sounds in words to help them write independently. In Geography, we have been looking at the points of the compass and following directions to locate treasure on a map. In Maths, Y2 have been looking at how number bonds to 10 can help us learn the tens number bonds to 100. Y1 have been playing with Numicon to help find different pairs of numbers that make a given total. They are beginning to match these pairs of numbers to addition sentences.

Next week, we will be designing and making pirate ships from reclaimed materials. Can you please help your child to collect different containers in order for them to make their boats. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



This week in Owl class, we have continued our research on Owls, focusing on the Barn Owl. The children have used this information to complete a fact sheet about them for their Owl books. In Maths, we have been concentrating on multiplication and its relationship with division. The Cubes are practising their 4 times table whilst the Spheres are working on the 6.

Our sewing projects are beginning to take shape and the children are now starting to embroider names and details on to them.

Many Thanks to Ms James and Mrs Wilson for your help this week. I do hope you will be coming again next week!

In RE we are thinking about people in authority and if Jesus has authority and if so over whom.

Next week, we are finishing our Owl books designing covers and writing the blurb. We will also start to think about our part in the Harvest Festival. You child may have one or two lines that they need to learn; your help with this would be appreciated.

Finally may I remind you to sign your child's reading book when you see or witness them read for 20mins each day. If they manage it five times in a week they do get a house point. *Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



Continuing with our extreme earth topic, we have been learning about earthquakes this week. We have considered the physical geographical causes, the catastrophic consequences and the preventative measures which can be taken to reduce damage and injury during earthquakes.

In Maths, we have been converting metric measures and learning how to manage calculations which involve different metric units. Can you engage your child in the following problem: Chloe is 0.85m tall on her 9th Birthday. She grows 2cm every month for the next year. How tall is she on her 10th Birthday?

In English, we have been learning to write an effective newspaper report using a clear, balanced tone. We are also enjoying our class story, There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom. The novel addresses issues of loneliness, bullying and prejudice. Although the story is very funny, it facilitates discussions around these thorny areas and many questions have arisen as a result: if someone smiles or laughs, does it always mean they are happy? If someone says they don't care about something, does that mean they really don't care? Can you buy a friend? Can you have a friend you don't like?

In Science, we have considered how a species would need to adapt to survive a new environment. A fictional meteorite has affected our planet and altered the poles - the rainforest has now become extremely cold and animals are having to adapt to a new environment. Children have created polar toucans, arctic jaguars and a variety of other creatures originating in the rainforest but adapting to arctic conditions in order for the species to survive. *Mrs Archer*

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Arlo for getting changed independently for PE

**Friendship Star:** Ella for being friendly towards everyone

**Paragon:** Amelia-Mae

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Sydney for trying hard to complete his work to the best of his abilities

**Friendship Star:** Henry for being a good listener

**Paragon:** Samuel

**Woodland Star:** Macie for showing exceptional care for another child during her game

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Hiba for an excellent attitude to all learning.

**Friendship Star:** Maegan for always helping her peers both in the classroom and in the playground

**Paragon:** Alice

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Corey for working so hard and making excellent progress.

**Friendship Star:** Anya for being a kind friend

**Paragon:** Jasmine

**Delightful Diners:** Jaiden S, Ben S, Arthur, Lilly-May, Iona, Lola M, Grace, Lola G

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

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 (Hedgehog/Badger Class), 9.30
15/12/17	
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>

**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