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Friday Bulletin

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With all the latest items on the news, I am sure that you are aware that finances are getting tighter in schools. Although the money coming into the school has stayed the same, we are being charged for more and more of the services that we use. We try to keep cost to parents as minimal as possible. Late payments lead to extra administration time as well as diverting funds. Trip donations, Breakfast Club fees and dinner money need to be paid on time. Thank you to all of you who pay promptly on every occasion. If anyone has any difficulty with payments, please come to the office and we can set up a payment plan.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Walls!

Did you have an odd conversation about a chair being a city? Or how we tried to knock the walls of the city (a chair) down? This week we continued reading about the Israelites travels in the desert and what happened when they came to the city of Jericho. We read in awe that because the Israelites trusted in God, and despite the jeers from the people of Jericho, the city walls fell down when the Israelites shouted, played their trumpets and marched round and round. All because they trusted in God. We were reminded that we have walls in our lives; challenges, things that are scary, impossible and we pondered on how we might overcome these if we trusted too. Maybe you would like to ask your child(ren) where they get their resilience to cope with life's walls, or follow along with the stories in The Lion Storyteller Bible.
Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

Samuel Pepys, who he had been learning about in topic work on the great fire of London.

The children noticed that the trees were now quite bare, so they set about decorating one tree with the most colourful fallen leaves they could find. "It's our camp Christmas tree!" they decided. *Mrs Burton*



WOODLAND SCHOOL



Resourcefulness was the key word this week as Elm Group used tools made from natural materials to dig and mix the mud they needed to make forest faces. Harry chose to base his mud face on a portrait of



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.

CLUBS

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

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 am 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! Our total is creeping up. Thank you for your support.

INTER-HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE CHALLENGE



This year we are holding a competition between our school houses for the best decorated tree. The children have been told all about it and have come up with some wonderful ideas. If you can support your child to make a decoration that they can hang on their house tree, preferably linked to the house they are in, I am sure they would really appreciate it and enjoy see their own decoration hanging on their tree. Trees will be judged during the last week of term. Thanks for your support.

FOPS UPDATE

Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund! Every week, until February 26th 2017, Galaxy will be looking to help local community groups and charities across the UK and Ireland by awarding five £300 cash awards a week.

Five donations will be awarded each week, four by a panel of judges and one through the People's Choice award to the organisation with the most weekly votes. To get to our entry, please click on the link below and get voting. Please share with parents, grandparents, neighbours, friends etc!

<http://www.galaxyhotchocolate.com/fund/profiles/purley-c-of-e-primary-school>

Christmas Shop: Look out for the Christmas shop in next week! 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. They will get time at break to



visit the school office to choose presents plus FOPS will have a "shop" after school on Friday 9th (no parents allowed!!). Please send your child into school with a small amount of money in a named envelope or purse.

Non-uniform day, Tuesday 13th

December: As this is the day of our Christmas lunch, the children will be able to come dressed in the theme of Christmas. So the children can either wear Christmas jumpers or red or green clothes. In exchange, we would ask for a small donation of £1.

Christmas disco with DJ Jacko: this will take place on Wednesday 14th December at Purley Memorial Hall, Glebe Road.

Timings

5.00-6.15: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

6.30-7.45: Year 3 upwards

A form will be sent out via Parentmail so look out for it.

Facebook: Don't forget to check/like our Facebook page - Purley Church of England Primary School. It's a great way to keep up to date with FOPS events.

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: Casey for remembering her full stops and capital letters

Friendship Star: Darcy for always playing nicely with her friends

Purley Paragon: Lukas

Badger Class

Star of the week: Abigail for working hard on her multiplication

Friendship Star: Elsie for working well with her learning partner

Purley Paragon: Jaiden

Woodland Star: Ellie

Owl Class

Star of the week: Alice Barber for overcoming her nerves and persevering up the climbing wall!

Friendship Star: Aieyan for giving words of encouragement to friends whilst climbing.

Purley Paragon: Alice Barber

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Jack for working so hard.

Friendship Star: Ruby for being a kind friend.

Purley Paragon: Elizabeth

Delightful Diners: Shannon, Natalia W, Mason, Tiana, Leo, Lukas, Sydney, Hiba

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The icy conditions outside inspired the children to make a camp outside this week and they investigated whether frost formed under the shelter overnight. After re-enacting the story of Cinderella, the children wrote glittery thank you letters to the Fairy Godmother for her kindness. In Maths, we have been using dice and dominoes to find doubles. Next week we will be developing our use of story language as we write our own tales, and we will be practising our roles for the nativity play. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have started to enjoy fairy tales this week. We sequenced the story of Cinderella and retold it using different time words and fairy tale language. In Science, they looked at which material would be the best for Cinderella's dress to reflect light on her way home in the dark. We explored making pictures on the computers and trying out a variety of tools to



create different effects. In maths we have continued to investigate counting in different steps and multiplication. The children have been busy rehearsing for the Christmas play. Please help them to keep practising their lines at home. Next week we need to have all costumes in by Friday. Thank you. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

this is done without judgement in a gentle and encouraging manner.

We have used bibles to look up the gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus and have considered how traditional Christmas cards do, or do not, represent the nativity story. *Mrs Archer*

OWL CLASS



This week, Owl Class have had the chance of becoming mountaineers. On Tuesday, we had an amazing morning at Reading Climbing Centre. I was so proud of each and every one of them. Many of the children overcame their fear to reach at least half way up the wall and some persevered so much they made it all the way to the top. We also had some natural climbers who made it to the top with ease. This experience is now being used as a stimulus for their writing. This week, they have written a diary entry for their climbing experience. Next week, they will draw on this experience to imagine they are a mountaineer embarking of their first climb of Mount Everest, recording this as a diary entry. In Maths, the spheres have continued to look at interpreting data on pictograms whilst the cubes are exploring angles. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker class enjoyed meeting up with our Wisconsin partners again this week. We are working together to create a wonderful interactive advent calendar.

In English, we have completed our breaking-news articles and the quality of the writing was absolutely awesome - well done Woodpecker.

In Maths, we completed our Autumn term assessments and we will send these home with the children on Friday. Homework will involve reading through the paper with a parent, relative or older friend and finding 5 incorrect answers to modify. It is really helpful when

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c	Travelling Bookfair
05/12/16	
13/12/16	ISS Christmas Lunch
13/12/16	Non-uniform day
14/12/16	Nativity Play (Foundation, Year 1 and 2) – 1.45pm. Parents with young children may come along to this performance.
14/12/16	FOPS Christmas Party, Memorial Hall
15/12/16	Nativity Play (Foundation, Year 1 and 2) – 9.30 am. Adults only
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
08/02/17	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00pm
09/02/17	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00pm
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/>

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