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Friday Bulletin

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Do you remember the days when children used to be given colouring books and colouring pencils to keep them occupied? You would see them in restaurants and on the beach. What do you see now? Mc Donalds have screens to occupy children even when they are eating! Do you send postcards from your holidays or is it a Facebook message? This is having an impact on children's fine motor control. This has an impact on individuals' handwriting skills. Children are coming into school not able to hold a pencil. Children in Hedgehog and Badger are spending more time daily practicing these skills. Can you think of opportunities when your child could practice their pencil control rather than being on a screen? If you would like support on activities to help your child - whatever age, have a look at the CYPIT site. <https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/2555> (Yes I know it is online!)

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In Collective Worship this week we looked at Jesus' "Parable of the Rich Farmer." It's about a very rich farmer. He was rich

because his soil was good and produced a great harvest. He was happy. But the farmer had a problem. His old barn was too small to store all the harvest. So he pulled it down and built a new bigger, better barn. But, at harvest time next year, the new barn was still not big enough. You see, the farmer had been greedy. He had planted even more crops. So he built an even bigger barn. Each year, the same thing happened until one year the farmer said, "I will build the most spectacular barn in all the world. And then I will be so rich, I will never have to work again and will party all day long!" So the farmer went about building an enormous barn. But that very night, while the farmer was asleep, he died. Dead! The birds ate all his crops. The biggest, grandest barn in the entire world stood empty. And the rich farmer never did get to have a party. He never got time to enjoy being rich. Jesus says, "It is very foolish for you to spend your whole life trying to get richer and richer – to God, you are really poor. Do you want to be truly rich? Then trust in me and be generous to others!" *Rev Archer*



Remember, remember, Sunday 4th November!

Tickets are now on sale for the **Thameside Fireworks Fiesta** which will be going off with a bang again this year! Check out the website www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.org and get your tickets early! Tickets can also be bought at the Post Office and local shop on Colyton Way.

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

Gates will open at 5.30 pm, with the Fireworks kicking off at 7.00 pm. There will however be no parking and so we are asking people to walk to the event or use public transport.

Help & support needed!

We are very fortunate that a number of people from within the community are signed up to help us at the event but it's a big event and we still need people to help set up, run stalls and clear away etc. Look out for the boards outside school for you to sign up to help!

We look forward to seeing you there!

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



We began our session with hide and seek which we played with a difference - if we found the person hiding, we had to join them and hide too until everyone was in the same hiding place! Next, we spent time choosing our own activities. Arthur noticed that there was a lot of fungi in the woods and we noticed they grow on old, dead wood. Jax enjoyed tying twigs together using wool and practising knots. Lilly-May and Ella worked with Miss Clarke to make dolls and unicorns from twigs and wool. Many of us used the trowels to dig and uncovered worms and beetles. We made sure that we did not disturb them too much, and covered them as we had found them. Brandon even found a ladybird sleeping on a branch which he thought was a berry at first glance. We spent time trying to sit as still and as quiet as we could to notice the woodland sounds - we heard a red kite and Jax noticed the trails that aeroplanes leave in the sky. After hot chocolate and apples we practised listening carefully by being as quiet as we could - until we heard the engine of the minibus with Mrs Keegan driving to collect us.

What a great start to our working week!
Mrs Hodsdon



HARVEST FESTIVAL



As mentioned in the diary dates, our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 19th 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.

The children will be in the main part of the church with parents at the side.

ReadiFood



For Harvest, the school will be collecting food on behalf of Reading Food Bank. This was the charity voted by the children. They provide food parcels for those in need. There will be a collection box in the playground w/c 15th October.

Please see below a list of food needed:
tinned vegetables, tinned ready meals, tinned chopped tomatoes, tinned soup, tinned meat, tinned potatoes, biscuits, small bags of pasta, tinned fish, small bags of rice, pasta sauces, tinned fruit, coffee, tea bags, tinned puddings, tinned pies.

Please ensure all food items are within "use by date" – thank you

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you for making your bookings so promptly.

We will not offer childcare facility for these two events but children are welcome to come and wait in the school quietly.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

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!

The reading challenge was again a house competition, so for the second year running, massive congratulations go to....

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

Watery Otters came in second place winning

40 house points

Airy Herons came in third place winning 30 house points

Fiery Fox came in fourth place winning 20 house points

NEW ISS MENU



ISS have produced a new menu that will be effective from w/c 29th October until the Easter holidays. A copy is attached with the newsletter and there is also one on the noticeboard.

16th October: 5-A-Day Challenge

This day is designed to encourage pupils to lead a healthy lifestyle with a focus on consuming at least 5 portions of fruit or vegetables. The children will be given stickers and an activity booklet to encourage them to consider their diet and other lifestyle elements which they could improve.

The menu will be Penne Pasta with toppings such as Beef Bolognaise, Veggie & Butter Bean Ragu or Tomato Sauce, all served with Sweetcorn and Green Beans with a Lemon and Courgette muffin for dessert.

NEW STAFF

We are pleased to welcome Michelle Allsopp as our new cleaner to replace Miss Maisey.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The story of The Little Red Hen inspired our writing this week as the children thought of how they would help to plant the seeds, cut the wheat, grind the flour and bake the bread. They had great fun following a recipe to bake bread hedgehogs, and they shared the workload and the eating! All of the children have now enthusiastically begun their reading journey and are using their phonics. Thank you to everyone for encouraging them to share their books at home and bring them back to school each day.

We are very much looking forward to our trip to Ella's Kitchen on Monday and hope the lovely weather holds out for us! Our learning will have a harvest theme and we will be learning songs and rhymes, and beginning simple addition.

Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



In English, Badger class have been thinking about Harvest time this week and using their ideas to create Acrostic poems. Y1 children have been working hard to remember to leave clear and even spaces between words and Y2 have explored using the past or present tense consistently in a piece of writing.

We have now finished embellishing our Indian elephants and have made a display in the classroom. They all look magnificent and we hope you enjoy looking at them during parents evening next week. In Geography, we looked at maps of India and researched some similarities and differences between India and the UK. As part of our music leaning we have listened to some Bhangra music and accompanied it using Indian percussion instruments. We also interpreted the music through Indian dancing.

Next Monday afternoon (15th October), the children will walk to the local allotments to find out how food grows. Year 2 children can bring wellie boots if they wish to do so; they will stay in their school uniform. The Year 1 children will already be in their Woodland School clothes.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



We have a class of budding authors this week. We have finally got to the point where all our wonderful ideas about Stone Age settings, characters and adventures have come together to make one big story. All the children have been deeply engaged in their writing and I am so looking forward to reading them over the forthcoming week.

All the children now have an iPad and have been very excited, using them to research the Stone Age, photographing Gods Wonderful World in RE and are now looking forward to communicating with their partners in America. The children are enjoying rehearsing their song for our Harvest celebration; we certainly do have some amazing singers in the class.

Next week will be our final week in the Stone Age era. We will be looking at their hunting skills and hopefully sampling some Stone Age delicacies. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Are the 'Build-a-bear' workshops a favourite treat in your family? This week, we took the notion a step further in RE with 'build-a-God.' Children were asked what characteristics they believed were important for God and learned the difference between omniscience and omnipotence. We also looked at ways in which God has been portrayed by famous artists throughout history.

In Science, the children used their observational and reasoning skills to assess the results of our microorganism investigation. They discovered that after a week in the classroom, bread that had been handled by everyone, damp bread and bread kept warm showed more mould growth than the other slices. Many children predicted that after another week all the slices of bread would have mould on them, but some thought that the slice that was in the fridge would show less mould than the other slices. We are looking forward to seeing if they are right.

Year 6 mathematicians have been consolidating their knowledge of Roman numerals. They have also been solving problems involving time differences.

Year 5 mathematicians have been working on measuring length and converting between metric units (m, cm, mm). They have all worked out perimeters for rectangles and other regular polygons and some of them have gone on to calculate the perimeters of compound shapes.

In English, the class have been studying journalist writing and will be writing their own newspaper articles about the Viking raid on Lindisfarne Monastery. *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Samuel for trying his best with reading

Friendship Star: Margaux for taking time to make magic wands for her friends

Paragon: Freya

Badger Class

Star of the week: Macie for challenging herself

Friendship Star: Annabelle for being kind hearted to everyone

Paragon: Brandon

Woodland star: Amelia-Mae for taking care of the worm so carefully

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Hiba for extra thought and preparation for her Stone Age story writing.

Friendship Star: Malakhai for supporting friends and ensuring everyone was involved during PE

Paragon: Amy

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Lucas for always having a lovely smile, for putting his hand up in class, for working really hard and for passing his KIRF

Friendship Star: Olly for being a great work partner

Paragons: Jasmine and Evans

Delightful diners: Belle, Sienna, Brandon, Lewis, Casey, Molly, Hayden, Corey

DIARY DATES

15/10/18	FS2 children out – Ella's Kitchen trip
17/10/18	Parents Evening, 3.30 p.m to 6.00 p.m
18/10/18	Parents Evening, 6.00 p.m to 8.00 p.m
19/10/18	Harvest Festival at St Mary's, 9.30 a.m (parents invited to attend)
19/10/18	End of Autumn Term 1, 3.00 p.m
22/10/18-29/10/18	Half Term
30/10/18	Start of Autumn Term 2
01/11/18	Individual school photos
04/11/18	Thameside Fireworks Fiesta
21/11/18	Badger/Owl/Woodpecker Theatre Trip – Robin Hood
18/12/18	ISS Christmas Lunch
19/12/18	FOPS Christmas Party @ St Mary's KS1: 5.00-6:15 KS2: 6:30-7:45
20/12/18	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15 p.m
21/12/18-04/01/19	Christmas Break
07/01/19	Start of Spring Term 1
15/02/19	End of Spring Term 1, 3.00 p.m
18/02/19-22/02/19	February Half Term
25/02/19	Start of Spring Term 2
05/04/19	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15 p.m
08/04/19-23/04/19	Easter Break
24/04/19	Start of Summer Term 1

23/05/19	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00 p.m
24/05/19-31/05/19	May Half Term
03/06/19	Start of Summer Term 2
24/07/19	End of Academic Year, 1.15 p.m

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

Reminders

- **Hedgehog Class (FS2)** – visit to Ella's Kitchen on Monday 15th October
- **Badger Class** – visit to the allotments. Year 2 may bring wellies if they want.
- **All** – parents evening next Wednesday and Thursday

Community Page



**Purley on Thames
 WWI Armistice Centenary
 1918 to 2018**

***Purley Remembers
 The First World War***

Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 November
 11.00am to 4.00pm

The Barn, Goosecroft, Purley, RG8 8DR

Exhibition, stands, memorabilia, free expert advice on medals and collectibles, workshops, music, drama, talks, refreshments and a poppy tribute

Free entry and free parking

www.purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk/armistice-centenary-events/



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
 Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
 We shall remember them"*

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**Purley Players next production is
 Ali Baba & the 40 Thieves on
 25th and 26th January 2019**

Ali Baba – children's auditions / read through

Wednesday, 24 October at 6.30 pm

at The Barn, Goosecroft Lane, Purley on Thames

Just come along to the auditions. No need to book.