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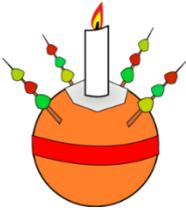


# Friday Bulletin



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

**End of Term – 1.15pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**



Three more school days to go! What a lot we pack into December. The younger children delightfully reminded us of the Christmas story with their Nativity play. The choir have sung to entertain the Singing for Fun group at St Mary's and next Wednesday we will have our Christingle service at the church to finish off the term. Our last Christingle service, a few years back, was very special. Please make sure your child's hair is tied back to minimise risk and that it is another special occasion.... for the right reasons in 2017.

## FOPS



The Christmas Shop has been a huge success with the children - thank you to everyone who gave their children the opportunity to do a bit of their own shopping. Also huge thanks to Carissa Pollard for running the shop and her elves for doing all the wrapping! We will update you on how much the shop made next week.

Thank you also to the volunteers who served teas and coffee before the fabulous Nativity Play performances!



We are looking forward to seeing all the children in their Christmas party outfits at the Disco next Tuesday evening with DJ Jacko at the Memorial Hall. We will be serving drinks and light snacks. As the sessions are quite short, please arrive in good time so that the children don't miss any of the entertainment!

**6.30-7.30pm: Foundation, Years 1 & 2**  
**7.45-8.45pm: Year 3 upwards**

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In Collective Worship this week we finished looking at what some of the first Christians did. We read from the Bible about the unusual vision

Peter had with animals in it, and how God used it to teach him that God has no favourites. We learnt that everyone is special to God and anyone can be part of God's family. God welcomes everyone and doesn't like it when people get left out. We thought about how we feel when we are left out and how we treat others. *Rev Archer*

## CLUBS

A form will be sent out after Christmas confirming which clubs are running for Spring Term.

Virtue Gymnastics will offer their usual club on Tuesdays (11 weeks starting on 9<sup>th</sup> January – Cost £55). If your child is interested please contact Kara direct via email: kara@virtuegymnastics.co.uk

## 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.

## 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.**

Could the children bring their money so that we can make a donation to the Children's Society.

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Nativity play this week. They tried hard to get changed independently where possible, and were proud to show everyone their best singing voices and how they could dance together, and sit patiently whilst watching the older children acting. They have been practising their wrapping skills on presents for Tictac the dragon and Joe the hedgehog, and glitter has featured strongly in most of this week's activities! The children have enjoyed sharing the many wonderful Christmas stories that they have brought in to class – it would appear that many of the children have mini libraries at home!

**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



For parents who were not able to attend the Phonic information evening in November, here is a link to the presentation that we looked at

together

<http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/teaching-and-learning.php> There are some very useful links on how to help your children gain confidence with phonics and become successful readers.

Well done Badger class and Hedgehog class for your fantastic Christmas play. I think that you will all join me in saying how confidently they performed and I felt very proud of them. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to provide the costumes. I know that the children really enjoyed themselves. In class we have also had some time to make our Christmas cards by exploring paper weaving and adding embellishments. In Science we have looked at

why different materials are suitable for a particular use. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



Wow! We are nearly at the end of term with Christmas almost upon us. What a great half term we have had in Owl Class learning about Huntley and Palmers and writing adventure stories for The Borrowers. All assessments are now done and data collected. I am so proud of each and every child in Owl class. They have all done so well and worked so hard.

This week the children have split into teams of 6 and started their own biscuit business. Each group has been set the task to design and bake a biscuit for a given member of staff. They have interviewed their potential customer to find out their likes and dislikes in a biscuit. They have also designed and made boxes to present the biscuits in and create an advert to promote them to others. On Monday, we shall start baking our biscuits, with decorations being added on Tuesday morning. The big finale is on Tuesday afternoon when the children will make a presentation of their final product to the customers. Scores will be given and 'Star Biscuit Bakers' will be announced.

I would like to thank you all for your support this term and ask that over the festive break you encourage your children to read daily, practice their spelling and KIRFS. We need to continually feed those brains to keep learning fresh.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



This week, we have been considering the meaning of Christmas: what does Christmas mean for retailers, children, families and Christians. Everyone has made a word cloud with words which encompass the meaning of Christmas for them. Word clouds can be created using a variety of apps – they are so attractive and can be used to make greetings cards and posters. After considering what Christmas means to us, we considered the 'real' meaning of Christmas according to the Christian faith and children used Adobe Spark Post (a free and very powerful app) to create posters that a church might use to communicate Christmas.

We loved watching the KS1 nativity: the wonderful confusion of the really teeny children, beautiful dancing from sheep and angels and stars, the groovy camels and of course the loving couple themselves – together with their graceful donkey. It was everything a nativity should be and Woodpecker class oohed and ahhed appropriately through the performance.

We have continued with Maths and English through the week and have been working with fractions: converting to equivalent fractions with common denominators, adding, subtracting and converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and back again.

Wednesday was a highlight for the class – and indeed the whole school. Not only a festive Christmas lunch but then class gifts from FOPS too. Woodpecker class received games for wet play: hotwheels cars and track, a spirograph, Bop It game and a massive bar of chocolate. Huge thanks to the heroes of the school who spend so much time fundraising to enhance the children’s education and give such lovely treats.

*Mrs Archer*

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Lewis for giving his best performance in the play

**Friendship Star:** Lilliana for being a good friend to everyone in class

**Paragon:** Arlo

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Casey for being such a star in the Christmas Nativity and overcoming all her nerves

**Friendship Star:** Jaiden for being such a help with the computers and helping others to edit and save their work

**Paragon:** Ellie

### Owl Class

**Stars of the week:** Reid for always trying his best and persevering when things get challenging

**Friendship Star:** Bailey always looking out for others, adults and children, both in the classroom and in the wider school environment

**Paragon:** Bailey

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Jack for his amazing work in maths

**Friendship Star:** Gracie for fixing friendship problems in the playground

**Paragon:** Ryan

## DIARY DATES

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>
<b>04/01/18</b>	<b>Start of Spring Term 1</b>
11/01/18	Comprehension Workshops 7.00-7.30. Repeated at 7.30-8.00
15/01/18	Year 2 Swimming starting
24/01/18	Maths Information Evening, 7.00-8.00
07/01/18	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00pm
08/01/18	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00pm
09/02/18	End of Spring Term 1, <b>3.00pm</b>
<b>12/02/18 - 16/02/18</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
19/02/18	Year 1 Woodland School starting
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:

- End of term on Wednesday 20th December at **1.15pm**
- Loose change for Children Society Christingle Candles
- Start of Spring Term 1 on Thursday 4th January 2018

### Hedgehog:

- Open morning (8.50 am to 9.30 am) on Monday 18th December
- Bring in favourite Christmassy book.

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

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**