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We held our comprehension information evening for parents last week. Teachers give up their time to plan and deliver these evening. Teachers don't get paid overtime! It was a pleasure to see some new faces but it was disappointing that only six parents attended each session. There was some very positive feedback with parents gaining an understanding of how important it is to discuss books with children not just hear them read.

Whenever parents are surveyed, there is always a significant percentage that respond, that they don't know how to support their children. We would like to be able to provide the support that is useful. It would help us cater for these needs, if we knew what was needed e.g. not just maths but which area of maths? When is best to deliver the information? Is a crèche needed? Would you pay for childcare during an information session?

The information is for **all** parents. Don't think that you need a special invitation. Watch out for staff/pupils approaching you on the playground to gather your thoughts. We would also welcome any suggestions directly to the school; by e mail, chatting to staff or a meeting with myself.

WORSHIP TREASURE TROVE

Last Friday, a small group of our children travelled to Thatcham to attend a creative training day called 'Worship Treasure Trove'. The day, run by the Oxford Diocesan board of education, focused on ways the children could use creativity as part of the school's daily collective worship.

Four different sessions were offered during the day and our children enjoyed taking part in each. The day began with creating a tri fold artwork to represent the trinity, and then moved on to a music session where a group of our pupils excelled in turning a psalm into a song with a background harmony. After lunch the children used bible stories to lay out an altar to be used as part of collective worship. Again our children's creative skills shone as they used candles, seeds and other items to represent two bible stories. The last session involved turning a bible story into a Collect or Prayer of request. Two of our children wrote and read a lovely prayer during the closing gathering of the day. As a result of the day our children have many new ideas they are longing to try in future collective worship sessions, so watch this space and well done

children, your talent and ideas for worship are amazing.

Mrs Anna Henson Foundation Governor



OCEAN COMMOTION

Children from the school choir sang at the Berkshire Maestros Festival on Tuesday evening to the delight of many proud parents. They had worked very hard over the last few months, both at school and at home, to learn the words to the songs that were about the sea. Altogether there were around 450 children singing, often in two part harmony accompanied by an orchestra. What a wonderful experience!



CLASS PHOTO

The school photographer is coming in next Wednesday morning to take class photos.

He will return in the Summer Term to take the whole school photo.

BOOK FAIR ORDERS



The books will be delivered to school next Wednesday.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING

The children are making steady progress with their swimming getting more confident. Next week is the last session for this term. Swimming will restart on Monday 23rd April.

CLUBS

The following clubs have finished for this term: Cooking, Coding, Printing, Mindfulness, Running and Recorders.

On-going clubs:

Choir (Mondays)

Netball (Mondays until 26/03)

Gymnastics (Tuesdays until 27/03)

Chess (Tuesdays until 27/03)

A list of clubs for next term will be circulated when we return after Easter. We are hoping to offer Football Club again but we are waiting to hear from Reading Football Club.

FOPS



Would you like to test your general knowledge and have some fun?

Fancy a night out with friends and family? FOPS are holding a quiz night starting at 7.30pm on **Friday 11th May** at The Barn, Goosecroft Lane. Tickets are £10 per person and include a fish and chip supper, supplied by The Lemon Plaice. Maximum team size is six. There will be a licensed bar, raffle and quiz prizes. Please return the booking form as soon as possible. Spare forms available from the office.

PURLEY AT THE PALLADIUM

Following on from the Talent Show, some of the acts have been selected to perform in our Purley at the Palladium evening on Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 6.30pm. Tickets went on sale on Wednesday via Parentmail. All welcome!

SPORTS RELIEF, 23/03/18



It's that time of year again. To support this charity and to promote fitness at the school, we will take part by allowing the children to wear either their PE kits or any sports clothes for the day in exchange for a donation. During the day, there will be a sporting competition in every class.

WOODLAND SCHOOL



The wet weather meant a very muddy woodland, which the children enjoyed a lot! We were surprised to hear so many birds singing in the woodland and thought about why. Belle told us it was because they were looking for worms and we agreed because we spotted many in the ground. Most of us knew that at this time of year birds are making nests. We looked at a previously found nest which had been made using twigs, mud, hair and fluffy seeds. After looking carefully at the nest, the

children worked in partners to find the objects to make a nest suitable for one of the woodland birds. Henry, Harry, Ollie and Lukas found a suitable dry place under a tree. They placed twigs and branches to make the nest and added leaves to make it comfortable. They thought about birds that make nests on the ground like ducks and swans.

Sienna and Zayneb found a hollow in a tree which they filled with moss, then were very creative using mud to shape the nest. All of our nests looked fabulous and we are hopeful that some birds may choose to use them!

A reminder that next week is our last Woodland Adventure as it will then be the turn of Hedgehog Class in the Summer Term. Mrs Hodsdon



HEDGEHOG CLASS



It has been rather noisy in the Foundation area this week as the children were busy creating leaf and petal prints with hammers and fabric, in the style of the Japanese art form Happa Zome. Over the last few weeks, the children have been watching how some spring bulbs have been growing, and this week they recorded the changes they had noticed. They have been learning how to get the PE equipment out safely, and this week they enjoyed demonstrating how they can move along, over and through the benches and mats.

