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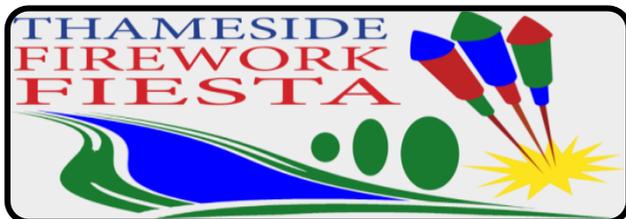
How is it half term already? As usual school has been very busy. We have been impressed by the support parents are giving their children which is definitely having an impact. Thank you to all who attended parents evening and those who have already replied to our survey. A report will be sent out after replies have been analysed.

With half term next week expected to be good weather, we hope your children will make the most of being outdoors. One concern is that they will have more time to play Fortnite. We are seeing the impact of this at school among some of our pupils, they become more aggressive and irritable and homework is not completed. Some report staying up late and getting up early to play it. The link below gives you some guidance - "All you need to know about Fortnite".

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/fortnite-all-you-need-know/>

Whatever you do this break, we hope you have a good time and all can recharge their batteries.

**Have a relaxing half term, see you all on
Tuesday 30th October**



**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 will also be available after school from Tuesday 30th Oct and can also be bought at the Post Office on Purley Rise 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!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Collective worship this week was very interactive, a mixture of discussion and songs, about God's wonderful world. We began by singing the song 'What a wonderful world', then we explored the way God had

made this world for us to enjoy and take care of but how in some parts of the world, damage is being done to the environment. The children were more than keen to offer suggestions as to how we can improve our world, and the area

they live in. They were challenged to do little things to care for God's wonderful world, and reminded of his love for them, in a closing song, that thanked God for his love and care for each one of them. Parents, ask you children what small things can be done to make our wonderful world a better, cleaner place to live in. I'm sure you will be impressed by their answers.
Mrs Henson, Foundation Governor

FOPS

Santa Run



The Reading Santa Run, organised by the Rotary Club, is taking place on Sunday 9th December in Reading (starting at Forbury Gardens). At 9am there is a 1km Mini Santa Run (£7.00) and the 5km Santa Run starts at 9.30am (£14.00). The entry fee includes a medal and Santa costume! When booking please select group - Purley Primary School

If you are interested in taking part and joining others from Purley, as well as raising a bit of money for the school, please contact Charlotte Allum or Danyelle Tovey for more information. Or visit www.readingsantarun.co.uk for more details.

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



Despite a rather gloomy and wet morning we enjoyed our time in the woods. We thought about harvest time and looked for anything that might help feed the woodland animals. We identified berries, beech nuts and fungi. We also thought about how to make musical instruments from wood and Sydney made a wonderful guitar harp. Many of us enjoyed making shelters, camps and the odd trap using string and sheets. We are improving our tying skills! Finally we had a snack and were grateful for the hot chocolate to warm us up! We will not be in Woodland for the next two Mondays and so we thought about how it might change when we are next there...we are expecting the branches to be bare and all the leaves to be on the ground. *Mrs Hodsdon*

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer is due in on Thursday 1st November to take children's individual photos. He will be set up from 8.30 in the hall to take photos of non-school siblings (ie siblings that are

at another school or nursery/home). Children who have siblings in school will have their photos taken together and separately too during the morning session.



It's the time of the year when everybody will be turning their thoughts to Christmas and possible holidays so why not shop online for some of your Christmas presents or holiday. If you haven't signed up to Easyfundraising, then please consider this as it is a good way to raise funds for our school.

Easyfundraising is an entirely free service that allows people to shop directly at their favourite online store via the links on the <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fopsreading/> (or the app which is available on the app store or googleplay) and raise a donation for their school once a purchase is made. Donations can be up to 15% of the value of your purchase, depending on the retailer and the item purchased! There are thousands of stores that are already participating with leading high street brands such as Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Argos, eBay, Sainsburys, Tesco Direct, Toys R Us, holiday companies such as Expedia and Booking.com and more, making it one of the most effortless fundraising ideas for schools.

It's completely free and there really is no catch.

Sign up, select our school and start raising funds today! All you need to do is remember to go to the app or the website every time you shop! The total funds received so far for the school is **£884.66**.

ReadiFood



Thank you for your kind donations. We will take them to ReadiFood over half term.

SCHOOL MILK



Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. All children who are under 5 years old are automatically registered by the school to receive a carton of milk every day. Once the children turned 5, parents have the option for

their child to carry on receiving milk at a subsidised cost of approximately £14 per term.

Milk for children over five is subsidised by the European Union under the European School Milk Scheme. Milk for children aged under five is fully funded by the Department of Health.

Should you wish to register your child at any point after they have turned 5, please go to <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH



The date for our School Christmas lunch is Tuesday 18th December. The cost will be £2.70 for KS2 children (Year 3 upwards) which is payable in advance by 1st December at the latest. Payments can be made online or by cash/cheque (made payable to ISS Education). Whichever payment method you choose, could you please still return the special Christmas Lunch envelope which you will find in your child's bookbag today and ensure that your child's choices are clearly marked.

