



# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

16<sup>th</sup> November 2018



Have you seen your child in a rock star band yet? Children (and adults) at the school are having fun practising their times table with this new game. Congratulations to Elyssa Smith who has answered over 11,000 times table knowledge questions correctly since September. Mrs Archer and Mrs Jones are trying to beat her average sum timing score of 0.7 seconds! Children's time table has improved tremendously since they have started playing. If you haven't seen it yet- please encourage your child to take responsibility for their own learning and practice. It make maths lessons so much easier.

### FOPS

#### Christmas Disco with DJ Jacko!

The children's Christmas Disco which will be held at Saint Mary's Church Purley on **Wednesday 19th December**. We're even hoping that Father Christmas has some time in his busy diary to pop in!

#### Timings:

5.00-6.15: Foundation (incl FS1), Year 1 & 2  
6.30- 7.45: Year 3 upwards

Entry is £4 per child and includes a drink, hotdog and gift. Please complete the attached form and return to school as soon as possible (cheques made payable to FOPS) and at the latest by **Friday 7th December**. Names will be put on a list at the door - tickets will not be issued.

#### Chocoholics!

Only one week to go to send your orders in! If you need a new order form, please speak to Mrs Ham in the office. All orders

<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/62058380/chocoholics-winter-2018>

#### Help needed!

The huge efforts put in by FOPS have been paying off and we are in the process of buying a new storage shed. We are looking for some strong and able volunteers (ideally with shed-building experience!) to help advise, lay the base and construct the shed over a weekend in the

near future. Please contact Mrs Ham who can put you in touch with the committee to arrange.

#### Christmas Shop

The Christmas Shop will be open 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 ranging in price from £1.50 - £3.00. The children will bring the gifts home already wrapped and labelled.

### YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



Over the last week many children went to see a bonfire so we decided to build a bonfire in the woods. The children worked in teams to choose the best logs, branches and twigs to build up a bonfire with a sturdy structure. Sadly we were not allowed to set them alight!

Many of us noticed mini-beasts hiding under leaves and in hollows of logs: we think this is because the weather is still quite warm. Next week we are going to take the magnifying glasses to find more minibeasts! Before leaving we sat quietly to notice woodland sounds. Jax noticed that the leaves fluttering down from the trees sounded like rain.

*Mrs Hodsdon*



## FS1 CHILDREN

We are delighted to announce that we will be able to accept children from the term after they turn 3. We are able to offer 5 mornings a week during term time. If you are interested in a place or would like more information, please speak to Mrs Ham in the office.

## POPPY APPEAL

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION



It has been confirmed that we raised **£148.39** in support of the British Legion. This is the biggest amount we've raised! Thank you for your support.

## ReadiFood

ReadiFood has been in touch to thank the children for their generous donations. We collected 60kg worth of food which equates to **143 meals**.

## WATERMILL THEATRE TRIP - REMINDER

Badger, Owl and Woodpecker children are going to the Watermill Theatre to watch Robin Hood on Wednesday 21st November. The children will leave school after lunch and travel by coach to the Watermill Theatre in Newbury. We expect the children to be back between 5.15 pm/5.30 pm depending on traffic. If they are any delays, we will inform you by text message.

## CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT



The sample cards are in your child's bookbag together with an order form. Could you please return the order form and payment (**cash or cheque**

made payable to FOPS) by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



On Odd Socks Day, the children spent some time looking at how they are all different, and they took turns sharing the positive characteristics they noticed in each other. They shared the Elmer story and thought about how Elmer felt being the only coloured elephant in a herd of grey elephants. Phoebe Tigwell decided he would like his colours! The children explored mixing primary colours and used these to paint their own version of Elmer.

Next week we will be focusing on nursery rhymes, and 2D shapes in maths. *Mrs Burton*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class have enjoyed their week and we have set up a kindness calendar to mark our anti-bullying week in school. Each day we have considered how to make a difference and have a positive impact on those around us. We have written happy notes to each other and hidden them around the classroom for someone else to find, made kindness bunting, discussed different scenarios to consider if they showed kindness, shared smiles and hugs and looked for kind things to say to each other. The class have all tried so hard to get caught by their teachers being kind.

In Maths, Y1 have been looking at the properties of 2D shapes and sorting them in different ways. Y2 have been looking at measuring using centimetres and ordering objects by length.

Next week we are making some Tudor houses and we will need everyone to bring in an empty cereal type box for this DT project. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



As you know this week is national Anti-Bullying week. We started the week by wearing odd socks to support the fact that it is ok to be different! During the week we have been thinking about kindness and how we can demonstrate this within school. On Monday, we had a workshop to help the children approach

the issues bully and how they can be involved with resolving these conflicts.

Robin Hood and his Merry Men has been our focus text for English, preparing the children for their trip to the Watermill Theatre next week. The children have discussed what sort of character Robin Hood was and created mini role-plays of the story, Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow. They have consolidated this learning by writing a diary entry from the perspective of Robin Hood during his Golden Arrow adventure.

In Maths, the Cubes have continued to use counting up as a method to solve subtraction. The spheres are exploring converting decimals into tenths and vice-versa.

