



## Purley CE Primary School

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# Thursday Bulletin

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**Have a relaxing half term!**  
**See you all on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**



**Thameside Firework Fiesta**  
**Thursday 5th November**  
**Gates open 5.30pm.**  
**Fireworks 7pm**  
**In the field next to**  
**Mapledurham Lock**

Get your tickets beforehand and avoid the queue! You can get them online at [www.thamesidefiesta.com](http://www.thamesidefiesta.com), at school or at Purley Post Office. Advance prices - Family ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children aged 5-12) £15, Adult £6, child £2.50. Under 5s go free. If you decide to buy at the gate, tickets are £20 Family ticket, £8 Adult, £3 Child. See you there!!

### CAN YOU HELP?

**Jam Jars:** As last year, we would like to use jam jars with tea lights to light up paths and edge of the water. Could you start collecting wide top jam jars (like Bonne Maman) rather than narrow top ones. There will be a box in the playground from 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**Gazebos:** have you got a gazebo or two that we could borrow for the evening?

**Helpers:** we're looking for helpers on the day to set up and clear up the following day.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

'What? You mean I have to be nice!' If you stand in a hall of people who all liked ice cream, there would almost certainly be someone in that group who you'd find it difficult to get along with. As least, that was one thing we discovered at the start of the week. As we thought about Jesus saying we should love our enemies, we told a story together about how we should treat everyone the same. The story reminded us that we should be kind and love one another no matter how we feel, how wealthy we are, how busy we are or even where we are because the sun and rain treat everyone the same. The story reminded us that God loves us no matter what we do, how we feel or where we are. And we should do the same.

*Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor*

### ASSESSING YOUR CHILD

There have been many far ranging changes to the assessment system in the last year. Would you like to know more about how your child is assessed? How does Purley school monitor progress? What are the expected levels for every year group? There will be an information evening at the school on Thursday 12th November at 6:30 pm. It will not be suitable for children, so please arrange child care.

## HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH READING



Would you like some help on how to support your child with reading? There will be two sessions at the school. The first one will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. No Children at this session please.

The second session will be at 9 a.m on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (this will be a repeat of the first session). If you have young children you may bring them with you but please bring something to amuse them so that the training can continue uninterrupted.

These sessions are suitable for KS1 and Foundation stage parents primarily but anyone is invited. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

## WOODLAND SCHOOL



It was dry at Woodland School this week and the children were all engaged in a variety of activities. Bailey, Ben and Jamie created more tunnels from sticks on the ball run they were using last week. Daisy, Alfie and Abi enjoyed playing in the dens. Malakhai and Amy climbed the tree. Elliott found fungi whilst Jessie and Hiba made a leaf necklace. I set a challenge to make a natural collage during the morning too. Sergio and Milo worked together to make a dinosaur skeleton and a nest of eggs. Firhan made a hedgehog home using leaves, beech nut cases and sticks. We love Woodland School. *Mrs Herbert*



## PUZZLE CHALLENGE DAY

Well done to Tanisha, Dugald, Madeline, Samuel, Anya, Evie, Jessica, Ben and Alice

Bodimeade who all took part in a puzzle challenge session at Birch Copse. They did very well and were great ambassadors for the school. A big thank you to Mrs Bogert, Mrs Hester and Mrs Hilton-Jones who very kindly took the children to Birch Copse and stayed with them.



## YEAR 1 AND 2 NASAL FLU VACCINATION

An information/consent form has been sent home via your child's bookbag. Could you ensure that the forms are returned by 11<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. Thank you.

## ATTENDANCE

Thank you for your support with attendance. Our attendance figures have gone from 95.5% in 13/14 to 96.5% in 14/15. Let's see if we can better it this year!

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Percy for writing a good speech bubble and super measuring work.

**Friendship Star:** Casey for welcoming others to join in her games.

**Purley Paragon:** Jamie

**Superstar:** Chloe for always being engaged and enthusiastic in all areas of learning

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Oscar for writing an acrostic poem using lovely adjectives

**Friendship Star:** Ben for being an interesting learning partner and listening to his friend

**Purley Paragon:** Maegan

**Superstar:** Lola for always trying her best and making great progress over the term

**Woodland Star:** Milo worked well alongside Sergio to make a natural collage using leaves, sticks and stones. It was his idea to do a dinosaur skeleton then he added a nest of eggs.

