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## Friday Bulletin



**8<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

As my own children get older it gets more and more difficult to decide what to give them for Christmas. Recently a friend shared a poem with me that I wish I had known years ago. I will definitely adopt it this year for quite a few members of the family. I would like to share it with you and maybe some of you will adopt it too. I like the way it creates a balance between the different items given.



**Something you want  
 Something you need  
 Something to wear and  
 Something to read**



### FOPS

#### Christmas Disco with DJ Jacko!



Thank you to everyone who has returned your form & money for the Christmas disco! If you haven't already, don't forget you only have until pick up today! We look forward to celebrating with you at **Purley Memorial Hall**, Glebe Road on Tuesday

19th December (6.30pm – 7.30pm for Reception, Years 1 & 2 and 7.45pm – 8.45pm for Year 3 upwards). Names will be put on a list at the door – tickets will not be issued. If any parents would like to help, please email Nicky.gibbens@gmail.com.

#### Christmas Shop



The Christmas Shop will be open every day starting next week on 11th December. Gifts will range in price from £1 to £3 each. The children will be shown pictures of what will be available so they can

secretly choose the gifts and then have the opportunity to ask parents for the correct money. Some children may prefer to just choose their gifts on the day. Please send your child into school with some money in a named envelope or purse (*see reminders section to check which class is buying on which day*). The children will then make their purchase and bring the gifts

home already wrapped and labelled - Happy shopping!

#### Nativity Play

FOPS are planning to serve refreshments before the Nativity Play performances and are looking for a couple of volunteers (preferably KS2 parents so that the KS1 parents can watch their children) to make and serve teas and coffees. Please let Mrs Ham know if you are able to help between 9am and 9.30am next Thursday 14th and/or Friday 15th December.

#### Santa Run

Thank you so much to everyone who took part or supported Team Purley in the Santa Run last weekend! It was great fun to see so many Santas and Elves running around the centre of Reading and together we've raised over £150 for the school!

#### Purley Community Facebook Group

We've just launched a new group on Facebook - Purley Community Buy & Sell - where we can buy & sell pre-loved items at the same time as raising money for our lovely little school. With Christmas coming, it's a great time to have a clear-out, make a bit of money & perhaps even bag yourself a bargain, just don't forget to include a donation to FOPS in your sales description. This group is open to the whole community so please do help share, invite people & spread the word!

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



*Waiting...*

As we entered the season of Advent, we took time to consider what it meant to the prophets, Mary and to us.

We were surprised how long 21 seconds felt and we all agreed that 21 sleeps (as it would have been on Monday) till Christmas was a long time. But putting that into perspective against how long Mary waited to give birth to Jesus, and how long the prophets waited, made it seem less daunting. We took a pause to explore what we are really waiting for during Advent and shared how for Christians across the world, Advent was an exciting time looking forward to the second coming of Jesus. What are you waiting for this Advent? Is there more to Advent than chocolate?

*Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor*

## HEDGEHOG AND BADGER NATIVITY PLAY



The first performance will be on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am** in the school hall. You may bring younger siblings to this show. The second performance will be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30** in the hall once again. This performance is for adults only.

## PURLEY PLAYERS PANTOMIME



It's panto time and Purley Players next production is Beauty and the Beast. Come and see how the prince is transformed into the Beast and watch the dual between the Good Fairy and her evil counterpart. The show is at The Barn, Goosecroft Lane, Purley on Thames, on Friday, 26 January 2018 at 7.30 pm and Saturday 27 January at 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm. Telephone 0118 954 8052 for tickets at £7 (concessions) and £9 and the Box Office is open after 6.00 pm during the week and all day at weekends.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> December.

## POPPY APPEAL

The children raised £87.65 for the Royal British Legion.

## CHILDREN SOCIETY'S CHRISTINGLE



The children will take part in a Christingle Service on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's. This service is for pupils only. They are really excited about sitting on the chairs instead of the floor! I'm sure the children will tell you all about it afterwards.

The Christingle service was popularised by The Children's Society and they will provide the candles and decorations in return for a donation. The Children's Society does tremendous work helping vulnerable children throughout the country. Please visit their website ([www.childrensociety.org.uk](http://www.childrensociety.org.uk)) for more information. In preparation for the service, the children will make a Christingle at school.

Each class will have cardboard collection candles in their classroom – which can be filled with loose change. Could the children bring their money by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December so that we can make a donation to the Children's Society.

## END OF TERM

Reminder – the children will finish school at **1.15 pm** on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. They will have lunch as usual at school on that day. The children will return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



On Monday we found out that it was Joe the Hedgehog's birthday and the children have been busy planning a party for him. They guessed how old he was going to be and wrote the numbers on the board, made playdoh cakes with the matching number of candles, and wrote invitations to everyone in the class. The children discussed how they celebrate their own birthdays, and how this is different to the celebrations for Jesus' birth. In between play rehearsals, the children

have also been learning about how animals adapt to living in the freezing conditions at the poles.

Next week Christmas will be in full swing, so if the children have a favourite Christmassy book, they may bring them in to share with the class.

**On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, we will be having an open morning for parents and families of the Foundation children, from 8.50 to 9.30. The children are looking forward to sharing their Learning Journeys.**

*Mrs Burton*

### BADGER CLASS



It has been all singing and dancing in Badger class this week. The children have been working really hard perfecting their performances and encouraging each other. Please continue to help them practise any lines using expression and a clear, loud voice. Thank you for all the stamped addressed envelopes that have been sent in. Invitations to the Nativity have been written and decorated and are now in the post on their way to you. The children are also learning how to send an email as a form of communication and are in the process of creating Christmas messages on the computer. Keep an eye on your inboxes as they will be sending them out to you next week.