The children have enjoyed finding out how volcanoes are formed through model making and internet research. As the children are becoming more and more reliant on the internet as a tool to support their learning we have looked at how the internet works and why on some occasions we don't always get the information we are looking for! The children were amazed how it works and the speed it happens. Here is the link we looked at if you wish to watch it with your children at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gfoc3Ccxgnpk>

Well done to all those children who have already started with their homework projects. Please remember to continue with your reading, spelling practise, active learn activities and Time Tables Rockstars. We have had a large number of children who are not regularly accessing these are consequently needing to do them during their lunch times. *Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



Monday's odd socks marked the beginning of our anti-bullying week. We learned about restorative conversations and how we can engage proactively when dealing with conflict.

An afternoon was spent catching kindness - leaving a trail of thoughts and reflections about our classmates. Every child had 30 seconds to convey their positive comments about someone else in the class. After 30 seconds, the class rotated and another 30 seconds were devoted to a different child in class. The net result is that everyone has a document with 37 positive personal comments about them, left behind by

friends. The thoughts and reflections were incredibly moving and the class engaged very thoughtfully.

Our Mayan temples have continued to develop through the week - both through google sketchup and the physical models which were hardened with mod-roc (I am so sorry about the state of some children's clothing - it was a new brand of mod-roc and seemed to get everywhere. It should all come out in the wash).

Our Maths has involved working with fractions, consolidating written methods for multiplication and calculating area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes.

In English, we have been writing instructions for the Armistice trail. Children have been working hard to ensure their instructions are engaging by considering high-level language choices, including the passive voice and ensuring their punctuation is meaningful. *Mrs Archer*

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Zara for making good choices when choosing activities

**Friendship Star:** Cora for playing well with everyone

**Paragon:** Casey

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Ayman for being such a good reader

**Friendship Star:** Theodore for being a kind and smiley member of the class

**Paragon:** Ella

**Woodland Star:** Lilly-May for helping a friend use wood and wool to make a unicorn.

### Owl Class

**Stars of the week:** Harry for an amazing Robin Hood character description full of outstanding vocabulary

**Friendship Star:** Ellie for being thoughtful, kind and always helping the adults in the class

**Paragon:** Hiba

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Brayden for working really hard in class and staying green on the playground

**Friendship Star:** Natalya for coordinating Friendship monitors and being so kind to everyone

**Paragon:** Jasmine

**Delightful Diners:** Cora, Phoebe Tigwell, Daniel, Henry, Hiba, Jessica HL, Jacob and Evans

### Reminders for next week:

- **KS1/KS2 theatre trip to the Watermill** on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Children are due back at about 5.15/5.30 pm depending on traffic.
- **Badger Class:** bring an empty cereal box
- **No running club** next Thursday as Mrs Pickering is not in
- **Christmas cards:** order form/ payment by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- **Chocoholics:** order to be sent to school by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

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**

### DIARY DATES

21/11/18	Badger/Owl/Woodpecker Theatre Trip – Robin Hood
29/11/18	Owl Class – Reading Climbing Centre
13/12/18	Hedgehog/Badger Nativity Play, 9.45
14/12/18	Hedgehog/Badger Nativity Play, 9.45
18/12/18	ISS Christmas Lunch
19/12/18	FOPS Christmas Party @ St Mary's Foundation 1/2 and KS1: 5:00-6:15 KS2: 6:30-7:45
20/12/18	End of Autumn Term 2, <b>1.15 p.m</b>
<b>21/12/18-04/01/19</b>	<b>Christmas Break</b>
07/01/19	Start of Spring Term 1
15/02/19	End of Spring Term 1, <b>3.00 p.m</b>
<b>18/02/19-22/02/19</b>	<b>February Half Term</b>
25/02/19	Start of Spring Term 2
05/04/19	End of Spring Term 2, <b>1.15 p.m</b>
<b>08/04/19-23/04/19</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>
24/04/19	Start of Summer Term 1
23/05/19	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00 p.m
<b>24/05/19-31/05/19</b>	<b>May Half Term</b>
03/06/19	Start of Summer Term 2
<b>24/07/19</b>	<b>End of Academic Year, 1.15 p.m</b>



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## CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Barn

Goosecroft, Purley on Thames

**SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2018**

**11.00 AM – 3.00 PM**

*Remember the buzz of previous years? ... back by popular demand with new stands and new delights to tempt you*

Both barns packed with stalls: presents, crafts, books, ceramics, accessories, jewellery, glassware, artwork, cards, confectionary, vintage, home baking, children's toys and much, much more.

Also Father Christmas, refreshments, mulled wine & grand raffle.  
Free entry and free parking.



Friends of Purley Barn [www.foph.org.uk](http://www.foph.org.uk)

## Thames Vale Singers A VERY MERRIE CHRISTMAS



8.00pm, Friday 7 December 2018  
St Mary's Church, Purley on Thames

8.00pm, Saturday 8 December 2018  
The Barn, Purley on Thames

Tickets £10 (including refreshments)  
On sale Wednesday 14 November 2018  
From: 0118 942 4372 or 0118 942 1880

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We're supporting  
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**Children  
in Need**

**At: 36 Wintringham Way,  
Purley**

**On: Sunday 18th  
November 2018**

**Time: 10:30 am – 1:00 pm**



**Fingers crossed for sun but will be open rain or shine.**

**run by Lola Gibbens**

**All money raised goes to help Children In Need!!**