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Friday Bulletin

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A close friend of mine suffered a house fire this week. If it hadn't been for the quick thinking of her children, things would have been a lot worse! Do you close your downstairs internal doors when you go to bed? Do you have an escape plan? What if the fire starts at 3 a.m.? Do you have any locked doors and windows, if so, where are the keys kept? Have you checked your smoke alarms recently? Do your children know how to contact the emergency services? Do they know their own address? Be sure be safe; their lives are in your hands. My friend's family have now had to move to temporary accommodation for six months. Thankfully, apart from the shock they are all safe and well.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

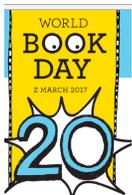
Presents or Promise?

Christmas seems a long time ago and Easter feels like a way ahead, so it seemed a bit odd to be thinking about the visit of the three wise men as we started our week together. This is the first New Testament story we've unpicked on our year long journey through the Bible. It was a very familiar story - the children delighted in recounting it. And yet, it took us all a while to realise the key to this story wasn't the presents but God's promise. The promise of a Messiah, a Saviour foretold was finally fulfilled. Or was it?

Maybe you would like to ask your child(ren) about the promises they make and how good they are at keeping them, or follow along with the stories in The Lion Storyteller Bible.

Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

WORLD BOOK DAY



World book day is on Thursday March 2nd this year. 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 again in a competition to design a Book Token, having fun in class answering some book quizzes and listening to stories read by different teachers across the school during our Reading Safari.

This year we would also like to launch our own Wild Reading Competition. Parents are invited to take photos of their children reading in extreme (or at least VERY unusual) places and email them to the school office to display on world book day. The most obscure and entertaining entry will win a book as a prize. All entries will be displayed around the school – Good luck!

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) or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. Participating bookstores include Waterstones. WH Smith, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco stores.

KS2 MOSQUE VISIT

KS2 children boarded the number 16 bus and chugged along the Oxford Road to the Abu Bakr Islamic Centre (the large Mosque before Tescos). The Imaam greeted us very warmly and explained many of the customs and beliefs held by Muslims. We were also invited to the prayer hall where we quietly watched as

Muslims from the locality gathered in response to the call to prayer. We felt very privileged to be allowed to sit at the back of the hall as prayers were said. After a guided tour of the Mosque, the children were all given a snack. We were very touched by the open-hearted welcome offered to us during our visit and the Imaam told us that the Mosque welcomes visitors. So, if you are curious about the Mosque, you would be welcome to visit too.



FOPS UPDATE

QUIZ (tonight) Please note, the quiz is due to start at 7.30pm. Arrival from 7pm to get tables and drinks.

CAKE SALE: The cake sale at the end of last term raised £125.82. Thank you for your kind donations.

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 brought 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are very pleased to confirm that Josh has won a sports scholarship to Pangbourne College. We are very proud of his

achievements and wish him all the best when he goes there in September.

BOWS

Whilst it seems that oversized hair bows are in fashion right now, we would ask you to keep these bows for home time and weekends please. Hair ornament should be kept to a minimum and be in school colours.

WOODLAND SCHOOL



It was great to be back in the woods on a beautiful spring-like Monday morning. Oak Group made the most of the mild weather by challenging themselves to climb the trees safely and with growing confidence. They used their geographical knowledge to help search out human features in the woodland – they found concrete bases from long ago buildings, and noticed the wooden picnic bench and table had been shaped by man too. They then used a variety of natural resources to create a map of the area. *Mrs Burton*



STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Frankie for concentrating well in her work

Friendship Star: Belle for always playing nicely in the small world area

Purley Paragon: Sienna F

Badger Class

Star of the week: Ben R for being a star writer

Friendship Star: Samuel for being so caring towards others and always saying kind words

Purley Paragon: Milo

Woodland Star: Elsie for demonstrating and supporting others to use safe climbing practise

Owl Class

Star of the week: Niamh for her persevering and practising her number bonds to 100, it really helped her with her mental maths this week.

Friendship Star: Emily for supporting a friend in need.

Purley Paragon: Somaya

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Freddie, for self-motivated learning, improved concentration and great progress.

