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Friday Bulletin



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Does your child ask lots of questions? Are they good at puzzles? These are signs that your child may be an able child. An able child works at a level above that of his/her peers. A child can be able in all areas or in a specific area. It isn't about knowing more, but about using what they know.

In order to encourage our able children, we will be signposting them towards opportunities and competitions that they can access, often out of school. Currently we have some able year 2 mathematicians taking part in sessions run by the Royal Institute. Our able Year 6 mathematicians are taking part in a national competition. Earlier in the year, we encouraged our able writers to take part in the 500 word challenge. Does your child like Lego? Last week, I happened to watch a Lego competition on the television and surprise surprise, an invitation came through on my e mails today- have a look at the advert contained in this newsletter.

FOPS

Please let Mrs Ham know if you are able to help between 9am and 9.30am next Thursday 13th and/or Friday 14th December.

Christmas Disco with DJ Jacko!



The children's Christmas Disco 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

We are still looking for a few volunteers for the KS2 party, as well as setting up & clearing away - please let Mrs Ham or Karolina know if you feel you can spare an hour or so on the night!

Nativity Play

FOPS are planning to serve refreshments before the Nativity Play performances and are looking for a couple of volunteers to make and serve teas and coffees (preferably KS2 parents so that the KS1 parents can watch their children).

DVDs

FOPS are very excited to have arranged for a DVD recording of this year's Nativity: A Magical Christmas Journey. Order forms were sent out yesterday in child's bookbags for those children participating. DVDs are available at £10 each and will be wonderful to watch with your children over the Christmas break or to share with family and friends.

Please send your order form and payment in a named envelope by **Tuesday 11th December**. Payment can be made by cash (**correct amount only please**) or by cheque made payable to FOPS.

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



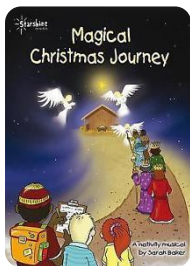
The rain didn't stop our fun in the woodland today! We huddled in the shelter listening to the rain beating on the tarpaulin. Sydney said it reminded her of fireworks and gunpowder so we sang the Firework rap that was created during work on the Gunpowder plot.

When the skies cleared we set off. Oscar used a torch to go and search for gold and he found some! Ayman, Arthur and Daniel discovered a large crack in the tree. They used a torch to look inside and discovered that it contained either rotten wood or a piece of rock. Theodore used the ball run and noticed that it was even faster today - he thought it was because the rain water helped the ball to run faster. Annabelle and Amelia used the binoculars and knew that when you turn them the other way things are smaller! Lewis and Sydney dug in the soil and found some clay. Arlo and Brandon enjoyed climbing on some logs but sadly it was too slippery to climb in the trees. Ella, Lilly-May and Jax all made interesting objects from wood and wool. Lewis' wood and wool frisbee was very successful!

Please note that next Monday is our last Woodland visit of the term. Please can you make sure your children have a waterproof coat, trousers and wellingtons - as we certainly needed them this week!

(N.B. There are spare waterproofs in school so please ask if you need to borrow some - it will help speed us up if we all have the correct clothes before Monday) *Mrs Hodsdon*

HEDGEHOG AND BADGER NATIVITY PLAY



The first performance will be on **Thursday 13th December at 9.45 am** in the school hall. You may bring younger siblings to this show.

The second performance will be on **Friday 14th December at 9.45** in the hall once again. This performance is for adults only. FOPS will sell refreshments before each performance.

FESTIVE JUMPERS DAY



On Tuesday 18th December which is the day of our Christmas lunch, we will have a Christmas themed non-uniform day. You don't need to buy a new jumper, you can simply decorate one with tinsel etc. In return, we would ask for a donation towards Save the Children Charity and the Children's Society.

END OF TERM

Reminder – the children will finish school at **1.15 pm** on Thursday 20th December. They will have lunch as usual at school on that day.

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECTS



The cards/gift tags/mugs etc have been put in your child's bookbag. Thank you for your support

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



The children will take part in a Christingle Service on Thursday 20th December at St Mary's. **This service is for pupils only.**

Could you please ensure that your child has a coat and that all long hair is tied back.

ST MARY'S NATIVITY SHEEP TRAIL



Keep a look out for the many sheep dotted around Purley (including all the local schools' websites). Make a note of their names on the form sent out this week in your child's bookbag and return it to St Mary's Church in time for their Crib Service on 24th December.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children have been thinking about how their own birthday celebrations differ from the first Christmas when Jesus was born. They planned a birthday party for Joe the Hedgehog and wrote invitations to each other, decided on some games they thought he would enjoy playing, and discussed what food would be suitable. The children have enjoyed playing missing number games and making number patterns. They have also been enthusiastically practising the songs and dances for the Christmas play next week...they can't wait to perform for you! *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



This week, we welcomed Miss Charlie Atkins to Badger Class. Miss Atkins is a third year student from Reading University and will with us until the end of February.

Badger class have worked really hard this week rehearsing for their Christmas production. They are all trying hard to make it an all dancing and all singing performance and I'm sure that you will be very proud of them. Thank you for all your support in helping them to learn their lines and organise costumes. We have started to look at how to use technology to produce pictures and print and save our work. Having looked at a variety of Christmas cards and reflected on the meaning of these images, we have begun to create our own Christmas cards on the computers. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



We have finally put together all our wonderful ideas and experiences about mountains and mountain climbing. The children have written some amazing diary entries for the day they conquered Everest. Wouldn't it be amazing if some of them actually did this later on in life? We had a super afternoon exploring how mountains are made, using chocolate spread, biscuits, balloons, crispy cakes and sand! I am sure all the children could tell you the 5 different types and how they are formed. In Science, they had a fun-filled afternoon making ice-cream, looking at how things change when exposed to the cold.

