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# Friday Bulletin

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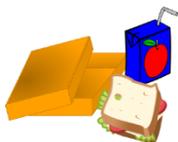
**Have a relaxing half term.  
See you all on Monday  
22<sup>nd</sup> February!**

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



This term we've been thinking about opposites in our collective worship themes. So it may come as a surprise to discover that this week, we explored prayer. We thought about prayer being a conversation and how we have conversations in different ways. We shared how sometimes the answer to your prayer is what you want when you want it and other times, it's what you need when you need it. There was a ripple of surprise when we discovered that different cultures pray differently and enjoyed an opportunity of praying together, shouting our thanks and sharing our concerns with God. It certainly made us think. The Bible reminds us to pray on every occasion and to never give it up. Let's not get hung up on the where, when or how, it's about sharing and listening...  
*Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor*

## HEALTHY FOOD



Half term is the ideal time to evaluate your child's packed lunch – why not look at the link below to get some ideas for healthy options.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Lighterlunchboxes.aspx>

As a 'Healthy School' we are keen to encourage the children to adopt a healthy lifestyle. To this end, we would like to remind you that the children should not have chocolate bars or sweets in their packed lunch. Chocolate biscuits (like Penguins) are acceptable. The children should bring in a named water bottle every day filled with **water** (not juice or squash) to use during the day in the classroom. Thank you for your support.

## PARENT EVENINGS

Thank you for filling in the parental survey. If you haven't done so yet, please return it by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. We appreciate your views to help us celebrate our successes and identify areas we need to develop. If there are specific areas that concern you or if you would like to discuss anything further please get in touch with Mrs Fakes.

## SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS



Don't forget to bring in your vouchers to school and pop them in our collecting box which is located by the glass door in the back playground.

## IS AFTERSCHOOL CHILD CARE A PROBLEM?

Why not use our afterschool school care club? It has been running since last September and the children are really enjoying attending the sessions. Activities on offer range from arts and craft, building, outdoor play, films etc. The children also have a snack at 4.30. You can either book regular sessions or ad-hoc sessions as and when you need them (with at least 24 hours' notice). The club is open until 6.00 pm every weekday. Cost is £4.50 per hour. Billing is done half hourly (min 1 hour). We currently have spaces every day in particular on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.



### PURLEY PRIMARY BAKE OFF Monday 22 February 2016



Anya, Evelyn, Elyssa, Evie, Elisabeth and Jasmine are organising a 'Bake Off' competition to raise money for a new school cooker.

£1 to enter. There will be 3 categories: Parents/Carers, Children and Teachers. A medal and prize will be awarded to the winner. Cakes and cupcakes welcome. Cakes will be sold off after school.

Please bring your cakes and entry fee in to school on the morning of 22nd February (the first day back after half term). Judging will take place at lunchtime. Happy baking!

### TALENT SHOW AND PURLEY AT THE PALLADIUM

All the children will have the opportunity of showcasing their many talents in our own

school talent show on 24<sup>th</sup> February. We will then select some of the acts to take part in our 'Purley at the Palladium' alongside the school choir on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30 pm at the Barn. Tickets will be on sale after February half term. Proceeds will be used to fund the evening as well as funding other music opportunities.

### WORLD BOOK DAY



World book day is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. It is an independent, registered charity with the simple goal of turning millions of children into millions of readers.

At Purley we have planned some fun activities on that day to further ignite our pupils' imaginations and help them to develop a life-long passion for reading. They will be taking part in a competition to design a Book Token, listening to a guest story teller, taking part in book quizzes and making their own books in class.

Everyone will go home with their £1 book token that can be swapped for one of 10 exclusive World Book Day books (see full list at [WORLDBOOKDAY.COM/BOOKS](http://WORLDBOOKDAY.COM/BOOKS)) or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. Participating bookstores include Waterstones, WHSmith, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco stores. Please see additional information in your child's bookbag.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME OUR SCOOTER TRAINER?



The Public Health and Well Being Team at West Berkshire Council in conjunction with Sustrans are funding some FREE scooter training days in March 2016. They are looking for a parent/carer /governor or grandparent from our school to become a Scooter Trainer for our school. Once trained, the champion will then be able to train children how to scoot to and from school safely and effectively as well as how to stay safe when they are scooting recreationally.

The training is FREE of charge and will be half a day held in Newbury on either of the following dates:

- Thursday 17th March
- Friday 18th March
- Tuesday 22nd March

Individuals interested in becoming an Active Travel Scooter Champion Trainer should contact Charlotte Thacker, Children's Active

Travel Coordinator at West Berkshire Council, by email charlotte.thacker@westberks.gov.uk with their contact details to confirm their place on the training and provide further details of the training day/programme.