Many thanks to the parents who have already sent in photos for their child's focus week – they have been great! Next week, our focus children will be Sydney and Arthur. Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been working more with poetry this week. They investigated the rhythm and steady beat in a rap and had a go at constructing their own sentences to fit a beat. With their learning partner they produced a Badger Class Rap and tried hard to include adjectives, adverbs and repetition. The children enjoyed sharing their poetry with each other. In DT, after having explored making different types of springs, we have made some fun Jack in the boxes. Our science this week has been to investigate which material would be best to keep the 3 little pigs safe. In maths the Y1 children have looked at using bead strings to 100 to make different 2 digit numbers. They thought carefully about place value and how this helps them when ordering a set of numbers. Y2 have looked at using money and working out the change we have left after paying for items. They have also investigated partitioning 2 digit numbers in lots of different ways.

Next week we will be making some Easter gardens. Please could you send in a container for your child to create their garden in.
Mrs Lyn-Jones



OWL CLASS



Another very exciting week in Owl class. Unfortunately due to the heavy rain on Monday morning our mini mile was postponed, but we managed to complete our "Wednesday Waddle" which is just as exhilarating and gives the owls a chance to catch up and share their experiences of the weekend and the last couple of days.

In English, the owls have been learning more and more about William Shakespeare and we have been delving more deeply into his plays, Macbeth and The Tempest. Their comprehension and understanding of Shakespeare's tricky story lines and language is really excellent and this is shown by their enthusiasm and the brilliance of their work.

In Maths, the Cubes are now working on written word problems in which they need to decipher which mathematical method is most suited to the problem. They have been using RUCSAC to help self-assess their work. If you ask them I'm sure they'd love to explain how it works! The Spheres have been working with money. Adding different amounts together and working out what change they will receive.

Next week, we will commence rehearsals for our end of term parental showcase. The owls will be performing 3 short versions of Macbeth, The Tempest and A Midsummer Night's Dream. It promises to be a very enjoyable event. The Shakespeare Showcase will be on Wednesday 28th March at 2.00 pm, we do hope you can join us. *Mr House*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Victorian crime and punishment has been at the heart of our topic work. We have learned about Robert Peel who introduced the first police force and about different forms of Victorian punishment: fines, prison, reformatory school, deportation and the death sentence. We have studied the files of two 11-year old boys who were caught stealing and considered how they would have felt about their respective punishments.

In Maths, we are working with coordinates in four quadrants and translating, rotating and enlarging shapes before working out the new coordinates. Next week, we will complete our PUMA maths assessments.

We have been finishing our 'big write' short stories in English this week as part of our end-of-term assessments.

In science, over the next couple of weeks we will be building on last week's identification and investigation of the properties materials by looking at certain properties in greater detail. This week we are studying thermal conductivity, thinking about why it is better to stir hot substances with a wooden spoon rather than a metal one and investigating which material will help keep a cup of tea hot for longest.

Mrs Archer

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Ayman for being sensible with his inhaler

Friendship Star: Arthur for negotiating with his friends to solve problems

Paragon: Lewis

Badger Class

Star of the week: Frankie for challenging herself with her work

Friendship Star: Samuel for supporting his friends when learning their maths targets

Paragon: Samuel

Woodland Star: Lukas for amazing nest building

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Bailey for creating an exceptional method for using RUCSAC.

Friendship Star: Louie for engaging well with peers at break time.

Paragon: Mia

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Jack for consistent hard work and for showing great initiative with technology

Friendship Star: Callum for excellent teamwork

Paragon: Sienna

Delightful diners: Niamh, Jasmine, Bailey, Abraham, Layla, Jessica B, Jax, Ayman

DIARY DATES

18/03/18	Green Park Challenge
21/03/18	Class Photo
23/03/18	Sports Relief

27/03/18	Year 4 – Easter Egg Challenge at Denefield
28/03/18	Owl Class Showcase, 2.00 pm
29/03/18	Owl Class parents invited to Easter service at St Mary's Church, 9.30 am
29/03/18	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm
30/03/18 - 16/04/18	Easter Break
17/04/18	Start of Summer Term 1
25/04/18	Purley at the Palladium (Denefield)
08/05/18	Year 5 Denefield Road Show (7.15pm to 8.15pm) at Long Lane School
11/05/18	FOPS Quiz night, The Barn, 7.30pm
14/05/18-17/05/18	KS2 SATS
w/c 14/05/18	KS1 SATS (over 2 weeks)
25/05/18	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00pm
28/05/18 - 01/06/18	Half Term
04/06/18	Start of Summer Term 2
04/06/18 – 08/06/18	Year 6 Residential Trip to Swanage
07/06/18 & 08/06/18	Year 4/5 Camping Trip to Rushall Farm
w/c 11/06/18	Year 1 Phonics
15/06/18	Sports Day (KS1 am/KS2 pm)
20/06/18	Whole School Photo
22/06/18	Sports Day (Reserve)
27/06/18	New Foundation Welcome Evening
11/07/18	Hedgehog/Badger School Trip to Woolley Firs
11/07/18 12/07/18	Year 6 Production, 6.30pm
13/07/18	FOPS Summer Party
18/07/18	Open Afternoon, 1.30 pm
19/07/18	Year 6 Leavers Party, 9.15
20/07/18	End of Academic Year, 1.15pm
04/11/18	Thameside 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
Karen Fakes (Headteacher),
Learn to Love, Love to Learn

Reminders

- **All - Parentmail:** please check Parentmail as emails and forms are sent out **regularly**. If you have any problems accessing Parentmail, please speak to the office.
- **All - Class Photo:** Wednesday (am)
- **All - Sports Relief:** Friday - PE kits or sports kits in exchange for a donation
- **Badger Class:** bring container for Easter Gardens