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Friday Bulletin

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Earlier this week it was World Hello Day - a day on which people are encouraged to say hello to at least 10 people. Can you and your child/children rise to the challenge? I look forward to being greeted in different languages around the school next week.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In Collective Worship, we finished looking at story of Moses in the Bible and how God used him to help the Israelites escape from the cruel king of Egypt, through

the middle of the sea, into a new land where they were free. You'd think they would be happy now that they were free wouldn't you? But soon they began to moan about things they didn't have or like, even though God gave them everything they needed! We thought about all the good things that we have, but how easy it is for us to moan about what we don't have. We prayed for us to remember the many people in the world who don't have much, and that we might be grateful for all the good things in our life. *Rev Archer*



WOODLAND SCHOOL



The first job for Oak Group when they arrived at the woods was to build a shelter! Samuel spotted a suitable fallen tree and the

children worked as a team to lay branches across for the roof, and cover it all with a tarpaulin. "It's lucky it's waterproof as it's keeping us dry" remarked Frankie. In between downpours the children made 'forest faces' using natural materials, and enjoyed sharing a woodland story while drinking some hot chocolate under the shelter. *Mrs Burton*

BOOKFAIR



Our book fair will take place week commencing **5th December**. Look out for great ideas for Christmas. There will be over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

The books will be on sale every afternoon after school that week in the playground. However, we will also have two sessions starting at 2.30pm, weather permitting, so you can make some purchases without the children around. The early sessions will be on Tuesday 6th December and Thursday 8th December.

The school will receive 50% commission on all books sold.

BREAKFAST CLUB



The booking form for the Spring term was sent via Parentmail earlier this week.

This club is growing and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis so don't delay sending your form back to guarantee your child's place.

CLUBS

Next week is the last session for Gym Club.

Choir, nesy fingers, book club and number club are ongoing.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2016



This is your last chance to send in your child's Christmas lunch order. If your child is not taking part, don't forget to send in a packed lunch.

FOUNDATION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 NATIVITY PLAY

The first performance will be on Wednesday 14th December at 1.45 pm in the school hall. You may bring younger siblings to this show. The second performance will be on Thursday 15th December at 9.30 in the hall once again. This performance is for adults only. Both performances should last approximately 45 minutes.



Don't forget to use easyfundraising for all your Christmas shopping!

Visit easyfundraising.org.uk website or download the app!

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!

You've raised another £17 since last week through easyfundraising! Thank you. It all helps.

FOPS UPDATE

Chocoholics: there's still time to browse the catalogue and buy a few Christmas gifts or just treat yourself!! An email was sent via Parentmail with a link to the catalogue. Could you send all your orders to school by 30th November. If we make sufficient orders, the school will make a commission.

Christmas Shop: Look out for the Christmas shop in early December! The Christmas shop will offer the children a unique opportunity to purchase gifts independently and 'secretly' for their own family members. The children will be able to choose their gifts and bring them home already wrapped and labelled. There will be a selection of small, affordable gifts for all the family (ranging from £1-£5) for children to choose from.

Any small donations appropriate for sale in a Christmas shop would be gratefully received! Please bring them to school before the end of November.

Christmas disco: this will take place on Wednesday 14th December at Purley Memorial Hall, Glebe Road. Look out for more information in bookbags next week!

ISS VACANCY

ISS, our school dinner providers, have a vacancy starting 12th December. Duties will include: collecting the meals from Pangbourne to Purley, dish up the lunches, clean kitchen and return tins etc to Pangbourne.

Hours: 16 hours per week, rate of pay £7.20

If interested please email Elaine Dupas for further information:

Elaine.Dupas@uk.issworld.com

END OF TERM

Reminder – the children will finish school at **1.15 pm** on Friday 16th

December. They will have lunch as usual at school on that day.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Zayneb for trying hard to write her name

Friendship Star: Jessica for being caring and considerate towards everyone

Purley Paragon: Davontay

Badger Class

Star of the week: Alfie because he always thinks carefully about feedback.

Friendship Star: Harry for smiling at everyone

Purley Paragon: Hiba

Woodland Star: Percy

Owl Class

Star of the week: Cypher for his amazing knowledge of topical language (tectonic plates) during our mountain research.

Friendship Star: Leo for inviting another child to play their game when she had no-one to play with

Purley Paragon: Grace

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Tyreese for outstanding perseverance in his practice SATS tests.

