



Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin

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We have now had two weeks of access to the back of the school grounds. Thank you for your support in keeping children off the play equipment before and after school. It is a joy to see the children at playtimes and PE lessons making full use of the space and having such enjoyment.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In Collective Worship this week we looked at God's story in the Bible about Jacob and Esau. It is about twin brothers who were very different. It is a long story so here's a quick version. Jacob tricked Esau. Esau sold his birth right for stew. Later Esau wanted his blessing. Rebecca helped Jacob trick his dad Isaac. Jacob got Esau's blessing. Esau was furious. Jacob ran away. But God still blessed him! The crazy thing about this story is that Jacob messed up big time but he really did get God's blessing and Esau even forgave him later. The truth is we all mess up sometimes. But God still wants us to be part of His story. *Rev Archer*

DEDICATION OF NEW CLASSROOMS

It was a pleasure to welcome the Bishop of Dorchester, Bishop Colin to school on Thursday for a dedication of the new classrooms. After a tour of the school he led Collective Worship.



VIOLIN



We are very pleased to celebrate both Ronan and Joshua's successes. They have passed their grade 1 violin exam with flying colours. Well done!

First Access session: after February half term, all Year 3 children will have a free 45 mins weekly session learning the violin. This is part of Berkshire Maestros First Access Project. Further information will be provided nearer the time.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our new school councillors were voted in this week and had their first meeting. We discussed happy safe playtimes and considered possible playground markings, equipment and finally rules and recommendations for classmates to ensure playtime is happy and safe.

- Yr1: Bailey and Abraham
- Yr2: Iona and Evans
- Yr3: Leo and Niamh
- Yr4: Callum and Freddie
- Yr5: Josh and Dugald

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

An updated calendar has been uploaded on the school website: go to: www.purleyprimarieschool.co.uk, then click on the purple button (Calendar of Events).

FOPS UPDATE

Facebook: The PTA team have set up a new Facebook Page called Purley Church of England Primary School. This page will be used to keep you up to date on all events and fundraising updates. Please feel free to 'like' this Facebook page, this will allow you to then receive regular updates. Comments are welcome on posts written by the PTA but for all school related enquiries please contact the school directly.

Uploading photos of your own children is your choice, please do not under any circumstances upload those of other children (even those that are out of focus or in the background)

Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund! Every week, until February 28 2016, Galaxy will be looking to help local community groups and charities across the UK and Ireland by awarding five £300 cash awards a week.

Four of these will be awarded by judges' panel. There will also be a People's Choice Award every week which will be awarded to the entry with the most votes in any given week.

We have put in an entry - the website address is: www.galaxyhotchocolate.com. You will be asked to enter your birthday before proceeding. You will then have the opportunity to click on "View all Profiles" or search for Friends of Purley School. Click on the entry and a vote button will appear. Only one vote per person. It would be great to get as many votes as possible during the week (voting starts on Monday 11th January 0.01 am for the week) – please share with friends and family! See point 6 of the terms and conditions below.

6. Valid Applications outlining worthy purposes for an award which are received in a week (running from 00.01am Monday until 11.59pm on Sunday) whilst the Fund is open, will be uploaded onto the Website. Visitors to the website can then vote for the Application which they think is most deserving of a £300 award for that week. Only one vote per person

per week. The Application with the most votes at the end of the week will receive a £300 award.

Bags for Life: We still have a few bags for life left. Cost: £5 per bag. If you would like to purchase one, please let Mrs Ham know.

A big thank you to Manjit Kaur for her match-funding of £500 from her employer (LLoyds Bank) for FOPS. It is very much appreciated.

SCHOOL DINNERS – MENU SWAP



Please note that on Thursday 21st January, ISS will offer the usual Friday menu (fish & chips etc). Friday 22nd January will be the menu that should have been on Thursday. The online version will be updated too.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

A letter has been sent out today in your child's bookbag. If you feel you can offer a club for our younger children (Year 1 and 2), please speak to Mrs Ham. Clubs can be run either at lunchtime or afterschool. Any help is much appreciated.

SEVERE WEATHER PLANNING



We have attached our Severe Weather Planning newsletter. Please keep it handy just in case!

