

# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

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It has been a short half term but everyone is ready for it! How much time will you be able to give to your children over half term? In today's busy world, it is very difficult to find time for everything. I recently read a letter that a man sent to his mother on her birthday - "When I think back to my childhood, you were always there, not spoiling us but always giving us your time. I remember the swimming, the walks, the games and not much of when you were exhausted." When my own children were little, I used to look forward to the holidays so that I could give them some time. It seemed as if everybody

else's child was more important in term time but the holidays were a time for my own children, when they came first.

Remember the saying, "A child wants your presence more than your presents".  
Enjoy you children over half term

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



#### *Everybody's Building?!*

Sometimes it is good to dive back into the annals of ancient history to get a fresh perspective on things. So this week, we began by sharing an old song from my youth about

Building Up The Temple which helped us focus on the story of Nehemiah. Nehemiah was called by God to oversee the rebuilding of Jerusalem when God's people lost focus. It was long, hard work but they restored the city to its former glory together. When we reflected on the story, we pondered on what we build in lives - relationships, skills, faith. And, we learned something special about God.

Maybe you would like to ask your child(ren) about what they build or what they thought when they heard that we are loved so much we are granted 'second chances', or follow along with the stories in *The Lion Storyteller Bible*. Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

### FOPS UPDATE

**SCHOOL UNIFORM** - Have you got unwanted school uniform that no longer fits? FOPS are setting up a second hand school uniform shop which will be open termly. The first shop will be open on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th April. All proceeds will go towards the school and donations should be bought to school on the 3rd and 4th April.

**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.

### HEALTHY EATING



When we return after half term, we will be launching our healthy eating campaign so look out for how your child can win prizes for making healthy choices.

There is healthy lunchbox guide provided by West Berkshire Council Public Health in your child's bookbag.

## WOODLAND SCHOOL



The Year 1 children will restart their woodland school sessions on 20<sup>th</sup> February. A letter has been sent in your child's bookbag.

## KS2 VISIT TO THE MOSQUE

Owl and Woodpecker class will visit the Mosque on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please check parentmail for further information.

## VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a temporary Breakfast Club Playworker. Please see school website for details.

<http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/current-job-vacancies.php>

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Darcy for trying hard with her independent writing

**Friendship Star:** Harry for great partner work with Henry

**Purley Paragon:** Frankie

**Superstar:** Jessica for amazing progress in reading

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Firhan for making such good progress with his maths

**Friendship Star:** Ben R for helping others to practise their maths targets

**Purley Paragon:** Ben R

**Superstar:** Chloe for consistently working hard in all areas. We wish her well in her new school.

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Evans for continually working hard in everything he does.

**Friendship Star:** Gracie for trying to involve everyone in games and activities both in class and at break times

**Purley Paragons:** James & Miss Yardley

**Superstar:** Oscar for outstanding work and contribution to our ancient Egyptian project.

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Erika for being such a wonderful presence in class, always giving of her best and for being a lovely friend to everyone.

**Friendship Star:** Josh for looking out for other children when they are lonely.

**Purley Paragon:** Erika

**Superstar:** Teyah for outstanding effort this term and wonderful progress as she prepares for her year 6 SATS tests.

**Delightful Diners:** Jasmine, Elliott, Lucas C, Jessica, Percy, Charlie, Isaak, Brayden

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



We have been learning about some of the strange remedies the Victorians used to cure their ailments, such as using a baked potato to cure earache.

We had great fun experimenting with natural ingredients like herbs and spices to make a potion for clearing a blocked nose – very useful at this time of year! We have been noticing how animals change as they mature, and how we ourselves have changed since we were born – we also thought about what we might be when we become adults. Purley looks set to have some amazing scientists, doctors, policemen and builders in the future! In maths we have been looking at what we do at different times of the school day, finding o'clock and half past on the clocks. We have also been thinking about the differences between rural and urban areas, so perhaps in the holidays you may like to consider this if you visit somewhere different?

*Mrs Burton*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class found out about Joseph Lister this week and the incredible contribution he made to medicine in the Victorian era. They were amazed to find out that he lived in Purley and

that Lister Close was actually named after him! We researched how medicine has changed over time and as an exciting end to our topic we had fun making up our own Victorian herbal remedies. In Maths, we have continued to explore shapes, namely the properties of 3D shapes.

The class have been helping to plan their next topic by sharing what they already know and what they would like to find out about dinosaurs. If they have any information, books, pictures and models at home that they would like to show to the class they are welcome to bring them in during our first week back.

*Mrs Lyn-Jones*

### OWL CLASS



It has been a very busy and exciting week in Owl Class. The children made some amazing Ancient Egyptian fact boxes in the shape of Pyramids consolidating all they have learnt this term. They worked hard turning our classroom into a museum and writing captions to support the 'artefacts' on display.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our showcase on Wednesday. I do hope you enjoyed the dancing. The children have worked hard putting it together in such a short space of time and using the limited space available.

In Maths, the Cubes are been solving word problems involving multiplication and in some cases addition as well. The Spheres continued their work on area and perimeter.

This week, we said goodbye to Miss Yardley who has been with us for the half term as part of her teacher training. The children gave all enjoyed having her in the classroom and I know she will be missed by us all. We wish her well as she continues her teacher training journey.

Wishing you a happy half term, please remember to encourage you children to read every day and practise their maths targets.

*Mrs Pickering*

### WOODPECKER CLASS



We have been creating wonderful zig-zag books this week. We used 'Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets' as our stimulus and have been creating similar guides for aliens, about human life.

We have also created a 'Rockin' Book Reviews' website where we have posted reviews about our favourite books. The site is shared with our partner school in Wisconsin and we are looking forward to them adding their favourite books too so that we can enjoy transatlantic reading based on each other's reviews. Please visit our website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/purleyschool.net/gr-eat-book-reviews/>

Year 6 children are continuing to consolidate KS2 learning in preparation for the May SATS, whilst Year 4 and Year 5 children have been continuing their study of Michael Morpurgo. In Maths, we have been consolidating our 'rounding,' understanding how to calculate mean, median and mode averages and ensuring everyone has learnt their KIRFs for the term (just a few outstanding - still time to practise at home). *Mrs Archer*

**Diary dates** 

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10/02/17	FOPS Cake Sale
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
22/02/17	KS1 Road Safety Show
22/02/17	KS2 Visit to the Mosque
24/02/17	FOPS Quiz, The Barn, 7.30pm
02/03/17	World Book Day
03/03/17	KS1 Drama Workshop
08/03/17	Choir performance rehearsal at Calcot Junior School
30/03/17	Choir singing at the Anvil
06/04/17 07/04/17	Second-hand uniform sale
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
03/05/17	Year 5 Denefield Roadshow @ Long Lane Primary School, 7-8pm
w/c 08.05.17	Year 2 SATS (for 3 weeks)
w/c 08.05.17	Year 6 SATS (for 1 week)
10/05/17	Year 5 Denefield Roadshow @ Denefield School, 7-8pm
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!

**Don't forget to check all the dates listed in the school calendar on the front page of the school website <http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/>**

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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