



# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

### 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Welcome back! I hope you've all had a restful break. The children have enjoyed playing with our new equipment (the slide seems to be very popular!).

#### INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION UPDATE



All the classes are enjoying learning about space and following Tim Peake's progress on the International Space Station.

If you would like to find out what he has been up to at home, you can read his blog on the European Space Agency website:

<http://blogs.esa.int/tim-peake/>

There are some good chances to view the ISS this week. If it is clear you should be able to see the space station as a bright light moving across the sky. The table below shows the best chances of spotting it. If you want to find out more times, visit NASA's website (<http://spotthestation.nasa.gov/sightings/>)

You can even sign up for e-mail alerts of when it will appear!

Date	Visible for	Max height	Appears	Disappears
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 6.20 am	3 min	61°	28° above SW	27° above E
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 6.11 am	3 min	82°	45° above WSW	24° above E
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 6.53 am	4 min	85°	15° above W	30° above E
13 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 6.03 am	2 min	85°	75° above WNW	24° above E
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 6.45 am	3 min	82°	18° above W	38° above ESE

#### SCHOOL DINNERS – YEAR 3 UPWARDS



As from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016, any child who has a debt of more than £10 will **not** be allowed a school dinner until the debt is paid. Accounts will be checked every Monday morning, any child with a debt higher than £10 will receive a phone call asking for a packed lunch to be brought into school. You can pay your school dinner account by cash, cheque (made payable to ISS Education) or online: [www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/online-payments](http://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/online-payments)

School dinners should be paid for in advance.

#### LABELS



Many children have had beautiful new coats over the holidays. Please ensure that they are named along with all their uniform.

*Note from Making Impressions (our Uniform Supplier) – following on from the fire at the jumper and cardigan factory in the Autumn, they have confirmed that they will re-open for business on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Making Impressions will then be able to fulfil any outstanding orders.*

#### YEAR 2 SWIMMING



The lessons will restart on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Please see letter in your child's bookbag for further information.

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Choir is starting next Monday (3.00-3.45). Gym Club starts on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

A list of all other clubs will be sent out next week.

## PURLEY ON THAMES CRICKET CLUB - 2016 INDOOR TRAINING

Please find below details of indoor training sessions from the Purley on Thames Cricket Club.

Little Heath school Sports Hall:  
Sundays 28th Feb, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March, (not 27th March as this is Easter Sunday)  
3rd April, 10th April.

2-3pm Starters - school years 1 and 2 - this is for total beginners aged 5, 6 to 7  
3-4.30pm u9s / 4.30-6pm u11s

For more information and booking please contact Martin Bishop:  
martin.bishop1158@yahoo.co.uk

## WEST BERKSHIRE LIBRARYFEST 2016

Once again, there will be much more on offer than reading a good book at your local library during LibraryFest 2016.

Now in its third year, LibraryFest offers local people a great chance to enjoy something different at their library.

This year, the festival starts on National Libraries Day - Saturday 6 February and runs through to World Book Night on Saturday 23 April.

All West Berkshire libraries and mobile libraries will take part and there will be exciting performances and workshops suitable for all ages.

These include a chance to draw with iPads, 3D printing, rag rugging, or join in a 'sketch crawl' for which a talent for drawing is not essential. There are also author talks, heritage and photography walks, children's shows and much more.

For full details of what's on and how to book tickets, pick up a brochure from any West

Berkshire library, or go to  
[www.westberks.gov.uk/libraryfest](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/libraryfest)

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Samuel for his outstanding contribution and knowledge about space.

**Friendship Star:** Chloe for sharing and helping her friends play a game

**Purley Paragon:** Abigail

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Ayden for setting down to work quickly and showing good concentration

**Friendship Star:** Alfie for being helpful around the classroom

**Purley Paragon:** Jessica

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Evie for always trying her best in all areas of her work

**Friendship Star:** Emily for always being kind and supportive to everyone at Purley School

**Purley Paragon:** Niamh

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Tegan H for outstanding work in maths.

**Friendship Star:** Madeline for her wonderful support to other children in the class, both during lesson time and break time.

**Purley Paragon:** Dugald

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children in Hedgehog class have settled back to school really well and are very excited about their new space topic. They made intergalactic space passes to use on the entry morning where a variety of activities were on offer. Astronaut fitness training, gravity experiments, manipulative challenges whilst wearing padded clothing, a rocket game and programming a moon bug to name just some! We listened to a description of a planet and had a go at drawing our own planet pictures. Y1 wrote about their planet using interesting adjectives. In Numeracy, we have been identifying different coins and Y1 have been adding using money. We painted alien pictures using paints with added texture. We are making space dioramas next week so please send any spare shoe boxes in to school. Thank you. Mrs Carr

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class have settled back into school for the new term and all seem to have matured over the holiday. We discussed new year resolutions and tried to think of some of our own to encourage making a positive difference in the year ahead. We have enjoyed preparing for our "Mission to the Moon" topic and made astronaut passports for an astronaut training day. For this we had great fun with the children in Hedgehog class taking part in a variety of physical and creative activities ranging from fitness training, parachute games, group rocket drawing, moon buggy programming, model building wearing spacesuit gloves and exploring the pull of gravity. Next week we are making Space dioramas and we would be very grateful if the children could all bring in a shoe box. Mrs Lyn-Jones

## OWL CLASS



Firstly, a very happy New Year to you all and I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. The children have definitely matured over the holidays and have come back into school very positive about their learning. As you may already know our topic this term is: "The world From Above." Within this we will be following Tim Peak during his stay in the ISS. I have been following him on face-book and have had some great comments from him to Owl class. This week in English we have been writing recounts about a special day in the holidays with a particular emphasis on using verbs correctly in the past tense. Next week we will start looking at writing an adventure story with a space theme. Using partitioning to help subtract 2 digit numbers from 2 digit numbers has been our focus in maths and this will be continued next week with some children moving onto the column method. To start our new topic the children are marking papier- mache models of the world. Mrs Pickering

## WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker Class seem refreshed and ready for take-off after their Christmas break - which takes us neatly into our topic for the term, The Earth from Above. We are continuing to follow Tim

Peake during his time aboard the International Space Station and will be considering the world from his point of view. In Science we are also considering the world from below - and exploring rocks, fossils and the structure of the earth. In literacy, we have begun a unit on space tourism and in numeracy this week, we have been consolidating our understanding of place value. We are also investigating an online Maths programme ([www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)) and have a two week free trial period in which to explore it. All maths homework for the next two weeks will be via this programme and children will be bringing home their login and password details this week. Please encourage your children to login, do the homework, explore other areas of the site and write down their thoughts. Their feedback (and indeed your own) is invaluable to us as we consider whether or not to subscribe to this resource.

Please note that all pupils are expected to have bookbags as they are important for letters home, homework, reading books etc. Rucksacks are not appropriate because we do not have room in the classroom to store them. Bookbags can be ordered from Making Impressions ([orders@makingimpressions.co.uk](mailto:orders@makingimpressions.co.uk)). Thank you. Mrs Archer

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11/01/16	Year 2 swimming lessons start
11/01/16	Choir start (3.00-3.45)
10/02/16	Parents Evening (3.30-6.00)
11/02/16	Parents Evening (6.00-8.00)
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
25/02/16	Talent Show
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
15/05/16	Tour de Purley!
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)

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**Learn to Love, Love to Learn**