PARENTS EVENING

As you may have noticed from the diary dates, our parents' evenings will take place on Wednesday 10th February and Thursday 11th February. Like last term, we will have a sign-up sheet in the main playground from the morning of Monday 1st February. Parents may sign up for a specific time slot. These sign-up sheets will be available every morning and afternoon from then on, until Thursday 4th February. If you are unable to be there in person, you can ask another parent or relative to sign up on your behalf.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Frankie for neat work and excellent pencil control

Friendship Star: Toby for helping a friend get ready for playtime.

Purley Paragon: Ellie

Badger Class

Star of the week: Brayden for settling down to work at his work station and keeping focussed.

Friendship Star: Lucas for working well in a group when making his space diorama.

Purley Paragon: Maegan

Owl Class

Star of the week: Evelyn for her super work in maths.

Friendship Star: Corey for being so understanding when his Lego model was taken apart unintentionally.

Purley Paragon: Aieyan

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Sienna for working hard and for her brilliant maths.

Friendship Star: Freddie and Nacho for developing a good working partnership.

Purley Paragon: Tegan

Delightful dinners: This is an award to celebrate children who have been particularly well mannered during lunch. The selected children will be rewarded by eating at the 'Delightful Diners' table on a Tuesday lunchtime alongside a member of staff: Leo, Grace, Shannon, Malakhai, Samuel M, Percy.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Literacy, the children in Hedgehog class have based their learning around the story of Whatever Next. With their learning partners, the class looked at the sequence of the story and discussed the beginning, middle and end. The Y1 children then practised an oral retelling of the story and performed to the Foundation children. Everyone thought about which 10 things they would like to take to space and wrote and drew pictures. There were some interesting answers!

In Maths, all the children have been practising their counting, with Y1 counting and adding in 2's. Y1 have also been learning their number bonds to 10. Painting has started on the space dioramas and the children are excited about finishing them next week. Thanks to Mrs Miller who came in to class to demonstrate the relative sizes of the planets using different fruits.

Mrs Carr

BADGER CLASS



This week in Badger class we read the story "Whatever Next" and then retold it using different time words to move the story on. We thought carefully about what happened in the beginning, middle and the end. We also looked at pictures of aliens and thought about the nouns and adjectives we could use to describe them. We explored writing descriptive phrases about the aliens and then wrote interesting descriptions about them. In Art, we have started to make our space dioramas and they are looking amazing and making the classroom look quite space like. We have set up a space station in our role play area which is proving to be very popular. After having talked about our new year last week, we found out about "Rosh Hashanah", the Jewish new year and how it is celebrated. We enjoyed tasting slices of apple dipped in honey, which is one way in which they celebrate - adding some sweetness to the year ahead. In Maths we have been counting in steps of 5 forwards and backwards and drawing our own number lines to help us count on in 5's from different starting numbers. We also use 2p and 5p coins to solve money problems that involved counting in 2's an 5's.

Next week we will be learning to recite a space poem as a class using expression and rhythm.
Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



Owl class have been working exceptionally hard this week. In English we have been helping Tiger to convince his friends that he has seen aliens. The children have been practising writing descriptions of aliens using verbs, nouns, adjectives and connectives to join sentences together. The children have also been investigating the use of paragraphs within a piece of writing. Next week we will be continuing to help Tiger use the skills we have learnt from last week to write a letter about an

alien landing in my garden. Column method subtraction has been the focus in Maths again this week and the children are really getting to grips with it and are now starting to use it for problem solving. Next week we will start to look at fractions.

In history we have investigated the history of space travel during the last century and made timelines. We have also been writing a fact file about Tim Peake and his stay on the ISS.
Mrs Pickering



WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker Class had great fun launching rockets this week. We used a soluble fizzy tablet in a tight fitting canister as fuel and launched our rockets in the school playground. Although we didn't manage to get any into orbit, some rockets did soar up over the school building! Our literacy work has focused on the fictional Astroland resort and we have been writing about holidays on planet Zorbon. In Maths we are continuing to consolidate addition, subtraction and multiplication skills. We have had overwhelmingly positive feedback from children and parents about MyMaths. Children's homework will again be posted on their MyMaths page this week. Science has been geological and children have been considering the physical properties of rocks: observing, comparing, drawing and testing a variety of rock specimens. Mrs Archer



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
03/03/16	World Book Day
23/03/16	Purley at the Palladium, 7.00pm (the Barn, Purley)
24/03/16	End of Spring Term 2 at 1.15pm
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 1.15pm

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

Karen Fakes (Headteacher)
Learn to Love, Love to Learn