



# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin



11<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### 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.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship we started to tell the Christmas story.

The children knew that the mother of Jesus was called Mary, and that an angel told her that she would have a baby. They also remembered that Mary lived in Nazareth, and that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, about 80 miles away. They made the journey because the authorities decided that there should be a census. Today when we have a census we can stay in our own homes, but for that census the authorities decided that everyone had to travel back to where their family came from originally. It would have taken Mary and Joseph about a week to make that journey - we thought about how long it would take some of us to travel back to where our families originally came from.

Christians believe that Jesus came to earth as a sign of God's love for every single person, so we ended with a song about how big God's love is. *Rev Andrew*

### WOODLAND SCHOOL



Ash group had a busy morning at Basildon Park this week. We were particularly thinking about observations in the woods. In small groups we used a skipping rope to make a circle on the woodland floor then looked really closely to see what we could see. We saw wet leaves some rotting, stones, beech nut cases, tiny twigs, worms and even small snails and spiders. All the children had a card photo frame each. They had to find a view, long distance or close up that they would be happy to put in a picture gallery. *Mrs Herbert*



## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Thank you for returning so many ballot papers. We are pleased to confirm that Mr Simon Bell was elected. A big thank you to Mrs Kaur who also put herself forward.

## YEAR 2 SWIMMING LESSONS



The lessons have finished for this term. They will resume on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January until 8<sup>th</sup> February.

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

A big thank you to our parent volunteers (Mrs Bodimeade and Mrs Anderson) and staff for running afterschool clubs this term. We would like to run another 3 weeks of clubs either side of half term (w/c 25<sup>th</sup> January until 7<sup>th</sup> March). If you are able to help with a club, please let Mrs Ham know. Clubs can be creative (like music, crafts etc), or physical (dance, sports etc).

**Gym Club** (Year 3 upwards) is being run separately by Virtue Gymnastics. There are currently 5 spaces left on the club on Thursdays.

Please contact [kara@virtuegymnastics.co.uk](mailto:kara@virtuegymnastics.co.uk) if you are interested.

**Choir** will resume on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January (3.00-3.45). We would like to invite Year 2 children to join the school choir as well as any other children who wish to join. If your child is interested in joining the choir, please email Mrs Ham ([office@purley.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:office@purley.w-berks.sch.uk)).

We will confirm all the clubs when we come back from the Christmas break.

## PLEA!!



Over the next few weeks, please work on reminding your child to flush the toilet after themselves – if

they don't already do so. It is a constant struggle at school to keep the children's toilets clean and fresh.

## REMINDERS

Challenge time is held at 9.00-9.15 every morning when children have an opportunity to practice their targets and teachers give individuals their feedback. Your child needs to be sat at their tables by 9.00 am to ensure the best possible use of this time. Please be punctual – doors open at 8.50 am. Children arriving after 9 will be given a late mark.

## 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. The party is being held at school.

Bag for life: orders will be distributed today.  
*Nicky Gibbens, FOPS Chair*

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Ellie for good sitting and listening and always following instructions.

**Friendship Star:** Elsie for looking after other children in the class and at lunchtime.

**Purley Paragon:** Casey

**Woodland Star:** Abraham for good listening during the activities and staying focused throughout the activities.

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Bailey for being a proud performer

**Friendship Star:** Jacob for being thoughtful towards others

**Purley Paragon:** Alice

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Aieyan for his valuable contributions to his biscuit making company.

**Friendship Star:** James for keeping his friend company when he was feeling unwell.

**Purley Paragon:** Evie

### Woodpecker Class:

**Star of the week:** Jaden for working really hard.

**Friendship Star:** Dylan for supporting younger members of his team in our 'Bake A Better Biscuit' project.

**Purley Paragon:** Akram

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children in Hedgehog class have practised hard for their school play which resulted in a wonderful production this week.

They were so thrilled to wear their costumes and be "real actors" in front of an audience. Thank you so much for supporting them. We have read and listened to the Christmas story and the Year 1 children have started making their own story books. The Year 1 children have also been working hard on end of term assessments and have shown themselves to be good at listening and trying their best. Santa's grotto is proving very popular as is the daily advent calendar! We will be working on more Christmas activities next week including looking further at the real meaning of Christmas and the role of the vicar in church. *Mrs Carr*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class have worked so hard this week preparing for their Christmas play and I was so proud of all of them on Wednesday and

Thursday when they performed to an audience. Thank you to all parents for helping them to learn their lines and providing costumes. In class we have started to make Christmas story books, retelling the Nativity. We have also looked at different Christmas images, discussed what they represent and used them to create our own Christmas wrapping paper designs on the computer. Using a computer drawing program we have also created some Christmas cards to send home to our families. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

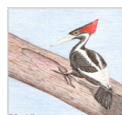
## OWL CLASS



The children had an intense start to the week completing spelling and maths assessments! Well done everyone you all worked really hard and tried your very best! As promised, once the assessment was over the fun could begin. We have now joined up with Woodpecker class and have embarked on our biscuit business projects. The children are working in mixed teams of children from years 3, 4 and 5. Each team was given a profile about a member of staffs likes and dislikes of biscuits. Their challenge is to design and bake a Christmas biscuit for them and present it in a

Christmas packaging that they have produced. You, as parents, will be their final judges as they present their work to you next Tuesday morning. Christmas cards have also been made using a range of skills and techniques. We were also very privileged to be invited to watch the KS1 nativity play which was amazing. *Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker have enjoyed working with Owl Class this week on our joint biscuit-making project. We have researched design briefs, created biscuits, designed and made our packaging and have developed advertising for our product. The class have also been introduced to KODU – a free programming platform, created by Microsoft. It is a wonderful program where children can begin to create games and start learning to code and is completely safe (and educationally beneficial) to download on PCs at home. *Mrs Archer*



*Diary dates are overleaf*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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	Am – Carol Service at Church (children only)
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.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk)

**Karen Fakes (Headteacher)**

**Learn to Love, Love to Learn**