



# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

### 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

#### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship, we explored what makes good friendships. To do this, we looked at the story of two brothers Cain and Abel in the Bible. Abel loved God and God was pleased with him. Cain became jealous of his brother, got angry, lost control of his temper and wouldn't listen to the advice of others. It got so bad that he even planned to kill his brother. And so God punished Cain. We thought about the danger of allowing anger and jealousy to grow in us because it can sometimes lead us to get out of control and do things that are wrong. I encouraged the children to pray to God to help them when they feel angry. *Rev Archer*

#### WOODLAND SCHOOL



It was a cold morning at Woodland school this week. We made mud pats as we had last week but used them to make birthday cakes. We then displayed them all on a couple of fallen tree trunks. The children used sticks and leaves for decoration. *Mrs Herbert*



#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH - REMINDER



**All envelopes to be returned to school by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at the latest.**

The date for our School Christmas lunch is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The cost will be £2.65 for KS2 (Year 3 upwards) children which is payable in advance by 1<sup>st</sup> December at the latest. Payments can be made online or by cash/cheque (made payable to ISS Education). Whichever payment method you choose, could you please still return the special Christmas Lunch envelope which you will find in your child's bookbag today and ensure that your child's choices are clearly marked. If your child is in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2, the meal will be free but you still need to return your envelope with your child's choice of food.

#### FOUNDATION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 NATIVITY PLAY



The children have been busy rehearsing their play. Parents and carers are invited to come along and watch the play on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**December December at 9.30** at St Mary's Church. FOPS will provide refreshments before the start of the play.

We would kindly ask parents to drop off their children straight at church for 9.00 so they can get ready for the play at 9.30. Any requests for school dinners will be phoned through to the school.

## KS2 CHOIR

The children were fantastic yesterday during both the rehearsal and performance at the Hexagon. For many of them it was the first performance in front of a large audience and they were a real credit to the school. Choir practise will resume on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November (3 till 4) for the next 3 weeks.



## GYMNASTICS



Well done to the following children for passing their various gymnastic badges: Lola, Evie, Evelyn, Tanisha, Elizabeth, Anya, Shannon, Alice, Somaya, Elyssa, Niamh, Jasmine, Caitlin and Natalya. The last lesson for this term will be next Thursday with a Christmas Performance. Parents need to arrive at 3.40pm ready for the show to begin at 3.45pm.

## FOPS UPDATE



The FOPS Christmas Party will be on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. The party for Foundation, Year 1 and 2 children will be from 5.30 to 6.30. KS2 (Year 3 upwards) will be from 6.45 to 7.45. More details to follow.  
*Nicky Gibbens, FOPS Chair*

## EASY FUNDRAISING



Over the coming weeks people will be thinking about Christmas presents and quite a lot of us use the internet for shopping.

The school is partnered with Easyfundraising.org.uk who help FOPS raise valuable money when parents, friends, grandparents, uncles and aunts shop online with over 2,700 retailers. It's completely free and there really is no catch.

It's very simple – just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to register and shop with well-known retailers such as Boden, Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Argos, eBay, Sainsburys, Tesco Direct, Toys R Us and many more. Whenever you buy something, the retailer makes a donation to Purley Primary School. To shop through Easyfundraising you will need a password for their website and then find your chosen retailer and start shopping. Once into the retailer's website you will be asked for your retailer's password and you shop online as if you had gone directly to the retailer.

Sign up and start raising funds today! So far the school has received over £200 and we could achieve so much more over the coming few weeks!

**It's easy money!!**

## END OF TERM

**Reminder – the children will finish school at 1.15 pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.** They will have lunch as usual at school on that day.

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Sergio for always getting on with his work quickly and quietly.

**Friendship Star:** Jaiden for helping children on the computer.

**Purley Paragon:** Charlie

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Maegan for being the first to learn all her lines for the play.

**Friendship Star:** Firhan for being calm and patient with his friends

**Purley Paragon:** Oscar

**Woodland Star:** Firhan is always a good listener who respects his peers and adults alike.

He enjoys the woodland activities and always does his best.

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Niamh for always trying her best even when things get tricky and sharing her understanding to help and support her peers.

