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# Friday Bulletin

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Is your life busy? Do you struggle to have time to help your children with their homework? One easy way of supporting your child is to help develop their language skills. Language is one of the greatest barriers to succeeding in life.

Over the next few weeks I will add a "Talk Homework" to the newsletter. Ideas of questions you can ask your child to discuss. Your vocabulary can be as simple or as complex as you would like. Maybe you could start using a new word. Don't just give your opinion; use the 'because' to explain why you think that.

Encourage as many family members as possible to answer the questions. We will also be asking some of the questions at school. I do hope you will join in.

If you were an animal,  
 what would you be?

So, here is the first question

## FOPS

### Tour De Purley

Remember to book your place on the much anticipated Tour de Purley on Sun 19th May!

A sponsor form can be found attached to today's Bulletin, we hope you and the children will enjoy sourcing sponsorship from family, friends and neighbours for this wonderful community event.

There is a paper sponsor form available or you can raise money online with justgiving.co.uk

Further details available on the newly designed website - [www.tourdepurley.co.uk](http://www.tourdepurley.co.uk)

### Summer Fete 29th June

We are very excited to be planning the Summer Fete at school on Sat 29th June 11am - 2pm! There'll be stalls, games, food, drinks, music and, of course, gunge the teacher..!! So get the date in the diary & we hope you can join us!

We'll be holding a raffle & auction of promises so would be very grateful for any donations. If you are able to provide a prize, or know someone

else who would like to, please do email askfops@gmail.com.

We will also be asking for your help and donations for stalls after Easter so, just in case you're having a clear out before then, please bear in mind that house points will be rewarded in exchange for any of the following..! :)

- 23rd/24th May - Chocolate and sweets for a variety of stalls
- 5th/6th June - Bottles of bubbles/bath stuff or drinks for the bottle tombola
- 13th/14th June - Nearly new toys & games
- 19th/20th June - Lucky dip prizes
- 28th June - Cake donations

Thank you so much for your support, we can't wait to see you there!

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In Collective Worship this week, we looked in the Bible at the story of The Lost Sheep. In it, Jesus talks

about a shepherd who goes looking for a lost sheep and celebrates greatly when he finds it! Many of the religious people in Jesus' time found it hard to understand that God cared about everyone. Jesus showed this by being friends with everyone he came across, even if they weren't leading very good lives. In this parable, Jesus explains why he does this. Each of us matter to God in our own special way. And Jesus explains that even if we feel far away from God, or go our own way, he will still want to find us and take care of us. You can read the story for yourself in Luke's Gospel, chapter 15, verses 4-7.  
*Rev Archer*

## YEAR 1 WOODLAND



As this was our last visit, Mrs Burton came with us so we could share all the things we have been doing in our Woodland Adventures. First, we showed how we get organised and how we help take all the equipment onto the minibus - we surprised her because we don't travel light! We have a lot of new equipment including a broom, rake, trowels, shelter building equipment and most importantly the new set of mugs and flask for hot chocolate!

After arriving, we took Mrs Burton for a walk around the woods, visiting the new den making area where all the branches had been moved to. Then we went on the longer walk to see the interesting activities are such as balancing logs, measuring ruler and wooden musical instruments.

Finally, we returned back to our regular base. Mrs Burton enjoyed watching us play hide and seek - noting how sensible we were to stay within the boundaries and not to tell where other children were hiding! We showed her the area where we like to dig for chalk, where we like to sit and make objects using things we have found, the best tree for climbing and the best place for building a den.

We had our last hot chocolate sitting on our log feeling a bit sad that our Woodland adventures have come to an end - but excited for the Hedgehogs who will be returning after Easter.  
*Mrs Hodsdon*

## ISS NEW MENU

The new menu from ISS is attached to this newsletter. It will be effective from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

## ANVIL

The choir represented the school at the Anvil for the Berkshire Maestros RATS concert on Tuesday. The children sang beautifully and behaved impeccably. It has been a pleasure to have worked with them over the last few months.

