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Friday Bulletin

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Do you sing? It could be in the shower or just burst into song at any time (I'm prone to this).

Do you expose your children to different styles of music?

There are so many benefits to music

"I don't sing because I'm happy; I'm happy because I sing." – William James

- Music Makes You Happier. ...
- Music Enhances Performance. ...
- Music Lowers Stress and Improves Health. ...
- Music Helps You Sleep Better. ...
- Music Strengthens Learning and Memory
- Music Increases Verbal Intelligence

Taken from article <https://www.lifehack.org/317747/scientists-find-15-amazing-benefits-listening-music>



"If people take anything from my music, it should be motivation to know that anything is possible as long as you keep working at it and don't back down." – Eminem

END OF TERM

The children will finish school at **1.15pm** on Thursday 29th March and return on Tuesday 17th April. Afterschool Club will be available until 4.15pm that day. If you would like to book a place, please contact the office.

CLUBS

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 Plaiçe. 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 alongside the choir in our Purley at the Palladium evening on Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 6.30pm. Tickets went on sale last week via Parentmail. All welcome!

WOODLAND SCHOOL



Sadly this week's session (our last one) had to be cancelled due to the weather conditions. Our Year 1 children have had a great time for the last two terms exploring the woods at Basildon Park.

The foundation children (FS2) will start their woodland sessions after Easter. Look out for a parentmail form next week. *Mrs Hodsdon*

COLLECTION SLIP – BADGER/ HEDGEHOG

If your child is being collected by someone other than yourself or regulars (like childminders or other family members), please remember to fill in an orange slip confirming the name of the person who is collecting that day. If arrangements are made during the day, just call/email the office and an orange slip will be done on your behalf for the class teacher.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week the children have been using their knowledge of dinosaurs to create challenges for each other. They wrote clues onto a folded piece of paper and took turns to guess which dinosaur image was hiding inside! In spite of the cold weather, the children found time to plant the potatoes that they have been patiently chitting. The beauty salon has been busy as the children took turns booking appointments to use the hair and jewellery resources, and they recorded the results with a camera. Some of the hairclips were very fiddly to use!

Next week as part of our Easter celebrations and maths, the children will be decorating eggs and rolling them to record the results. We would be grateful if your child could bring in a hard-boiled egg on Monday. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been using the Easter story as a stimulus for their writing this week. They wrote poems and used adjectives, adverbs and repetition to create some wonderful poetic images. They also wrote diary entries as if they had been in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus. We were able to reflect back to the Easter story when making our beautiful Easter gardens and the children found this a fun and creative way to retell that part of the story. In Science, we set up an investigation to see which material would keep teddy dry. For Maths, Y1 have been exploring different number bonds and Y2 have been investigating the properties of 3D shapes. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



This week our main focus in English has been our Shakespeare Showcase. With one more week to go until the big day, the casts of Macbeth, The Tempest and A Midsummer Night's Dream are really hitting their stride. Expect daring sword fights, magical mayhem, deceit and a wonderfully wacky love story to make you laugh and cry. Every child is doing exceptionally well and there are some stand-out performances to watch out for.

In Maths the Spheres have continued their work on money and using exact change. The Cubes have started looking into time, from half/quarter-past to exact minutes. Both very important skills which will come in handy in the future I'm sure. Today is Sport Relief and Owl Class joined the school in celebrating by wearing gym/sportswear into school for the day. They took part in their own sport challenge: The Beep Test! The children tried to see how many times they could run to a cone and back in 2 minutes. We are hoping to repeat this test at regular intervals so the Owls can see an improvement in their performance. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



This week we had an exciting, albeit sometimes frustrating, session with our pi-tops. We were able to get everyone online and so were able to have a whole-class lesson learning to wire up a circuit and then code the circuit to respond in certain ways. We learned how to create a circuit with resistors, a button and a light emitting diode (LED). We then programmed the light bulb to respond when the button was pressed. All children in Woodpecker class have a renewed sense of respect for the hidden genius behind simple devices such as light switches. Next week, pi-top are sending a film crew into the classroom to video our learning so fingers crossed that technology won't fail us and that we will be astute enough to impress our sponsors.

The writing that has been crafted by the class this week is superb. As it has been edited in google docs, children do have access to their work at home too and I'm sure they would be very proud to share it with you.

We have also been completing assessments during the course of the week: PUMA maths, reading comprehension and a spelling,

punctuation and grammar test. We will get the papers marked as quickly as we can and send them home with the children. Please do take the time to read through your child's assessment papers and encourage their successes and progress. It is always invaluable to choose several questions which your child struggled with and take time to work through them together.

Mrs Archer

STARS OF THE WEEK 

Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Theodore for his enthusiasm in phonics

Friendship Star: Jax for taking turns and sharing in the beauty salon

Paragon: Sydney

Badger Class

Star of the week: Jessica for being a maths champ

Friendship Star: Alfie for taking care when one of his friends needed support

Paragon: Darcy

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Jacob and Cypher for incredibly hard work and persevering with their Shakespeare lines.

Friendship Star: Oscar for ensuring all friends are included at break times and in the class room.

Paragon: Cypher

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Sam for outstanding progress in English and Maths

Friendship Star: Jack for looking out for other children in the playground

Paragon: Ryan

Delightful diners: Ellie B, Lilly-May, Amy, Abi, Lukas, Henry, Nacho, Jack

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

DIARY DATES

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

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.
- **Hedgehog Class:** please bring a hard-boiled egg on **Monday**.
- **Owl Class:** Shakespeare Showcase, Wednesday 28th March at 2pm (at school), Easter Service at St Mary's at 9.30 am on Thursday 29th March
- **Year 4** going to Denefield for Easter Egg Challenge. Children to come to school as normal.
- End of term at **1.15pm** on Thursday 29th March



The Secret Life of 4 & 5 Year Olds

The award-winning Channel 4 series is returning to follow 4 and 5 year olds, as they play, learn and interact with other children in a nursery. They will be observed throughout by leading scientists and psychologists, who will give insights into child development.

We are currently looking for **4 and 5 year old children** and their parents to take part. Your child would be needed for a week or two of filming during the summer holidays.

If you are interested please go to the below link to fill out our online application form

<https://www.shortaudition.com/The-Secret-Life-2018>

We are committed to promoting inclusion and welcome applications from parents of children living with a disability. All communications with us will be treated in confidence.

Any information you give us will be kept securely and confidentially and in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 (and your right of access to the information is as provided under that Act).