**Friendship Star:** Gracie for being kind and thoughtful towards others both at break times and in the classroom.

**Purley Paragon:** Caitlin

### Woodpecker Class:

**Star of the week:** Shannon for excellent focus in class and also for her wonderful helpfulness around the school.

**Friendship Star:** Ruby for always offering friendship to other children in school.

**Purley Paragon:** Akram

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children in Hedgehog class have been reading the African story of "Handa's Surprise."

We have looked at the questions and adjectives in the story and had a go at writing our own adjectives in sentences. The Foundation children have also read the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We looked at ordering in size and made up different endings for the story.

In Maths, we have been exploring 2D shapes and their properties. We went on a shape hunt and sorted the shapes using different criteria. In Art, the children created beautiful patterns after looking at some images from African textiles. All the children have also been busy practising for their Christmas play. *Mrs Carr*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class this week have been looking at how to write their own stories about a surprise party. They have explored how to introduce their characters and how one event needs to lead onto the next. We have all tried hard to use interesting adjectives to keep our stories exciting to read. In Maths we have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's forwards and backwards. We have also looked at how to draw 2D shapes and how to measure the sides

of shapes using cm rulers. Many children have come home with words to learn for our Christmas play. Please help your child to learn their lines and recite them loudly and clearly. Next week we will be writing invitations and posting them to our families. Can you please send in a stamped addressed envelope for your child to use. Thank you. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



Owl class had an amazing day last Friday. They spent the morning at Reading museum learning about Huntley and Palmers and then they walked to the site of the factory, on Kings Road, to do some sketching. The children completed a range of activities at the museum to give them a greater understanding of what Huntley and Palmers did and why it was built in Reading. This was a super opening for our non-fiction writing in English. This week the children have been doing further research about the factory and thinking about how to present it in a non-fiction text. They will be making their own Huntley and Palmers information book during the next week. In Maths, the focus is portioning numbers to help us + and - larger numbers. Next week we will be progressing to using this skill to help us with formal written method of + and - using column addition. All the methods we use can be found in our calculation policy (available on the school website: <http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/teaching-and-learning.php>). If you would like to support your child's maths learning at home please check that you are using the same method. Exposing children to different methods can add even more confusion and hinder their progression.

Wheat group had a chilly afternoon at Rushall farm and the lovely job of mucking out the donkeys and feeding the pigs! I hope you all found the note about our open morning in the book bags and we look forward to you joining us. *Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



The highlight of this week for Woodpecker Class was our drama workshop on Monday afternoon with Mr Lambert. Visiting from Theale Green Secondary School, Mr Lambert had the whole class created up with laughter as he demonstrated an extraordinary tale,

revealing what can happen when we lack respect for ourselves and for those around us. In Maths, we have continued to develop our multiplication skills and some mathematicians have been developing their understanding of decimal numbers and decimal fractions. Our English work has been focussed on creating engaging sentence openers. We are aiming to start some sentences with pronouns, others with verbs or adverbs and occasionally throwing in a simile or metaphor to really add flavour to our writing. Science has continued to challenge our understanding of healthy eating - and in particular the challenge this poses to astronauts who need to take a healthy and varied diet into space with them. Food that will provide all their dietary needs, stay fresh and be easy to transport. Next week, we will be working towards a final writing challenge in which we are aiming to use a variety of sentence openers. In Maths we will be consolidating our understanding of fractions and will be starting to think about measurement with metric units. Mrs Archer

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10/12/15 (9.30)	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Production at St Mary's
15/12/15	Owl/Woodpecker open morning (biscuit sampling and presentation) (9.30-10.30)
15/12/15	ISS Christmas Lunch for the children
17/12/15	FOPS Children's Christmas Party Foundation-KS1 (5.30-6.30) KS2 (6.45-7.45)
18/12/15	End of Autumn Term 2 at <b>1.15pm</b>
21/12/15- 04/01/16	Christmas Break
05/01/16	Start of Spring Term 1
12/02/16	End of Spring Term 1 at 3.00pm
15/02/16- 19/02/16	Half Term
22/02/16	Start of Spring Term 2
24/03/16	End of Spring Term 2 at <b>1.15pm</b>
25/03/16- 11/05/16	Easter Break
12/04/16	Start of Summer Term 1
27/05/16	End of Summer Term 1 at 3.00pm
30/05/16- 03/06/16	Half Term
06/06/16	Start of Summer Term 2
20/07/16	End of Academic Year at <b>1.15pm</b>

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**