We have now had 2 successful hangouts with our partners in America and it was wonderful to hear all the children engaging in conversation. We look forward to our festive sing-along with them next Friday. Children can wear Christmas hats for this session if they wish to.

I was very proud of all the children during our class assembly on Tuesday. Our theme was 'The True Meaning of Christmas' thinking about what God would put under his Christmas tree. The children decided He would want, love, responsibility for those less fortunate than ourselves and peace around the world.

Next week we will be making Mountain fact books and sharing all our amazing home-learning projects. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker welcomed Miss Wilson into the class this week. She is a third-year student who is completing her final placement at Purley and will be teaching alongside Mrs Jones and myself.

During this assessment week, the children have completed PUMA maths assessments and we are very encouraged by the results. Excellent progress is being made. The assessments will be sent home in book bags and it would be really helpful to your child if you could check through the paper with them and find several questions which they struggled with. By going through such questions with parents or carers, many children make phenomenal progress as 1:1 support is not always possible to provide at school.

Our team of top mathematicians took part in round two of the National Mathematician's Award. This round was definitely more difficult than the first and it was good to hear them discussing the hard questions and feeling the stretch.

Our English focus this week has been spelling, punctuation and grammar. We have learned about nouns (common, abstract, proper and collective), pronouns, adjectives (including relative and superlative) and adverbs (place, time, manner and frequency). *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Rafa for his progress in phonics

Friendship Star: Poppy for looking after a friend when they were hurt

Paragon: Harry V

Badger Class

Star of the week: Amelia-Mae for stepping in as Mary in the play when Belle was absent

Friendship Star: Lukas for thinking carefully about being a kind friend

Paragon: Layla

Woodland Star: Theodore for great observations with the ball run

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Ben R for an excellent diary entry about climbing Mount Everest.

Friendship Stars: Samuel and Jaiden S for excellent partner work in Maths.

Paragon: Amy

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Elizabeth for excellent progress in maths and great leadership

Friendship Star: Natalya for being an outstanding friendship leader, and for her routine kindness to all.

Paragon: Ethan

Delightful Diners: Harry C, Casey C, Sydney H, Darcy, Leo, Ryan, Ellie and Frankie

Reminders for next week:

- Hedgehog/Badger: return DVD orders by Tuesday 11th December.
- Badger: Last swimming and woodland session
- Running Club has now finished

DIARY DATES

13/12/18	Hedgehog/Badger Nativity Play, 9.45
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18/12/18	ISS Christmas Lunch & Festive Jumper Day
19/12/18	FOPS Christmas Party @ St Mary's Foundation 1/2 and KS1: 5:00-6:15 KS2: 6:30-7:45
19/12/18	Christingle Service at St Mary's. Children only
20/12/18	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15 p.m
21/12/18-04/01/19	Christmas Break
07/01/19	Start of Spring Term 1
15/02/19	End of Spring Term 1, 3.00 p.m
18/02/19-22/02/19	February Half Term
25/02/19	Start of Spring Term 2
08/03/19	FOPS Quiz
05/04/19	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15 p.m
08/04/19-23/04/19	Easter Break
24/04/19	Start of Summer Term 1
23/05/19	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00 p.m
24/05/19-31/05/19	May Half Term
03/06/19	Start of Summer Term 2
29/06/19	Summer Fair
24/07/19	End of Academic Year, 1.15 p.m

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



Community Page



Fancy taking the kids to the theatre in the school holidays?

We have been sent a special offer from **Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot** for **£5 tickets** to see their Christmas show, **The Pied Piper**. The show runs Fri 7 Dec - Sun 30 Dec and they are offering Purley Primary School families **£5 tickets** on **Friday 21 December** at **10am**.

It is 100 years after the infamous visit of the Pied Piper to the village of Hamelin. This enchanting new musical is about playing to your own tune. The world of The Pied Piper is vividly brought to life with new songs and music, performed live by actor musicians supported by a talented young ensemble from the local community. More info: cornerstone-arts.org/whats/pied-piper

To claim your discounted tickets, simply call **Box Office (Tuesday – Sunday)** on **01235 515144** or go to cornerstone-arts.org quoting discount code **PIPER5**.

Family Dog Workshops

Workshops for parents /carers of a child aged between 3 - 16 years old with a clinical diagnosis of autism.



Family Dog Workshops are ideal if you:

- Are at the early stages of considering getting a dog to help your autistic child
- Know that you want to get a dog and are looking for help choosing and handling a dog
- Already have a pet dog but would like training ideas and support

The series of three one day workshops use a combination of practical demonstrations, discussions, hands on learning and course hand outs.

Following the workshops, ongoing support is available to families including telephone support, online resources, and a private Facebook group.

For dates and venues visit:
www.dogsforgood.org/family-dog



DO YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR BRICK BUILDING SKILLS TO THE ULTIMATE TEST?

LEGO MASTERS

The popular Channel 4 series is looking for imaginative building pairs to take part in the creative brick-building competition to find the UK's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv for more information.

Unfortunately, we are unable to answer all the requests individually. Under 18's - must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part and a parent or guardian must email on their behalf. Tuesday's Child is committed to safeguarding and protecting your Personal Data. Further information can be located on our website - www.tuesdayschild.tv