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Jaime for always trying his best across all parts of his learning

**Friendship Star:** Lola for helping to keep the classroom tidy and encouraging her friends to do the same.

**Purley Paragon:** Aieyan

**Superstar:** Somaya for consistently trying her best especially in maths.

### Woodpecker Class:

**Star of the week:** Shannon for her amazing work telling the time.

**Friendship Star:** Callum for always being considerate of others.

**Purley Paragon:** Madeline

**Superstar:** Tyreese for outstanding work and excellent progress throughout the term.

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



In English, the Foundation children in Hedgehog class have been learning about speech bubbles and writing their own for characters in the Little Red Hen story. They also made stick puppets and acted out the story. The class watched a powerpoint about the famous pirate Blackbeard and the Year 1 children made their own wanted posters with facts about Blackbeard.

In Maths, the Foundation children have been looking at measuring length, comparing different lengths using the correct numerical language and finding different things around the classroom and outside. The Year 1 children have been counting on and back in ones and tens and have also done a half term Maths

assessment. In Geography, the Year 1 children have started to learn the names of the different continents. Thank you to Mrs Anderson for making beautiful jewelled treasure chests with the class!  
*Mrs Carr*

## BADGER CLASS



Following on from our Harvest Festival, this week in Badger class we have written some acrostic poems. We also followed instructions to make pirate hats and then wore them at our pirate party. We had great fun playing some pirate themed games and it was a lovely way to end our topic. In maths we moved onto using the 100 square to help solve subtraction sentences by counting back in tens then units. Next term we will be starting our new topic, "Shall we have a party?" *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



Geography and where we live within the wider world around us has been the main focus across most of our learning this week. The children have been thinking about definitions and compiling definitions for some key geographical vocabulary including: town, city, county, country, continent and human and physical geographical features. In Maths, we have been working on division and how this relates to multiplication. After half term we will be starting a new topic, details will be in book bags soon.

Another great afternoon was spent in the woods at Rushall farm. The children were excellent nature detectives, finding a newt, leopard slugs, centipedes, puff ball and bracket fungus and of course an abundance of conkers!

PE kits: may I ask that children use a drawstring bag for their PE kits and not rucksacks. We have to keep all bags coats etc in the classroom and therefore space is limited. Bookbags are also preferable to rucksacks for daily school use. Many thanks for your support in this matter. *Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker enjoyed a virtual tour of London and considered the many landmarks and attractions of

our Nation's capital city. Some children may even have an opportunity to visit London over the half term to see in person what we have written about in class. In maths we have been working on skills to do with time. For some, this has been consolidating their ability to read the time accurately and for others this has involved converting from one unit of time to another. Please continue to help your children with these skills over half term with questions ranging from, "what is the time?" to "what will the time be in 1 hour and 15 minutes" through to "if our train takes 4 hrs and 35 mins to reach its destination, what time will we get there if we leave at 3:55?" And finally, for the really mega mathematicians, "how many seconds old, is a 2 week old baby?" In English, we have been planning our final persuasive speech which may be presented to our families, teachers or friends, depending on who we feel we need to persuade. In science we have been considering the impact that humans can have on habitats. In groups the children have researched the introduction of non-native species into the UK and presented to the class the effect that this has had on the indigenous flora and fauna. After half term, our topic will be biscuits, and in particular, our focus will be Huntley and Palmers in Reading. Please encourage your children to keep reading, keep telling the time and have a great half term. Mrs Archer

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23/10/15-02/11/15	Half Term
05/11/15	Thameside Firework Fiesta!
10/11/15	Individual school photos
12/11/15	Assessment information evening (6.30pm)
16/11/15	Year 1 and 2 Flu Immunisation
18/11/15	Reading information, 7.00pm
23/11/15	Reading information, 9.00 am
26/11/15	Music Festival at the Hexagon
10/12/15 (am)	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Production at St Mary's
15/12/15	ISS Christmas Lunch for the children
21/12/15-04/01/15	Christmas Break

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*

# *The Meeting Place Cafe*

## *at the Barn.*



You're welcome!

### October Half-term

Tues 27<sup>th</sup>, Wed 28<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>

10am – 12noon

**At the Barn at Goosecroft Recreation Ground**



Come and sit with friends and have a cuppa & a chat.  
 For our younger guests we have colouring-in, skittles, cards and a computer.  
 Plus, there is the playground area just by the Barn.

Have a cuppa & just put a small  
 donation in the box!

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