



## Purley CE Primary School

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# Friday Bulletin

## 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Happy New Year to you all! The children and staff have returned to school refreshed after their well-deserved holiday and have enjoyed our focus on the brain and its capabilities this week. Brains stop growing at age 18 but humans continue to make new neurons throughout life in response to mental activity, so..... keep learning! Ask your children what they have learnt about the brain this week.

### CLUBS

A list of clubs available for the Spring Term will be sent out via Parentmail by the end of next week. Please check your 'form' folder in Parentmail. Notifications do not always come up.

### CHOIR

Choir will restart on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January.  
**Timings will be: 3.00-4.00pm**

### FOPS UPDATE

Happy New Year! Would you like to test your general knowledge and have some fun? Fancy a night out with friends and family? FOPS are holding a quiz night starting at 7.30pm on **Friday 24th February** at The Barn, Goosecroft Lane. Tickets are £10 per person and includes a fish and chip supper. Maximum team size is six. There will be a licensed bar and raffle and quiz prizes.

If you've got what it takes, look out for the form on ParentMail (or ask in the school office) and book your place by **Friday 10th February**. Food orders will not be placed until payment has been received. If you haven't got a full team, speak to a member of FOPS and we can put you in touch with others.

We look forward to seeing you on the 24th February!

**Facebook:** Don't forget to check/like our Facebook page - Purley Church of England Primary School. It's a great way to keep up to date with FOPS events.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



West Berkshire

Home-Start West Berkshire, a local family support charity is currently recruiting in this area. They need volunteers who can encourage, listen and offer practical support to parents with young children.

Volunteers become a trusted friend and mentor to the family, to help them move forward. Their next free training course will start on the 16th January 2017. It will run for 6 consecutive Mondays from 9.30-14.30pm, breaking for half term. If you are interested or would like to discuss this further please contact us now on 01635 760310 or email [office@home-startwb.org.uk](mailto:office@home-startwb.org.uk)

More information can be found on our website [www.home-startwestberks.org.uk](http://www.home-startwestberks.org.uk)

### HEDGEHOG CLASS



It was lovely to welcome the children back to school and to hear about

their exciting Christmas holidays!

We have been having fun this week learning about our amazing brains and how we can maximise our learning power. We made neurons with bricks and string to help us understand how we can grow the pathways in our brain by practising to developing our skills. We have been thinking about how we can use a positive mindset to support our learning and development – we can do it, if we believe we can and keep trying!

### BADGER CLASS



It was lovely to see all the children back at school and excited to tell their friends all about their holidays. We have started our topic, "Shall we call the doctor?" with a brainology week, where we have been finding out about our brains and how we can develop them to their full potential. We have learnt about the different parts of the brain and what they control and made thinking caps to help remember this. We have taken part in a variety of brain challenges, including brain gym, puzzles and making model neurons. On Tuesday next week the children can come to school dressed up as a doctor, nurse or patient and we will have a day where they can ask and answer questions about their character.

### OWL CLASS



Happy New Year and welcome back.

This half term we welcome Miss Yardley to the class, who is on her second student placement.

To start the new year, we have been thinking about what our brain does, how it works and if we can improve how our brain works. The children have enjoyed making neurons and learning how these send messages around the body. They have also completed some brain training activities and made up their own class rap about improving our own personal mindset and the working if our brain.

Next week we will be starting our project for this term; Life like an Egyptian.

### WOODPECKER CLASS



After receiving so many amazing gizmos and gadgets for Christmas, Woodpecker class are very familiar with the process of reading instructions and finding out how these wonderful technologies work. The most sophisticated technology of all, is of course, our own brain and so we are enjoying finding out how this remarkable device works and how we can use it to its full potential.

Our topic this term is 'Mystical Me' and we shall be learning about what makes us who we are and how this changes through our lives.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

08/02/17	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00pm
09/02/17	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00pm
10/02/17	End of Spring Term 1, <b>3.00pm</b>
13/02/17-17/02/17	Half Term
20/02/17	Start of Spring Term 2
24/02/17	FOPS Quiz, The Barn, 7.30pm
30/03/17	Choir singing at the Anvil
07/04/17	End of Spring Term 2, <b>1.15pm</b>
10/04/17-24/04/17	Easter Holidays
25/04/17	Start of Summer Term 1
01/05/17	Bank Holiday
w/c 08.05.17	Year 2 SATS (for 3 weeks)
w/c 08.05.17	Year 6 SATS (for 1 week)
26/05/17	End of Summer Term 1, <b>3.00pm</b>
29/05/17-02/06/17	Half Term
05/06/17	Start of Summer Term 2
11/06/17	Tour de Purley
w/c 12.06.17	Year 1 Phonics (for 1 week)
21/07/17	End of Academic Year, <b>1.15pm</b>
05/11/17	Fireworks Fiesta!

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)

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