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Friday Bulletin

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It has now been three years since we became "purple". It is a pleasure to see how smart the children look and how well the jumpers are keeping their colour. Next week I will be doing my annual uniform check. Please ensure your child is wearing correct, clean, school uniform. Black shoes - not trainers - even if they are black. No nail varnish. No extreme/shaved hairstyles. Long hair tied back from the face - both boys and girls. Earrings (boys and girls) should only be discreet studs. If you need more clarification please visit the website. I am looking forward to writing a very positive report on the presentation of our children at Purley School.

FOPS

A massive thank you from the Thameside Fireworks Fiesta Team!

We hope everyone enjoyed the spectacular fireworks display – it definitely had the wow factor! A lot of hard work went into organising and running the event and we would like to thank everyone who worked tirelessly to make it happen. Massive thanks to everyone who helped including many members of the local community, whether it was selling tickets, marshalling, ferrying equipment around, serving food and drink or setting up and clearing away. We couldn't have done it without you.

For such a small school we were completely humbled and overwhelmed by the level of support for the event. We have lots of lessons to learn from the night to make sure we avoid disappointment next time round, and can only apologise to those who queued but were unable to get food and drink due to us selling out of everything.

We are very fortunate to have raised a significant amount of money and will provide a final figure as soon as we are able. All the proceeds will benefit the children of our school, so on behalf of them, thank you all so much!

Christmas Party

Tickets will be going on sale in the next couple of weeks for the children's Christmas Disco

which will be held at Purley Memorial Hall, Glebe Road on Tuesday 19th December with the Foundation Stage and KS1 session starting at 6.30pm. More information to follow.

Christmas Shop

Look out for the Christmas Shop in early December! We will once again be offering the children the opportunity to purchase gifts for their own family members. There will be a selection of small, affordable gifts to choose from and they will bring the gifts home already wrapped and labelled. Thank you Carissa for organising this!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In Collective Worship, having now completed our journey from the very beginning to the end of the Bible, we have begun looking at the first Christians. Jesus had gone back to heaven leaving his disciples behind. Jesus told them to pass on his story to everyone in the world - but how were they going to do that? Jesus sent a helper to his friends - the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit helped them share the message of Jesus with all the visitors who were in Jerusalem at that time. When those visitors went back home, many of them took the message of Jesus with them - that's how the news of Jesus began to spread all over the world and continues to do so today! *Rev Archer*

WOODLAND ADVENTURES



Although it had been a cold and frosty morning in Purley the woods were surprisingly frost free. We took some new trowels with us, so many spent some time digging to discover what was in the ground. Jessica found a whole family of worms and was careful to return them to where she had found them. Julia and Zayneb used the new trowels to dig a circle of earth, which turned out to be quite hard work! Macie found some treasure which turned out to be a huge piece of flint. She persevered until she finally got it out of the ground.

All the children played familiar imaginary games, climbed the trees and used the dens. Belle carefully selected different pieces of wood to design herself a home area which included a TV, remote control, seats and locks. Isaak helped make it and then shared it whilst they continued their game. Best of all, we used the gift of new mugs to enjoy a hot chocolate break...delicious!

Mrs Hodsdon



PARKING

We would like to remind you to park with due care and consideration when dropping off and picking up your children. There should be absolutely no parking on the zigzag outside the school and no blocking of residents' driveways. The same applies to Lister Close. This is to ensure the safety of your children. Thank you for your support.

NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION – Foundation, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4

The immunisation will take place on Wednesday 15th November. Please ensure that all forms are returned by Monday 13th November at the latest. Thank you.

INFORMATION EVENINGS

Dates for your diary:

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

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 - REMINDER



This year we will be collecting **old one pound coins** to donate to Children in Need. 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. The rest of the clothing should be school uniform. If you don't have round pounds, the new ones will do nicely!!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photographer will be set up from 8.30 on Thursday 23rd 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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Thank you for returning the envelopes. Even if your child doesn't want to have the Christmas meal, could you please return the envelope and tick the 'I will not be having Christmas Lunch'. Deadline is 1st December. Thank you.

PS: please note that cost of normal school dinner is now £2.30. Christmas Meal is £2.65 for KS2 children unless in receipt of Free School Meal.



