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Friday Bulletin

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Welcome back after the half term break! I don't know about you, but the change of the clocks last weekend is certainly taking some getting used to.

Regarding clocks, don't forget that an analogue watch is such a useful tool for your children to have. While wearing a watch, children get used to understanding the passage of time, learn to tell the time, can help with understanding of fractions and is a number line all in one! (Digital watches don't have the same benefits.) Until they get used to it, your children may need reminding to wear their watches.



Remember, remember, Sunday 5th November!

It's still not too late to get your tickets for the Thameside Fireworks Fiesta taking place on **Sunday 5th November** down at Mapledurham Lock!

You can buy tickets on the website <http://www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.org>, at Purley Post Office or the local shop on Colyton Way. They will also be available in the playground today after school. Advance prices are cheaper than on the night so grab yourself a bargain!

Last year's display was spectacular and Illusion Fireworks have promised us the same again!

Please do come along and join us for lots of fun & excitement as well as stalls selling hotdogs, burgers, Caribbean food, doughnuts, mulled wine, beer, cider, soft drinks, glow novelties and there's a chocolate tombola! Gates open at 5.30pm with the firework display scheduled for 7pm.

All proceeds from the event go to support Purley Primary School.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In this week's Collective Worship we explored the contrast between light and dark. As evenings draw in and we're forced to spend a little more time each day in darkness, it's perhaps only natural that society celebrates 'things that go bump in the night'. Although many consider this to be harmless fun we talked about what to do when we get afraid. We read from the Bible and discovered that when we trust in God, we need not fear anything or anyone!
Rev Archer

WOODLAND ADVENTURES



Despite a chill in the air our morning in the woods was very sunny and pleasant. We discussed the beech trees around us and looked at how wide and tall they were. Some of us looked carefully at a felled tree to count the rings to see how old it was. Harry spent time making bark rubbings and Zayneb measured trees using her hands and then a measuring tape to sort them in size.

Because it is nearly November 5th, some of us made model bonfires: Layla, Henry, Julia and Zayneb made one using lots of dry leaves and twigs. Julia watched Zayneb practise her

cartwheels and climb in a yew tree. Henry looked closely at a holly tree, noticing its bright green, spiky leaves. Belle enjoyed climbing in the trees, using a stick as rudder to steer her boat. Macie and Mason and several others made bows and arrows to use in their imaginary games. Sienna, Layla and Darcy made treasure maps and used them to play a game involving balancing on the logs and exploring the area. Ollie, Jessica, Ciara, Lukas and Isaak loved the large shelter that Mr Adamski made so they could have an even better base camp for their games.

Mrs Hodsdon



INFORMATION EVENINGS

Every year we run information evenings for parents on suggested ways of supporting their children. We now have three dates for you to put in your diaries. More information will follow closer to the dates. There are constant changes in education and if you have already attended evenings in the past, there will be something new!

Thursday 30th Nov, 7:00-7:30:

Phonics for early readers (primarily FS, Year 1 and Year 2)

Thursday 11th January, 7:00-7:30:

Comprehension Workshops (separate workshops for FS-Y2 and Y3-Y6)

Thursday 11th January 7:30-8:00:

Comprehension Workshops repeated separate workshops for FS-Y2 and Y3-Y6

Wednesday 24th January, 7:00-8:00:

Maths Information evening

CHICKENPOX

We have one case of chickenpox in school. Please be aware of the symptoms as outlined in the nhs link below. If your child has chickenpox, s/he will need to be off school until **ALL** the spots have scabbed over.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT



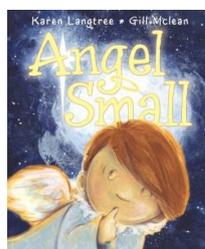
The children have been busy designing personalised Christmas cards. The sample card will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. You will then be able to order packs ready for Christmas.

POPPY APPEAL



The school is selling poppies to support the work of the British Legion. Poppies are available in the back playground.

HEDGEHOG AND BADGER NATIVITY PLAY



The first performance will be on Thursday 14th December at 9.30 am in the school hall. You may bring younger siblings to this show. The second performance will be on Friday 15th December at 9.30 in the hall once again. This performance is for adults only.

CHILDREN IN NEED



This year we will be collecting **old one pound coins** to donate to Children in Need.