The children will once again represent the school at Bishop Andrew's farewell service at Woolhampton Church next Wednesday.



## END OF TERM

The children will finish school at **1.15pm** on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April and return on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Afterschool Club will be available until 4.15pm that day. If you would like to book a place, please contact the office.

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



Our story this week was about a boy whose bed turned into a space rocket which zoomed into space. The children have been imagining that they are on a voyage through space and have been busily keeping a space diary about the wonderful sights they see. The beauty salon in class has been very busy with both boys and girls alike making appointments for different times of the day. They have been taking turns to use their nimble fingers to put in curlers, clips and hair bands. The children have been exploring how simple circuits work using batteries and lightbulbs, and Harry V knew that electricity didn't work during a power cut.

Next week we will be thinking about Easter and signs of spring.

Could you please bring a hard-boiled egg on Monday for children to decorate and roll. Thank you. *Mrs Burton*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been looking at how non-fiction texts are written this week. They have written questions, captions, introductions, glossaries and fact boxes. Next week they will be using all of this to help them write an interesting report about dinosaurs. In maths Y1 children have been writing addition and subtraction sentences using number bonds to 10 and solving missing number problems. Y2 have been solving word problems involving multiplication and division. In science the children have been looking at different food chains and investigating where our food comes from. They have explored how animals, plants and humans fit together in food chains.

*Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



It has been a busy week in Owl class. In English, the children have continued to practice their Aboriginal tales with their partners. They enjoyed showcasing these to the rest of the class around a campfire on Wednesday morning. Videos were taken of each group and the children have been viewing their peers' performances and leaving feedback via Google Classroom.

In Maths, termly assessments have been completed. Cubes have also been learning about mental and formal methods, maths addition. Spheres have been dividing three digit numbers by one digit numbers.

We have also been practicing for our Easter Service. Could you please help your child learn their words (these were sent home last week inside their reading record book)? *Mrs Street*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker have learned about the important role played by the coders at Bletchley Park in encrypting and decrypting communications during the second world war. We have learned about Morse code and written coded messages to each other.

We have finished reading Number the Stars, and have turned our attention to traditional fairy tales. Children have been casting their minds back to their favourite stories and re-telling these with wonderful literary embellishments.

Year 6 mathematicians have continued to consolidate their understanding of internal angles within shapes: triangles, quadrilaterals and pentagons.

Year 5 mathematicians have been thinking about fractions and mixed numbers, focusing on how to place them on a number line and how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions.

In Science, we have been learning that the way that organisms adapt to their environment can improve their chance of survival and that inheritance of adaptive traits when organisms reproduce can lead to the evolution of new species. The children learnt about Charles Darwin's studies of finches and tortoises in the Galapagos Islands and how this led to his theory of evolution. They went on to think about how fossil evidence provides support for this theory.

*Mrs Archer*

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Margaux for her independent writing

**Friendship Star:** Esme for being considerate to everyone

**Paragon:** Harry C

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Theo for making such progress with his reading

**Friendship Star:** Ella for always being such a positive and friendly member of the class

**Paragon:** Lukas

**Woodland Star:** Sydney for embracing Woodland Adventures, never minding that she always had muddy hands and knees, always joining in and being the best at finding worms and chalk!

### Owl Class

**Stars of the week:** Samuel for his enthusiasm and fantastic use of expression during our ERIC sessions on "How to train your dragon".

**Friendship Star:** Hiba for her kindness towards everyone in the classroom.

**Paragon:** Malakhai

## Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Anya for outstanding fairy-tale writing.

