

# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

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I am sticking with food this week. Thankfully, gone are the days when a man only discovered that you boil water to make tea after his wife is no longer there! Make sure your child knows the basics of food shopping, preparation and cooking. Start early, overlook the mess and eat their failures.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

#### *Someone Special*

One of the best things about being human is that you are always special to someone, even when you don't think so. Sometimes it is really obvious because you are showered with love and affection. Other times, it is much less obvious or we simply cannot comprehend that we might be.

As we opened the Bible at the beginning of this week, we explored John the Baptist and how the people who came to him thought he was special. Moreover, we shared how John thought Jesus was someone special and He was going to change things for everyone. After John baptised Jesus, God showed that He believed Jesus was special when He sent the dove.

But we didn't stop there! God sent Jesus because He believes we are all special and worthy of His love. Maybe you would like to ask your child(ren) who their someone special is, or follow along with the stories in The Lion Storyteller Bible.

*Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor*

### LET'S GET HEALTHY!

It was fantastic seeing so many children earning their stickers this week for having fruits and vegetables as part of their lunch/school dinner.

The focus next week will be **dairy**. We've listed some great ideas to help you.

The checks will be done on a random day next week. This is totally voluntary. After the 4 weeks, the children who have managed to collect all 4 stickers will receive a special prize.

#### Here are some ideas for how to include milk and dairy foods.

Sandwiches are an easy way of getting dairy foods into your lunch box. Try cheese fillings, and also try spreading the bread with natural yoghurt instead of butter (a much healthier option).	Why not try a pot of cottage cheese with pineapple or diced celery?
	You could sign up to have milk at break time in school. <a href="http://www.coolmilk.com">www.coolmilk.com</a>
How about putting some cubes of your child's favourite cheese into their lunchbox.	A whole-milk yoghurt or a fromage frais can be a popular choice with many children. Just don't forget the spoon!
Plain cheese strings are a healthy choice, especially if your child likes mild cheese.	It is very important to keep dairy foods cool so please try to put an ice pack or bottle of frozen water in with your child's lunchbox.

## THANK YOU

We are very grateful to the Purley Parish Council for their grant of £350. This has been used to purchase a new fridge for Breakfast Club and the building of an outdoor cupboard to house the fridge.

## FOPS UPDATE

**DATE FOR THE DIARY** - Remember the TV game show 'Call my Bluff'? Well, FOPS are arranging a Wine Tasting Evening from 7.30pm-10.30pm on **Friday 12th May** at The Barn, Goosecroft Lane in the style of 'Call my Bluff'. Three 'experts' will describe each of the wines. Teams will then pick the definition which best describes the wine being tasted. The winning team will take home 6 bottles of wine.

Come along and enjoy a fun evening, tasting a selection of wines from around the world! No prior knowledge is required, just a liking of wine! Tickets go on sale next week and will include a Cheese & Biscuit Supper.

**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.

## HEADLICE

Checking your child's hair regularly is the best way to prevent the spread of headlice. We would be grateful if you could check your child's hair regularly and in particular this weekend and take appropriate action. Head lice are not selective – they like long and short hair, so please check whatever the length of your son/daughter's hair. The link below has further information on how to find and treat headlice.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Headlice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

## CHOIR

There will be some additional Wednesday rehearsals leading up to the performance on 30<sup>th</sup> March. These rehearsals are for the movement/dance item.

**15<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 29<sup>th</sup> March (3.00-3.45)**

## CLUBS

The following clubs finished this week: Cooking (Mondays), and Pokemon (Fridays).

Mindfulness (Tuesdays 3.00-3.30) and Chess (Tuesdays 12.00-12.30) have been extended until Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Fridayz – the next one is on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately we are cancelling the one on 31<sup>st</sup> March as it clashes with staff training.

Choir is ongoing.

## WOODLAND SCHOOL



Our challenge this week was to look for signs of spring, and the children found dainty snowdrops growing alongside the springy new moss, tight buds on branches and tiny seedlings curling their way up from the squidgy mud. Molly noticed the crows building nests in the tallest trees – they were making such a racket! Toby and Davontay challenged themselves to balance along and jump between the damp logs, Elsie used a pronged stick as a carrying tool, and Harry used a twig to write 'We love woodland' in the earth. The children also decided on a new location for our sticky toes meeting point, finding an area with better shelter and more access points.

Please can you ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and brings a water bottle. Time spent tracking down spare waterproofs, jumpers and water bottles means less time in the woods! *Mrs Burton*

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Home-Start West Berkshire, a local family support charity is currently recruiting in this area. They need Volunteers who can encourage, listen and offer practical support to parents with young children. Volunteers become a trusted friend and mentor to the family, to help them move forward. Their next training course will start on the 28th April 2017. It will run for 5 consecutive Fridays from 9.30-14.30pm, breaking for Easter. If you are interested or would like to discuss this further please contact them now on 01635 760310 or email office@home-startwb.org.uk.

