



# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

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Another new year! It is lovely to catch up with all the children and to welcome fifteen new children into our Foundation stage. This time last year, we were still awaiting completion of our build. What a difference a year makes.... thankfully.

I would like to welcome Mrs Burton on to our staff team who is teaching in Hedgehog class and Mrs Browning who will be teaching Maths in Owl class, three days a week. Miss Eastman has started as a new lunchtime assistant.

Get Active have taken over the running of our After School Care Club. While Mrs Mardeda is still here and will be providing many activities, we also have an additional member of staff who will be running sport activities e.g. football, basketball, rugby and hockey. Get Active will also be providing some of our PE lessons in KS2.

Thank you for all your support last year, without such wonderful parents we would not be able to offer our children so many enriching experiences and I look forward to working together with you for the benefit of all our pupils, supporting them in all they do.

### Our Aims for this year



Our first aim is to continue with the good quality teaching and learning at the school. One of the areas we are targeting for development is mental maths. This will be throughout the school focussing on times tables, number bonds and measurement conversion (e.g. minutes in an hour, cm in a metre) Children from Year 1 will be given KIRFS (Key Instant Recall Facts) to learn every term. There are hints to go with them on ways you can support your child with their learning.

Your child would benefit greatly if you could support them with these. Before they start on the KIRFS we will be using a programme called Numbers and Patterns.

Our second aim is to continue to develop our assessment system. I am sure that you are well aware of many developments nationally!

Our third and final aim is to continue to support the children with their Spiritual, Cultural and Social development. Our vision to learn to love and love to learn continues to be at the heart of all we do.

### GREET THE TEACHER



On the evening of September 20th there will be an opportunity to greet the teacher and for the teacher to meet up with you. We would love as many of you as possible to attend even if your child has not changed teachers.

We often have responses on surveys that parents are not sure on how to support their children..... this is your opportunity to find out more!

Hedgehog class 5:30

Badger class 5:45

Owl class 6:00

Woodpecker class 6:15

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We have started the year looking at perseverance and resilience and how these are needed to reach our goals. We loved Thomas Edison's quote "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

We talked about asking for help along the way if we need it and that help could be from anyone, God, family, teachers or friends.



As mentioned at the end of the Summer Term, we are in the process of setting up Parentmail – a new communication system that will enable the school to send information electronically to parents. An app will also be available. Please see attached letter for further information.

## CHOIR – YEAR 3 UP

Choir will re-start on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September (3.00 till 3.45 in the school hall). A sign-up sheet will be in the playground on Monday morning. Year 2 are welcome to join but be aware that they are a lot of words to learn.

## YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



The Year 1 children will start Woodland School on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. A letter will be sent out next week confirming details. We still need the help of a volunteer driver each week as we can't fit everyone on the minibus. Please let Mrs Ham know if you are able to help. You don't need to commit to every week.

## YEAR 2 SWIMMING LESSONS

The Year 2 will start swimming lessons at the Oratory Pool on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. A letter will be sent out next week confirming all details.

## AFTERSCHOOL CARE CLUB – GET ACTIVE

Reminder – Get Active is **replacing** our daily afterschool care club provision (3.00-6.00pm). You will need to register your child online:

[www.getactivesports.com](http://www.getactivesports.com) and click on the yellow 'Find a club near you' button. In 'location' type Purley on Thames and the club will come up. You can also contact them by phone on 01344 860868.

Get Active will provide a different sporting activity each day between 3pm and 4pm and you're welcome to sign up your child for these times only.

## ISS SCHOOL DINNERS - CHANGES



Please note that from September 2016, the school meal price will be **£2.25** (a 10p increase) for Year 3 upwards.

Payments can be made by cash or cheque in a named envelope or electronically by registering with ISS using the link below. Please note that all dinners need to be paid in advance.

<http://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/ways-to-pay/>

## FOPS – Parents Teacher Association

If you are interested in joining FOPS or being a "Friend of FOPS" that would be fantastic – please let us know. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the school hall - even if it's just to hear what we have been up to! Your support is invaluable.

## UNIFORM - REMINDER

Over the next few weeks we will be checking uniforms. Please see details below.

- Purple sweatshirt with a round neck and school logo or purple cardigan with a school logo
- White polo shirts for the Infants
- White shirts/blouses for the Juniors (Year 3 upwards) - *it will not be a requirement to have polo shirts, shirts or blouses with a logo on*
- Grey trousers or shorts for boys
- Grey skirts, trousers, shorts or pinafores for girls
- Purple gingham summer dresses
- **Grey** tights or white socks for girls.

- **Grey** socks for boys

For PE: white t-shirt, black shorts and black jogging bottoms. Black pumps and/or trainers.  
**NEW:** trainers would be preferable for KS2 children on Fridays as they will be going to the field whenever possible.

Long hair (girls and boys) should be tied back with appropriate hair ties/clips.

### ROALD DAHL DAY - REMINDER

The **13th September** is the official Roald Dahl day and we will be dressing up as Roald Dahl characters. Start planning your outfits now and get ready for the PHIZZ - WHIZZING experience!