Friendship Star: Dylan for excellent teamwork

Purley Paragon: Madeline

Delightful Diners: Aieyan, Firhan, Chloe, Teagan, Ruby, Iona, Alfie C, Ben R

HEDGEHOG CLASS



Continuing with our theme of the Great Fire of London, the children worked with partners to build the Tudor houses of Pudding Lane using a range of boxes, tape, glue and paper. When a neighbour kindly provided smoke from their bonfire, the children were able to spontaneously re-enact the great fire, improvising with plastic pipes as hoses and using the bike track as the River Thames to keep everyone safe! We have linked our

learning about the fireman's efforts to put the fire out with capacity in Maths, thinking about full, half full or empty.

Next week we will be using the story of Cinderella to inspire our writing, and investigating reflective materials to help her find her way home from the ball.

Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have had busy this week making Tudor houses and we have set up our own Pudding Lane in the classroom. They remembered much about how Tudor houses were made and are very proud of their models. We have also written detailed recounts about the Fire of London using a range of time adverbs and conjunctions. In Maths, we have explored multiplication as repeated addition and been counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. The children are trying hard in class to practise their maths targets and KIRFS. Please help them to also practise at home. Next week we will be looking at the story of Cinderella. Some children have come home with words for the Christmas performance. Please remind them to start learning their lines. Thank you.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



In English, this week, Owl class have been looking at the language features of writing a diary entry. We have explored personal and possessive pronouns, adverbs of time and connectives used for cause and effect. They have used these skills to write their own diary entries. In Maths, the Spheres have been looking at time, both analogue and digital. The Cubes have started investigating data using pictograms. We have also been investigating how different mountain types are formed, plateau, fold, fault rock and dome. The children used all kinds of materials to represent different parts of the earth during these processes from balloons and tissues paper to chocolate spread and biscuits.

Next week are looking forward to a morning out climbing and writing a diary entry from the perspective of a mountaineer.

I would like to thank each and every one of you who has supported your child through their home learning projects. We have seen some amazing models, drawings and research about mountaineers. *Mrs Pickering*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WOODPECKER CLASS



In Woodpecker, we have been learning about Mayan society life. We have been comparing their hierarchical tier system with modern-day democracy. We have also learnt about their worship of Gods and have made beautiful burial masks using a traditional mosaic technique.

Our Year 6 cohort have been challenged throughout the week with a complete set of practice papers in preparation for May's SATS. We will be sending the completed papers home and their homework will be to up-level their mark by going over some of the questions they got wrong. With support from an adult, it is usually possible to gain 3 - 5 marks in each paper. It is better to aim for just a few marks - and to ensure the children understand how to tackle similar questions in the future, rather than trawling through the whole paper and inserting correct answers throughout.

Year 4s and 5s have been working on their division skills. The tricky part has been understanding the word problems - especially when there are remainders. For instance:

Tom has 21 eggs and needs to store them in boxes or they will break. Each box holds 6 eggs. How many boxes will he need to store all 21 eggs?

Which is very different from:
Lisa is selling eggs for the summer fair. Each box has 6 eggs. Lisa has 21 eggs so how many complete boxes can she sell?

Mrs Archer

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

w/c 05/12/16	Travelling Bookfair
13/12/16	ISS Christmas Lunch
14/12/16	Nativity Play (Foundation, Year 1 and 2) – 1.45pm. Parents with young children may come along to this performance.
15/12/16	Nativity Play (Foundation, Year 1 and 2) – 9.30 am. Adults only
14/12/16	FOPS Christmas Party, Memorial Hall (timings to tbc)
16/12/16	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15pm
19/12/16-03/01/17	Christmas Holidays
04/01/17	Start of Spring Term 1
10/02/17	End of Spring Term 1, 3.00pm
13/02/17-17/02/17	Half Term
20/02/17	Start of Spring Term 2
30/03/17	Choir singing at the Anvil
07/04/17	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm
10/04/17-24/04/17	Easter Holidays
25/04/17	Start of Summer Term 1
01/05/17	Bank Holiday
26/05/17	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00pm
29/05/17-02/06/17	Half Term
05/06/17	Start of Summer Term 2
11/06/17	Tour de Purley
21/07/17	End of Academic Year, 1.15pm

Don't forget to check all the dates listed in the school calendar on the front page of the school website <http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/>