Everybody will be turning their thoughts to Christmas and possible holidays now that Bonfire Night has been and gone and 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 £ **£840.79.**

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children have been enthusiastically exploring a range of media to capture their impressions of fireworks. They used the Splash program on the interactive whiteboard, carefully pinched and sprinkled glitter onto glue, and tapped loaded paintbrushes to create splatter patterns, with colourful results! In Maths, they have been using the language of comparison as they found the longest and shortest from a group of up to 5 objects. The children enjoyed guessing who the baby photos belonged to, and came up with some interesting ideas of what they would like to be when they are adults. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



This week in Badger class we read the story of Kipper's birthday and discussed why his friends arrived on the wrong day. To help him out, we wrote clear invitations remembering to include all the necessary information. We also discussed where he went wrong with his cake making and how he should have followed a recipe. Using our own recipe we followed the instructions and had great fun making and decorating some celebration cakes. We looked at how the instructions were written and set out and then had a go at writing instructions for Kipper to follow when he next wants to throw a special party. In Science, we investigated stretchy materials and which would make the best fabric for a party outfit. In Maths, we explored the months of the year and the different seasons and made a pictogram to show when we had our birthdays. Y1 have also continued to work on place value and Y2 have been comparing numbers using the greater than smaller than signs. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



This week in Owl class, we have been thinking about why we wear poppies and who we are remembering. Chris from the Prince William Award started the ball rolling on Monday afternoon, sharing his story of being a soldier. He brought his combat gear in and all the children had their photo taken wearing it. We have continued with Remembrance as our focus in English, exploring the poem Flanders Fields by John McCrae. We thought about when and where it was written and from whose perspective. This led us into writing a letter home as if we were a soldier in the battlefields during WW1. In Maths, the Cubes have been exploring fractions and the Spheres have been using partitioning skills to support doubling and halving 3 digit numbers mentally. The children enjoyed a biscuit tasting session to launch our new topic 'Bake a better Biscuit.'

Finally, if you would like a copy of the photo of your child in the combat gear please let me have you email address. You can email me on jpickering@purley.w-berks.sch.uk. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



This week, we have been learning about digital citizenship - and how to behave online in order to be courteous to others and to keep ourselves safe.

We have compared learning to engage with the World Wide Web, to learning to cross a road safely. We know roads are dangerous and that nobody is allowed to cross a road on their own when very young - yet, all Woodpecker children agreed that they are now allowed to cross some roads alone. After being taught to use all senses - to find a safe place and to ensure all safety precautions are followed, children can safely navigate a potentially dangerous road. In the same way, we agreed that aspects of the online world are potentially dangerous but that children can engage safely if taught properly. We cannot simply ignore the internet and keep our children as far from this virtual world as possible, as the wealth of information, entertainment, social networking and communicating opportunities have the potential to enhance our learning and our living if used properly.

We have also learnt about Edward Jenner, who developed the first vaccine. There were all sorts of moral issues raised, as he is responsible for the saving of countless lives, but his first experiment utilised an 8-year old boy.

Maths has involved negative numbers for some children and solving money problems for others (hypothetical mathematical challenges - not the how to get more in the real world sort!)

In English, we are continuing to gather evidence for and against Goldilocks before writing a final report about her guilt or innocence in the raiding of the 3 bears' residence. *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Jax for trying his best in phonics

Friendship Star: Amelia for being a good friend to all the children in our class

Paragon: Ella

Badger Class

Star of the week: Darcy for trying so hard with her writing

Friendship Star: Davontay for working well with his partner in Science

Paragon: Toby

Woodland Star: Macie for persevering

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Jessica and Hiba for their fantastic poem, written in their own time, inspired by our work on Flanders Fields

Friendship Star: Cypher for showing a caring attitude to his friends

Paragon: Jacob

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Evelyn for learning her KIRFs and asking to be tested.

Friendship Star: Rosemary for kindness to someone who fell over in the playground.

Paragon: Dylan

Delightful diners: Cypher, Evans, Abigail, Amy, Samuel M, Percy, Ayman, Daniel S

DIARY DATES

15/11/17	Nasal flu immunisation (Foundation to Year 4)
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 am
15/12/17	
19/12/17	FOPS Christmas Party at the Memorial Hall (timings to be confirmed)
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