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Jaiden for extending his learning by bringing in extra work from home.  
**Friendship Star:** Elsie for encouraging her friends to join in with outdoor games.  
**Purley Paragon:** Sergio  
**Superstar:** Harry for trying his best at everything and always wanting to do more!

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Alice for being a maths champ and showing clear working out  
**Friendship Star:** Oscar for being a supportive learning partner when putting words into alphabetical order  
**Purley Paragon:** Olly  
**Superstar:** Olly for working consistently hard with his maths over the term

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Natalya for persevering with her writing  
**Friendship Star:** Grace for looking for showing concern when friends are unhappy.  
**Purley Paragon:** Mrs Pickering  
**Superstar:** Niamh for always persevering and being a super learning partner

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Isabella for always trying her best and making excellent progress in her work.  
**Friendship Star:** Tanisha for being inclusive and good team-work.  
**Purley Paragon:** Ella  
**Superstar:** Nacho for staying Green all term, for being courteous and always giving of his best in lesson time.

**Delightful dinners:** Gracie, Alice Barber, Jamie B, Ryan, Kira, Maegan

### Handwriting Competition Winners:

Reception: Frankie  
Reception most improved: Toby  
Year 1: Jessica  
Year 1 most improved: Amy  
Year 2: Maegan  
Year 2 most improved: Louis  
Year 3: Elyssa  
Year 3 most improved: Corey  
Woodpecker: Rosemary

Woodpecker most improved: Tyreese

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Science, the Hedgehog class children have been learning about hibernation and have been identifying different animals and the reasons why they hibernate. This linked to our work on seasons and weather which we have been studying this term. In Geography, we looked at aerial photographs of different landforms and of the earth from space. Using Google Earth we explored different continents and countries. The Foundation children have been estimating and finding numbers one more than and one less than in Maths. The Y1s have been grouping as an introduction to division. In English, the children have been writing speech bubbles for their astronaut pictures and have been thinking of questions for our new topic 'What's in the Box?'. As an opening to our topic next term, please could each child prepare a 'memory' box filled with items that are important to them (photographs, diaries, special objects, school items etc). Please help them to decorate the box and bring in to school on the first day back, ready to share with the class. A shoe box is an ideal size. All the children tried hard with their phonics and maths assessments - well done to all! Have a happy and restful half term.  
*Mrs Carr*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been looking at aerial photographs this week to see what the world looks like from space. They used Google Earth to zoom in to see the United Kingdom and then locate Berkshire and Purley on Thames. We then had a go at drawing the UK, looking carefully at its shape.

Over the course of the term Badger class have learnt a Rocket poem and we performed it to the school with confidence and rhythm. The children also had the opportunity to enjoy listening to other classes perform their poems.

Next term our topic is called "What is in the box?" The class have started to discuss what they would like to learn about and wrote questions to help me plan their learning.

Memories' Box – Holiday homework to share with others on the 1st day back: decorate a box and fill it with their favourite memories. This could include photographs, diaries, special

objects, school items etc. Please encourage your child to be prepared to talk and answer questions about their memory box to others.  
Mrs Lyn-Jones

## OWL CLASS



This week has brought us to the end of 'The World From Above.' The children have written an adventure story of Tiger's encounter with the aliens in English for our half termly assessment. Shape has been the focus in Maths, we have been revising 2D shapes and we will start next half term looking at 3D shapes. We have continued our timeline of space travel and researched Neil Armstrong walking on the moon in 1969. In RE, the children have thought about pilgrimages and what they mean to people. We closed this terms topic with a space day on Thursday. The children worked in mixed groups from both KS2 classes and engaged in a variety of activities about space, including rocket launching, our solar system, space food sampling and badge designing.

Next term the topic will be based around music. If any of you can play an instrument, you don't have to be top notch, the children would love you to come in and play a few tunes for us.

Have a restful half term, but don't forget to practise your spelling and timetables and read a good book! Mrs Pickering

## WOODPECKER CLASS



A magnificent Science day was enjoyed by everybody in Woodpecker Class as we joined with Owl Class for our topic exit activities. A huge thank you to Mrs Jones for organising everything and to Mrs Leece and Mrs Fisher for offering their time and support on the day. We launched rockets, built mini projectors with star constellations, ate real space food, drove solar buggies and created the solar system!!!

In Literacy, our focus this week has been on punctuating speech.

Maths has involved using a bus stop method to solve division problems, and for some

mathematicians, calculating and measuring angles in 2D shapes.

Keep reading over half-term and don't forget to log in to MyMaths to check for homework. Most important of all though, have a great week and enjoy nice long lie-ins and time with family. Mrs Archer



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15/02/16-19/02/16	Half Term
22/02/16	Start of Spring Term 2
24/02/16	Talent Show
03/03/16	World Book Day
23/03/16	Purley at the Palladium, 6.30 pm (the Barn, Purley)
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)

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