Over the half term please check your money boxes, down the sofa and in pockets for any of those round pounds. We will collect them all in on **Friday 17th November**. In return for all your round pounds or a small contribution to Children in Need, we invite children to wear spots for the day. This may be **one** item of spotty clothing (socks, top, hairband, skirts etc) or some spotty face paints. The rest of the clothing should be school uniform. If you don't have round pounds, the new ones will do nicely!!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH



The date for our School Christmas lunch is Wednesday 13th December. The cost will be £2.65 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.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Please ensure that your child's data collection sheet is checked, signed and returned to the office as soon as possible. It is very important that we have up to date details for emergency contacts. Thank you.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The first half of our week had a rather eerie feel as the children excitedly shared their Halloween experiences with their partners and described their costumes. They listened to and joined in with a range of Meg and Mog and Funnybones stories, thinking about what happened in the beginning, middle and end of the tales, and noticing what was similar or different about the books. The children helped

to redesign the layout of our outdoor area, and have been enjoying dressing up and dancing while playing instruments in our performance area.

Next week, we will be thinking about how we change as we mature and it would be really useful if the children could bring in a baby photo of themselves (with a name on the back please!) to support their understanding.

Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



Welcome back Badger class! We have had fun this week starting our new topic, "Shall we have a party?" We played pass the parcel and the children were great sports with the forfeits. We loved listening to Stevie Wonder's "Happy Birthday to you" and danced to the beat! In Science, we investigated blowing bubbles and wanted to answer the question - are bubbles always round? Using pipe cleaners we made different shaped bubble blowers and were surprised to find that no matter what shape the bubble blower is, the bubble is always round! We watched an animation called "Bubbles" and used it as a stimulus for some descriptive writing. In History, we explored why people have bonfire parties and wrote some captions to accompany a range of Guy Fawkes images. In Art, we made firework pictures using a computer program and by blowing bubbles in paint. They look very effective! In Maths, Y1 have been developing their understanding of teen numbers as a ten and some extra ones and Y2 have been consolidating their understanding of doubling and halving numbers. **If you have any story books about parties at home, could we please borrow them next week to enjoy reading in class.** Thank you. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



It has been a lovely week back after half term. All the children have new learning partners and new home places, encouraging new and wider friendships. This week, in English, we have been looking at the Gunpowder plot and who planned and for what reason. In Maths, the Cubes have consolidated halving and doubling and have

started investigating fractions. The Spheres have focused on time, both analogue and digital. Next week, we will be focusing on Remembrance Day and the poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae. We will also start our new topic "Bake a Better Biscuit", with a tasting session. I will also be sending out the shared learning topic next week.

Please can I remind you that PE kits need to in school every day but especially for a Monday. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



In Woodpecker class, we have started our new topic "Inner Space". We will be considering our own personal inner space, what makes us who we are, our minds, bodies and emotions. We will also be learning about significant changes to people's understanding of medicine and the human body throughout history.

At the start of the week, we drew around Hayden to create a life-size outline in which to place internal organs in order to see what the inside of our bodies look like.

In Maths, we have been consolidating our multiplication skills and learning to apply these skills to complex word problems.

In English, we have been considering the tale of Goldilocks and the three bears but with a view to establishing whether Goldilocks was guilty of trespass, breaking and entering and causing damage to a person's property.
Mrs Archer

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Annabelle for trying hard with your phonics

Friendship Star: Lewis for making new friends

Paragon: Daniel

Badger Class

Star of the week: Charlie for trying really hard to focus on his writing

Friendship Star: Alfie for being a supportive learning partner

Paragon: Frankie

Woodland Star: Belle for being able to tell me all about the fabulous imaginary game she had invented and also for careful climbing.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Alice for persevering with telling the time using digital clocks

Friendship Star: Jacob for supporting friends in class

Paragon: Iona

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Aieyan for his hard work and cheerful attitude this week.

Friendship Star: Elizabeth for her caring helpfulness towards other children in the class

Paragon: Aieyan

DIARY DATES

05/11/17	Fireworks Fiesta!
17/11/17	Children in Need
23/11/17	Individual School Photos
27/11/17	Theatre Trip pm
30/11/17	Phonics for Early Readers (7.00-7.30)
13/12/17	Children Christmas Lunch
14/12/17	Nativity play to parents (Hedgehog/Badger Class), 9.30
15/12/17	
19/12/17	FOPS Christmas Party
20/12/17	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15pm
21/12/17 - 03/01/18	Christmas Break
11/01/18	Comprehension Workshops 7.00-7.30. Repeated at 7.30-8.00
24/01/18	Maths Information Evening, 7.00-8.00
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

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