



# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### Welcome Back!

I hope that you've all had a relaxing half term. As you can see, the outside work has progressed during half term (there is still a little way to go!). The front railing has been put in place and we have regained part of the back playground.

For the time being, children in Hedgehog and Woodpecker Class will enter and leave the school via the glass door opposite the hall. Badger and Owl Class children will use the back doors. Lunchboxes for Owl/Badger can be left in the trolley in the back playground. Hedgehog/Woodpecker children can use the trolley at the front of the school.



Another wonderful evening. Thankfully the weather followed the ITV forecast rather than the BBC! Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We've had some really positive feedback as well as some suggestions on how to make it even better next year.

### WOULD YOU LIKE A BRICK?

Has your child come home asking for a brick? Following the success of our buy a brick initiative, many children were asking if they could have a brick up with their name on it on our foyer wall? If you would like to see the bricks already bought, they are visible from the door in the back playground (see photo). If you would like to purchase a brick, we are extending the scheme for a few more

months. The money will be used to help resource the school following the extension. An order form is available from the office.



### 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. Please return the letter in your child's bookbag to confirm attendance.

### 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 welcome to attend. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photographer will be set up from 8.30 on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 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.

## FOPS CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

The children have been busy designing personalised Christmas cards. The sample card was sent home on Wednesday this week. All orders to be in by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. FOPS are also organising a cloth shopping bag (bag for life) – all the children are doing a drawing of their faces and they will all go on the cloth bag with the school name and logo. Further details to follow.



## 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.

## YEAR 2 SWIMMING - REMINDER

The lessons will start from next Monday. The coach will leave school at 9.00 prompt so please ensure that your child is in school on time.

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Harry for trying his hardest in everything he does.

**Friendship Star:** Daisy for making new friendships.

**Purley Paragon:** Chloe

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Jaihdn for being a history detective

**Friendship Star:** Louis for explaining things so clearly to others.

**Purley Paragon:** Olly

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Emily for determinedly trying to solve a mathematical problem that we discussed a few weeks before half term.

**Friendship Star:** Elizabeth for always being kind and helpful to both adults and children.

**Purley Paragon:** James

### Woodpecker Class:

**Star of the week:** Nathan, for excellent work and concentration - and for persistence in tackling problems

**Friendship Star:** Sara, for kindness and helpfulness towards other children and adults in school.

**Purley Paragon:** Tanisha

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



Hedgehog class had a very exciting start to this term's topic "Shall we have a Party?" with our entry day on Tuesday. The children took part in a variety of activities with Badger class finishing the day with a mini party! In History, the children have been learning about Guy Fawkes, making up a fireworks rap and creating fireworks pictures. In Maths, the foundation children have been counting forwards and backwards up to 20 and matching numbers to objects. The year 1 children have been counting in 5's using a variety of resources. Mrs Carr

## BADGER CLASS



The children came back to school full of enthusiasm for their new topic, "Shall we have a party?"

Many had already started doing some of their own homework linked to the topic - well done! On Tuesday we had an exciting entry day where the children had the opportunity to mix with Hedgehog class. Over the course of the day they visited different activities and had to solve clues as to which well known character was having a party. We explored Guy Fawkes and fireworks parties this week and wrote captions to explain why November 5th is celebrated. We have also looked at using speech marks and speech bubbles in our writing. In History we investigated how pictures/paintings of Guy Fawkes and King James can tell us how people lived and dressed in the past, compared with today. In music we created a class firework rap and musical composition. In maths this week we have explored 3d shapes and their different properties.

Next week we will be making celebration cakes and looking at recipes. Any donations for cake decorating will be greatly received. Thank you. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

### OWL CLASS



Remembrance Day was the focus this week in Owl Class. The children have been thinking about why we wear poppies and

who do we remember on remembrance and why. Using the well-known poem, Flanders Fields, written by Lt John McCrae, they have drawn pictures of what the words reflect to them. Using these ideas the children have written their poems about Remembrance Day. In Maths, we have been practising our 4 times tables together with some pattern hunting and problem solving.

This week we have introduced our topic for this term, "Bake a Better Biscuit" and thought about what we already know and what we would like to find out. Next week we will be looking at instruction writing in English and statistics (graphs and data collection) in Maths.

*Mrs Pickering*

### WOODPECKER CLASS



Welcome back to Woodpecker Class. We've had a wonderful start to this term and are enjoying the increase in playground available as

the builders continue to develop our outdoor space. We have started to read "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" in English and the

children have been strongly encouraged not to watch the film as this will affect their reading experience. Wherever possible, when there has been a film created from a book, I would like the children to read the book before watching the film – the film is usually weaker than the book and it spoils the plotline and the sense of suspense when children attempt to read the book after the film. In maths we have been developing our understanding of properties of 2D shape, and are searching for shapes in the world around us. Children have learnt actions to help with the vocabulary of shape. Ask them about: acute angles, obtuse angles, right angles, parallel lines and perpendicular lines. We will be developing our knowledge of shape names next week. Well done to Madeline who followed up last week's challenge and calculated how many seconds old a 2 week old baby would be. In Science this term we will be focusing on nutrition, digestion and how to keep our muscles and bones healthy. However, in December, British astronaut Tim Peake will be embarking on a visit to the International Space Station and we are going to be taking the opportunity to link our science work throughout the year with his trip. This week we learnt what the International Space Station is and how everyday activities there can prove challenging! Next week, we will be launching our termly topic: Bake a Better Biscuit! *Mrs Archer*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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, 7.00 pm
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
18/12/15	End of Autumn Term 2 at <b>1.15pm</b>
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.wberks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@purley.wberks.sch.uk)

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**Learn to Love, Love to Learn**