*Mrs Lyn-Jones*

### OWL CLASS



As always the children have been working very hard in Owl class. In English, the children have been thinking about writing and giving clear instructions. Alien Whyte landed from Planet Zorg and needed help opening a bottle of water and having a drink from a cup. After lots of misunderstandings, by Alien Whyte, and lots of spilled water, Alien Whyte finally got her drink. This exercise made the children think about how precise we need to be when giving instructions to others. Following the success of their instruction writing, the children were commissioned by Santa to write a set of instructions on how to drive his new 2017 state of the art sleigh. His arrival on Christmas Eve will confirm if the children have been successful in this task. In Maths, the Cubes are looking at measure including measuring, length, capacity and weight. The Spheres have continued with rounding and are also starting on measuring.

In preparation for our visit from Alok Sharma we have been looking at our Government; where it is and who is part of it. The children have drawn some excellent portraits of both Alok Sharma and Theresa May and some very detailed drawings of The Houses of Parliament. The children also thought about what they would do if they could be Prime Minister for a day. Ideas included electric cars to avoid pollution, stop all the wars, more homes and food for the homeless and poor and more money for schools and hospitals!

Finally Owl class NEEDS YOUR HELP! Are you available on Monday 18th December 9.30-11.00ish? Could you come and help us with our Christmas biscuit bake off? If you are available please let me know, you can also email me on [jpickering@purley.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:jpickering@purley.w-berks.sch.uk)

*Mrs Pickering*

### WOODPECKER CLASS



Assessment week is upon us and Woodpecker class have shown great tenacity in tackling PUMA (maths tests) and reading comprehension tests. We have also been continuing to develop fairy tale themes - outside the traditional tales. What if Red Riding Hood and Goldilocks became best friends? What did Jack and his mother do with all the gold they stole from the giant? We have also been re-considering many of the moral messages taught to us at such a young age by these fairy tales.

In Maths, we have been calculating fractions of amounts. If Jenny had 24 sweets and gave  $\frac{3}{4}$  of them to her friends, how many would she have left for herself. Alice earned glory for herself in a question that tripped every other child up in both Mrs Jones and Mrs Archer's maths group. The children were asked to complete the following question:  $\frac{1}{3}$  of  $\square = 2400$ . Everyone in the class agreed the answer should be 800 but Alice argued for 7200.

Year 6 children have been learning about how our bodies change during puberty and have been very engaged, with a variety of thoughtful questions. These discussions will continue on Monday.

In Science, the children tested the capacity of Dylan's lungs and made 3d replicas of their lungs. *Mrs Archer*

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Lilly-May for her progress in reading

**Friendship Star:** Jax for letting others go first

**Paragon:** Lilliana

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Harry Barber for working so hard on his handwriting and spelling in morning challenge times

**Friendship Star:** Jessica for helping her friend at home time to organise all of her things

**Paragon:** Darcy

### Owl Class

**Stars of the week:** Oscar for excellent contributions during bookclub.

**Friendship Star:** Malakhai for making sure others are included in activities.

**Paragon:** Amy

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Jaime for consistent hard work and outstanding progress

**Friendship Star:** Sara for great team work

**Paragon:** Ruby

**Delightful diners:** Abraham, Leo, Aieyan, Firhan, Molly, Frankie, Sienna H, Natalya

## DIARY DATES

13/12/17	Children Christmas Lunch
14/12/17	Nativity play to parents (Hedgehog/Badger Class), 9.30 am
15/12/17	
18/12/17	Hedgehog Open Morning, 8.50-9.30 am
19/12/17	FOPS Christmas Party at the <b>Memorial Hall</b> 6.30pm - 7.30pm - Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 7.45pm - 8.45pm - Year 3 upwards
20/12/17	End of Autumn Term 2, <b>1.15pm</b>
<b>21/12/17 - 03/01/18</b>	<b>Christmas Break</b>
04/01/18	Start of Spring Term 1
11/01/18	Comprehension Workshops 7.00-7.30. Repeated at 7.30-8.00
24/01/18	Maths Information Evening, 7.00-8.00
09/02/18	End of Spring Term 1, <b>3.00pm</b>
<b>12/02/18 - 16/02/18</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
13/03/18	Choir performing at the Anvil
29/03/18	End of Spring Term 2, <b>1.15pm</b>
<b>30/03/18 - 16/04/18</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>
25/05/18	End of Summer Term 1, <b>3.00pm</b>
<b>28/05/18 - 01/06/18</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
20/07/18	End of Academic Year, <b>1.15pm</b>

## REMINDERS

### All:

Money in a named envelope or purse for **Christmas Shop**

**Monday** – Woodpecker

**Wednesday** – Badger

**Friday** – anyone who hasn't yet bought!

**Tuesday** – Owl

**Thursday** – Hedgehog

Loose change for Children Society Christingle Candles

### Hedgehog:

- Some children have yet to bring their costumes in for the play and our first performance will be Tuesday to the whole school.

- Bring in favourite Christmassy book.

**Owl:** Help with Christmas Biscuit bake off, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – please let Mrs Pickering know.