More information can be found on their website [www.home-startwestberks.org.uk](http://www.home-startwestberks.org.uk).

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Ciara for using her phonics when writing weekend news

**Friendship Star:** Mason for always working as part of a team when tidying up

**Purley Paragon:** Zayneb

**Woodland Star:** Molly for her careful observations of the woodland plants and creatures

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Harry for working so hard with his English and Maths

**Friendship Star:** Bailey for supporting a friend with their dinosaur time line and really encouraging him

**Purley Paragon:** Ben R

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Tiana for persevering with her division to secure her understanding.

**Friendship Star:** Gracie for considering others when making choices about what she wanted to do.

**Purley Paragon:** Caitlin

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Nacho for outstanding work all week and particularly brilliant engineering skills in his spitfire construction.

**Friendship Star:** Shannon for being very helpful in the classroom and for her sunny and happy attitude.

**Purley Paragon:** Sam

**Delightful Diners:** Evelyn, Emily, Rosemary, Ella, Ruby, Samuel M, Firhan, Lola G

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week we have been learning some amazing facts about dinosaurs. We found out that the Apatosaurus was 21m long, which we realised, was about the same as 21 of our tables laid end to end! We have also been finding out about fossils and how they give us clues about the past, and we made our own by pushing dinosaurs into soft clay to leave an impression. Year 1s have continued their work on multiplication by repeated addition, and Foundation children have had great fun using the number machine to support them with addition, although they found the ping-pong balls were hard to control in the wind!

Well done to Molly (Y1) and Julia (Foundation) for winning our handwriting competition, demonstrating their superb letter formation. It was great to see that all the children have been practising their writing and mark-making.  
*Mrs Burton*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been practising using adjectives in their writing this week to describe dinosaurs. They have been researching facts about the prehistoric animals and clearly labelling the different parts of their bodies. They revised how to write riddles and then thought up some exciting clues to write one about a chosen dinosaur. In Science, they have been explaining how animals' teeth match the foods they eat and sorting dinosaurs into herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. In Math, we have been using coins to pay for items of shopping and working out our change by finding the difference between 2 numbers. Next week we will be finding out about Mary Anning and her fossil discoveries.  
*Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



This week in Owl Class we have been retelling aboriginal tales in written form, focusing on the use of

inverted commas for dialogue and how to correctly punctuate them. In maths the sphere group have been investigating measures and the conversion of units, the cubes have been consolidating division and starting to explore money. These topics will continue into next week. In science, the children made sandwiches, considering what would make a healthy option and give them a balanced diet. As part of our topic we will also be exploring similar quotes from The Bible and The Quran and thinking about what they may mean to us and others. Next week we hope to start weaving our prayer mats, so if you have any unwanted wool at home please send it in.

*Mrs Pickering*

### WOODPECKER CLASS



World War II is well under way in Woodpecker Class – educationally speaking!

Children have listened to the air-raid siren and written accounts of a night raid during the blitz; they have learned all about the German Messerschmitts and the British spitfires; they have turned the classroom into a scene from history with a fleet of Spitfires dive-bombing from the ceiling and they have welcomed Mrs Pickering (senior) in, to share some of her memories of war-time Britain.

Punctuation work in English, as you may have deduced, has involved learning about the semi-colon and the colon. Children have learned that the semi-colon can be used to separate items in a complex list where commas would only add confusion (as above). They have also learned to use semi-colons to replace the occasional conjunction in a sentence to separate two independent clauses. Children have also been learning to use colons in their writing: to add extra information or to introduce a list. Next week, we will consolidate the use of apostrophes for possession or contraction as this seems to be an area of confusion in the children's writing.

New KIRFS have been given out and some of these are tricky so any support from home would be very helpful. The mathematical focus at present is reasoning: applying skills already learnt to solve problems.

I am very impressed with the level of engagement in Woodpecker Class at present.

The children are working incredibly hard and we are seeing great progress from all. Proud times for parents, children and teacher!

*Mrs Archer*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24/03/17	Red Nose Day
28/03/17	Class Photos
30/03/17	Choir singing at the Anvil
05/04/17	Second-hand uniform sale
06/04/17	
07/04/17	Easter Production (Owl Class) at St Mary's Church (parents invited)
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	Whole School Photo
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
12/05/17	FOPS Wine Tasting, 7.30pm @ The Barn
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)
16/06/17	Sports Day (KS1 am, KS2 pm)
19/06/17	Year 2 interschool swimming gala
23/06/17	Sports Day Reserve Day
26/06/17	Year 2 final swimming lesson (parents invited to watch) 9.30-10.30
03/07/17 & 04/07/17	Year 4/5 Camping Trip to Rushall Farm (TBC)
13/07/17	Year 3/4 Legoland Trip (TBC)
21/07/17	Leavers' Assembly, <b>9.15am</b>
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)

**Karen Fakes (Headteacher)**

**Learn to Love, Love to Learn**