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Friday Bulletin



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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Sunday was the start of Advent in the church's calendar. Monday was St Andrew's day. We spent quite some time trying to unpick the link. How could it be that the patron saint of Scotland was a personal friend of Jesus? Why the X? We shared how Andrew spent his life sharing the good news of Jesus and how it was dangerous for him. It reminded us of places in our world today where talking about your faith is still dangerous and pondered on how people would hear the message of hope in Jesus, if no one shared the story. As Advent turns to Christmas, we share the story through our nativity. You would be welcome to hear more through the services at St Mary's; why not start with Messy Church, this Sunday, 4pm?

Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

WOODLAND SCHOOL



It was a dreary drizzling morning at Basildon Park but we managed to stay dry and free of mud in our suitable waterproofs. We took some small play characters to the woods. The

challenge was to build a suitable home or den for them. It had to keep the characters free from storms which included heavy rain and gale force winds. The children enjoyed this task.

Mrs Herbert



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 10th**

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.

CHOIR



The choir were recorded by Radio Berkshire on Thursday. They can be heard singing on the Andrew Peach show on the radio one morning before Christmas. You will also be able to hear it on catch up. The choir has worked extremely hard this term and I am so proud of them. The last practice will be on Monday 14th December. You are welcome to come and hear some of their Christmas repertoire at 3:30 in the school hall. The session will finish on this high note, so earlier than usual. We will resume in the New Year when the year 2 pupils will be welcomed to join as well as any other children from KS2 who may not already be in the choir.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Ballot papers were sent out this week. If you would like to vote, please return your ballot paper in the small brown envelope provided no later than Wednesday 9th December at 3pm. Thank you.

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted that Mrs Carr has agreed to stay with us until the end of the academic year in July. She will remain as the class teacher in hedgehog class providing continuity for the children and for the school.

FOPS UPDATE



The FOPS Christmas Party will be on **Thursday 17th 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. Forms were sent out earlier this week.

Bag for life: don't forget to send your orders in by 11th December. *Nicky Gibbens, FOPS Chair*

END OF TERM

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

TABLE TOP SALE

If anyone is interested in hiring a table at the Table Top sale to be held on Saturday December 12th at Purley Park Social Club Wintringham Way please contact westberks.wardens@sovereign.org.uk or call 0118 945 5286. Table hire is £5.00, sale is 12-2 and set up is from 11.15.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Elliott for being brilliant in our school play rehearsals.

Friendship Star: Abigail for helping friends with their work when they got stuck.

Purley Paragon: Sydney

Woodland Star: Abigail - she was a particularly good friend to one of her peers, offering to help with the task. She also listened well to others when they showed us their houses and explained how they had made them

Badger Class

Star of the week: Ben for always challenging himself in morning challenge time.

Friendship Star: Cypher for being considerate and moving places in the dinner hall.

Purley Paragon: Amy

Owl Class

Star of the week: Jasmine for always trying her best and challenging herself in all her work.

Friendship Star: Anya for supporting and praising her friends in their work.

Purley Paragon: Niamh

Woodpecker Class:

Star of the week: Jack for his outstanding descriptive writing.

Friendship Star: Sienna for being an encouraging work partner.

Purley Paragon: Callum

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The foundation stage children listened to the story of The Gingerbread Man and joined in with the repetitive pattern. They made gingerbread men rhyming books and had fun making up different endings for the story. In Maths, we have continued looking at 2D shapes and have been identifying them using feely bags using the correct vocabulary to describe their properties. The Y1 children have been writing their own stories using adjectives to make their stories more interesting. Mrs Herbert transformed the outdoor role play area into Santa's workshop which proved very popular with the class and many cards and letters have already been written! We designed and made party hats and also drew pictures for the class advent calendar. All the children have been practising hard for the nativity play with their dances and songs. Thank you for your support with the costumes. *Mrs Carr*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class this week have been very busy rehearsing for the Christmas play. The children are all doing well learning their lines, dance

routines and acting parts. Please help them to perfect their lines at home by saying them loudly, clearly and with expression. In class the children have been learning their addresses and after having written invitations for the Christmas performance, we have posted them to your homes. In Science, the children investigated the strength of different papers and explored how paper can be changed by twisting, rolling and folding. Next week we will be looking at Christmas images and discuss their meaning. We will use these images to make Christmas cards. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



This week in Owl class we have continued to find out more information about Huntley and Palmers. The children have used all the facts to write a non-chronological report about the company. The children have looked at the different styles of biscuit tins that they made and have made some lovely drawings of them using a variety of medium. In Maths, we have continued with partitioning numbers to support adding using the column method. The children are enjoying our daily advent calendar joke, candy cane and a spot of karaoke Christmas songs!

Next week we will be doing some end of term assessments and starting our "Apprentice" style biscuit workshops. Please can you send in your £1 contribution for this if you haven't already done so.

Barley Group had a fun afternoon at Rushall farm feeding the animals and learning about how they are cared for over the winter months. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Thank you to all who have donated biscuit wrappers to Woodpecker Class. We have now begun our biscuit art project and the first steps are looking very promising. Watch this space in the hope that we can post some spectacular art next week. In Literacy, the class have been concentrating on improving their writing by varying their sentence openers. We have used fronted adverbials, prepositional phrases and verb openings. In Maths, the children have worked hard to measure objects accurately and to record results in both centimetres and

millimetres. Some mathematicians have been challenged to convert between other metric units such as metres and kilometres, grams and kilograms, litres and millilitres. Last week, the class worked hard to consolidate their 3 X table and this week has been the 4 X table. Next week, children will be given the opportunity to show how quickly they can recall these two tables. In Science, we have continued to consider the importance of a healthy balanced diet and in particular the challenges faced by astronauts as they plan ahead, a nutritionally balanced diet for the months in space. *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 1.15pm
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 1.15pm
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 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