Don't forget, you've got until 30<sup>th</sup> September to finish your library challenge. Your library will reward you with a Big Friendly Read certificate, a medal and a voucher for a free 1 child entry to a local attraction when you have finished your challenge. Show your certificate and medal to your teacher so they can see how well you have done.

### STARS OF THE WEEK



#### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Toby for being a good role model for the Foundation children at carpet time

**Friendship Star:** Davontay for sharing his bike with a new child

**Purley Paragon:** Alfie

#### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Jamie for persevering with holding his pencil correctly

**Friendship Star:** Hiba for helping many of the younger children read the "Golden Ticket" books

**Purley Paragon:** Alfie

#### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Aieyan for returning to school with a positive attitude to his learning and working hard.

**Friendship Star:** Evelyn for helping the new children to settle into the class and being an excellent role model.

**Purley Paragon:** Corey

#### Woodpecker Class

**Stars of the week:** Tanisha and Madeline for outstanding hard work, practice and preparation for their Kendrick exam on Saturday - you are in our prayers, girls.

**Friendship Star:** Sienna for great partner-work with anybody.

**Purley Paragon:** Tanisha and Madeline

### HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Hedgehog Class the Y1 children have had an exciting, giant themed week, measuring the giant's footprints they found in class and creating an ENORMOUS BFG by drawing around themselves and sticking the pieces together. Mrs Burton and Mrs Chohan were thrilled to visit the Foundation children in their homes, and the Y1 children thought about how to welcome them to class. On Thursday the new Foundation children joined the class and already they are starting to make new friends and explore the area.

Next week we will continue the Roald Dahl theme, linked to The Enormous Crocodile. We look forward to a fun week as we make crocodile puppets and compare them to find the biggest. We will also be making up stories about our crocodiles and exploring the colour green. *Mrs Burton*

### BADGER CLASS



Badger class have all come back to school eager and motivated to learn. They have been busy searching for "golden tickets" hidden inside our story books and sharing the stories with each other. We have spent the week finding out about the author Roald Dahl and writing facts about his work and his life. We looked at the illustrations from his books by Quentin Blake and had a go at following instructions to draw the BFG in his style. We

listened to how Roald Dahl brings this character to life and then wrote our own descriptions of the giant. In maths we have been measuring giant footprints with non-standard units and centimetres. Next week we are looking forward to our dress up day on Tuesday (as Roald Dahl characters). Could you please also send in a clear empty jar for next Tuesday so that we can recycle them into dream jars. Thank you. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



Owl Class have had a great first week back at school. A huge thank you to all the year 4 children who have been super at helping the year 3 children settle in to their new surroundings. All children have settled in well and came back to school eager to continue their leaning.

This week and next week our topic is Roald Dahl. Owl Class have been reading the Twits and using this popular Roald Dahl book as a foundation for our work. In English, the children have been using adjectives and similes to describe all the food types that may have gathered in his beard and how they may be looking. In Art we have been making beards with rotting food stuck in them. In Maths, the children have been looking at how numbers are made up including the place value of 2 and 3 digit numbers.

**Rushall Farm:** This term the Year 3 children will be going to Rushall Farm on a Monday afternoon to learn about life on a farm and the surrounding countryside. Whilst dates etc are not finalised in full we are hoping to start on Monday 19th September. Full details will follow in a separate letter. However, we do need some help with transportation of the children to the farm. For each session we will take the minibus plus we need a car to transport 4 children. We leave school at 12.30 and return at 3.00. If you would be willing to help with this transportation for your child and 3 of his/her friends, please could you let me know. You do not need to commit to every week, one or two weeks would be helpful. *Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



After glorious sunshine, all through the summer break, Monday morning

brought rain-showers and cloud. However, as soon as the children arrived in school, it seemed that the clouds parted and the sun was shining bright. Although, as a staff team, we were in school last week, it was like working in a ghost ship. A school with no children is an empty hollow place and it was wonderful to see everyone swarming in on Monday.

Roald Dahl's 100th anniversary celebrations have inspired the first two weeks of teaching and learning across the school. In Woodpecker Class, we have decided to take a closer look at the novel, 'BFG' to inspire our language and help our imaginations to fly.

We have been playing mathematical games using paper and pencil, and have been tasked with the challenge to teach our families too.

Roald Dahl's partnership with Quentin Blake has stimulated our art, and in computing, we are creating digital handshakes using avatars to help us get to know our American partners.

Charlie and the Great Chocolate Classification was the premise of our Scientific sorting, using venn diagrams, carroll diagrams and dichotomous keys.

All children have been issued with a reading book and have been encouraged to ensure they are reading at home on a daily basis.

Next week, we will be continuing with our Roald Dahl celebrations and the only homework over the weekend is for children who haven't finished their letters (saved in their Google Docs). *Mrs Archer*

## DIARY DATES

13/09/16	Roald Dahl Day
20/09/16	Greet the Teacher
29/09/16	FOPS AGM (incl Cheese & Wine)
14/10/16	Harvest Festival at St Mary's
03/11/16	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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