If your child is in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2, the meal will be free but you still need to return your envelope with your child's choice of food. Thank you.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



Hedgehog Class never let the rain stop play, and Monday was no exception. We all had a wonderful time at Ella's kitchen, planting peas, collecting a rainbow of petals, digging for worms and finding out about the fruit trees in the garden. The trailer ride was great fun, although very bumpy and we all ended up with damp bottoms!

We stopped along the way to look at the deer, pheasants and cows. We were all excited to feed the apples we had collected to the pigs, and we met three very bouncy lambs in the shed and learned out about how they keep their woolly coats dry when it rains.

We read the story of The Enormous Watermelon and used number lines to add one more throughout the story. *Mrs Burton*



BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been grammar champions this week. They went on noun hunts around the classroom and identified nouns within sentences. We then looked at how to turn singular nouns into plurals by adding s and es to the words.

In Geography, we continued our research on India and Y2 children had to teach their Y1 partners how to make a pictorial map of India and include the Himalayas, the River Ganges and the Indian Ocean.

Over the term we have been sewing poppies for the Remembrance Day centenary and this week, we completed them and added beautiful beading for embellishments. We are looking forward to seeing them displayed in the Barn alongside poppies from other local schools.

In Maths Y1 have been looking at how to solve word problems and turn them into number sentences and Y2 have been looking at adding and taking away tens numbers from 2 digit numbers.

KS1 Acrostic poem competition

Congratulations to Macie, Ciara, Lukas, Ollie and Jessica whose poems were selected to enter the competition. We shall keep you posted as to the results as soon as we hear, but they were all very excited to have been chosen to take part.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



We are now coming to the end of our adventures during the Stone Age. I am so proud of how engaged the children have been and how they have been taking their learning further outside of the school environment. This

week the children became Stone Age hunters, catching a woolly mammoth and frying and tasting his livers. They gathered berries and stewed them over the fire and washed it all down with some delicious nettle tea.

In English, we have focused on grammar, looking at inverted commas and prepositions. All the children did really well in their grammar test.

In Maths, the Cubes have focused on time, including months, years and how to use a calendar. They have also started looking at digital and analogue time. Please can you practise this with your children over the half term. Telling the time is one of the most important life skills we can give to our children. The Spheres have been measuring in mm, cm and m and starting to convert measurement between the units.

The children have worked extremely hard practising their song for the harvest and we do hope you enjoyed it.

May I ask that you encourage the children to practise their spellings, read every day and practise their time tables in our new app time tables rockstars. Doing all 3 everyday should take no longer than 45 mins, still leaving lots of time for all the lovely things they want to do during the holidays. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



The aroma of freshly baked bread has permeated the staffroom this week as Woodpecker class have continued their investigations into micro-organisms. Unlike the mould we have been monitoring, however, this micro-organism (yeast) has yielded enticing and edible results. We tried baking bread with yeast and sugar and a Viking equivalent which left out the yeast and sugar. I wonder if your child can explain the results.

Our Viking journalists have been up-levering and completing their articles about the first recorded raids in English.

In Maths, we have been consolidating much of the term's learning. In particular, many children have been practising long multiplication. While most know the steps to complete a long multiplication, small errors are often made en-route to the final solution and it is really important for children to continue practising until they are able to achieve reliable accuracy. Many

questions in the KS2 SATS will involve long multiplication and so it would be really helpful if you could support your child with this practice over the half-term break.

Our global partnerships are well underway now and children have been in conversation with their new partners via google docs. Hopefully, many of these conversations will continue over half-term too.

Have a great half-term break. *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Daisy for trying her best in everything

Friendship Star: Zara for being a good friend to Margaux

Paragon: Poppy

Superstar: Harry C for his sensible behaviour in class

Badger Class

Star of the week: Sydney for being an excellent noun hunter

Friendship Star: Darcy for listening carefully to her learning partner's advice

Paragon: Zayneb

Woodland star: Sydney for making a beautiful wood and string harp guitar.

Superstar: Ciara for starting Y2 in such a positive and motivated way. She has been a super role model for our new Y1 pupils.

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Abraham for his amazing performance during the harvest festival

Friendship Star: Mia for always being kind and helpful to everyone!

Paragon: Ellie

Superstar: Jamie for much improved engagement and attitude to his learning.

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Iona for her outstanding writing

Friendship Star: Ethan for his excellent partner work

Paragon: Brayden

Superstar: Elyssa for her persistent determination to be the very best she can be.

DIARY DATES

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
12/11/18	Odd Socks Day
14/11/18	Digital Tech Evening, 6.00-7.00 pm
21/11/18	Badger/Owl/Woodpecker Theatre Trip – Robin Hood
13/12/18	Hedgehog/Badger Nativity Play, 9.45
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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