Friendship Star: Teagan, for being a kind friend

Purley Paragons: Nathan and Sara

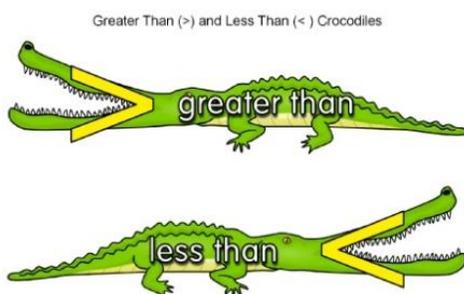
Delightful Diners: Niamh, Grace, Toby, Anya, Nathan, Oscar, Olly C, Ben S

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children took part in an exciting morning as we launched our new topic – Can we keep a dinosaur? They worked in groups across KS1 measuring dinosaur footprints, learning dinosaur songs and dances, completing dinosaur puzzles and games, and making/painting/collaging dinosaurs of every description!

They even used crocodiles to help record whether numbers were greater than or less than.



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They also enjoyed a Road Safety Roadshow, learning about the importance of the magic words STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK as the magician performed amazing tricks to help everyone remember how to use the Green Cross Code. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been buzzing with excitement for their new topic about dinosaurs. They have started researching on the internet and there are loads of fantastic resources and games on Espresso and Purple mash. These can be accessed at home so please help them to continue their learning as homework. In English we have been using adjectives and conjunctions to join our sentences when describing a setting for a dinosaur adventure. We have looked at the shapes of different dinosaurs and designed our own to be made with clay. In Maths, we have been revising addition by counting on and partitioning to add the tens and then the units. Next week we will be learning a dinosaur dance. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

Reminder – Library is every Wednesday. Could you ensure that your child's book is returned on that day so s/he can select another one. There are quite a few books that haven't been returned for a few weeks. Thank you.

OWL CLASS



This week we have started with our new topic 'Our Faithful World'. We were very fortunate to start our project with a visit to The Mosque - a very interesting and inspirational visit for everyone. In English, we have been exploring aboriginal stories and how they have been passed down through generation through oral story telling. The children have been listening to a selection of stories and preparing to orally tell them to the rest of the class. The Cubes maths groups have started investigating division in preparation to using the formal written method next week. The Spheres have been using a range of strategies to support their mental maths.

If anyone has any oddments of wool that they no longer need we would be very grateful for them for our DT project.

Finally, please could I have all homework books in for Monday so I can issue this term's projects. *Mrs Pickering*

Reminder: On Monday the children will be linking up with their partner school in America from 2.30pm. They should be finished by 3.15pm (see Parentmail for details)

WOODPECKER CLASS



The topic for the term in Woodpecker Class is Dambuster: WWII. It is a very exciting topic as for some children; elderly relatives and neighbours have memories of the war and are still able to share these. This week, we have begun to think about the backdrop of the war, the state of unease across Europe and the rise of the Nazi party.

In Maths, children are learning about fractions: comparing equivalent fractions, improper fractions and adding/subtracting fractions. In English, we have begun to engage with a new mission from the Big Writing Agency about mysterious happenings at the Red Cafe.

Mrs Archer

Reminder: Woodpecker Class are going to see Fame at Denefield on Tuesday 28th February. Please check Parentmail for details.

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.wberks.sch.uk

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24/02/17	FOPS Quiz, The Barn, 7.30pm
28/02/17	Woodpecker Class visiting Denefield (pm)
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
05/04/17	Second-hand uniform sale
06/04/17	
07/04/17	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm
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, 3.00pm
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, 1.15pm
05/11/17	Fireworks Fiesta!

SEPSIS

NHS

IS A RARE BUT SERIOUS COMPLICATION
OF AN INFECTION

If your child has any of these symptoms you should take immediate action:

- Looks mottled, bluish or pale
- Is breathing very fast
- Is very lethargic or difficult to wake
- Has a rash that does not fade when you press it
- Feels abnormally cold to touch
- Has a fit or convulsion

Acting quickly could save your child's life. If your child has any of these symptoms, don't be afraid to go to **A&E** immediately or call **999**.

For more information visit nhs.uk/sepsis or sepsistrust.org

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