**Friendship Star:** Maegan for being an outstanding role model in school.

**Paragon:** Evie and Grace

**Delightful diners:** Margaux, Phoebe Tovey, Arlo, Jax, Davontay, Charlie, Anya, Elizabeth

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*

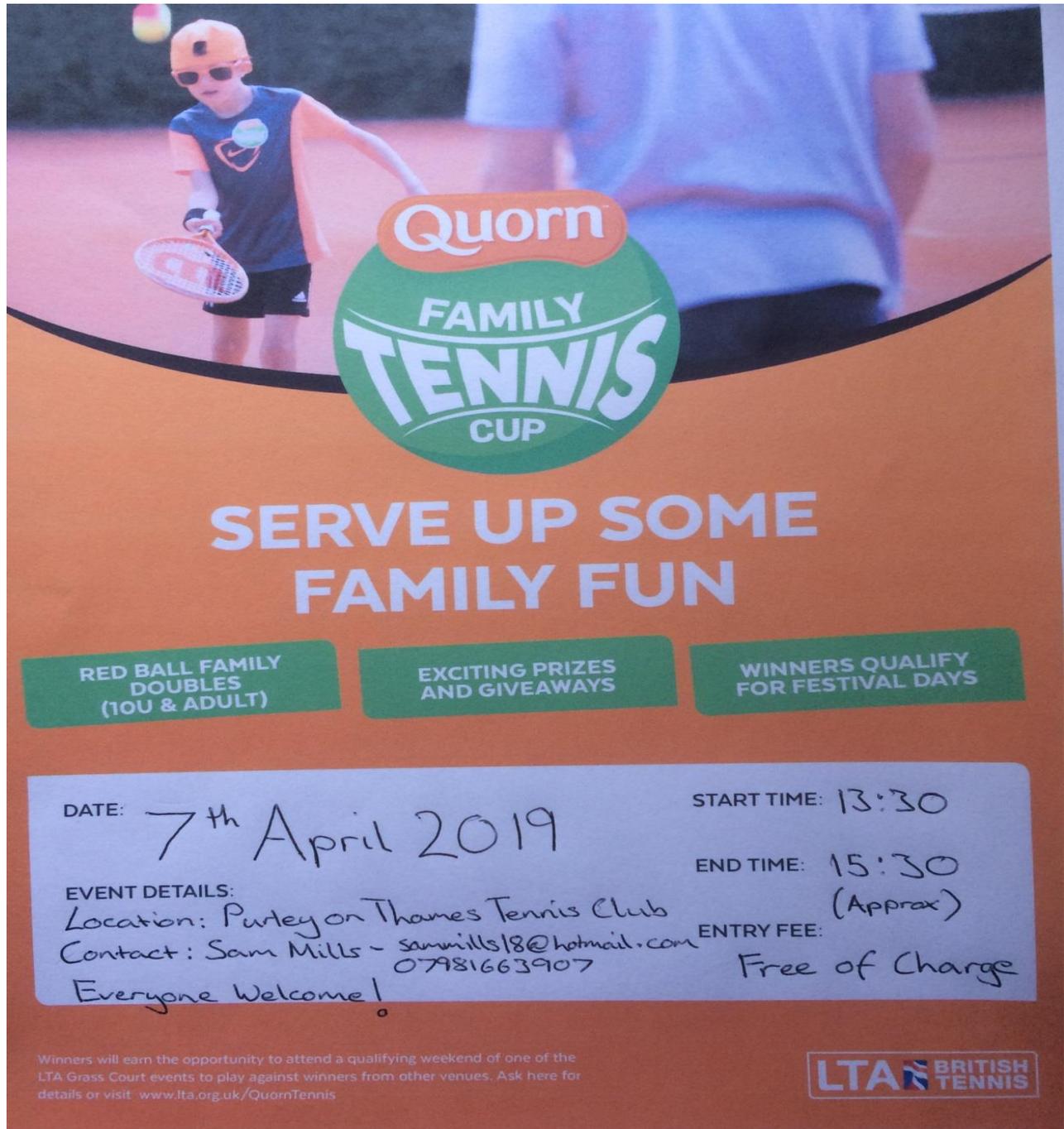
### DIARY DATES

02/04/19	Year 4 – Easter Egg Challenge at Denefield
03/04/19	Choir singing at Bishop Andrew Service
05/04/19	Owl Class parents invited to Easter service at St Mary's Church, 09:30
05/04/19	End of Spring Term 2, <b>13:15</b>
<b>08/04/19-23/04/19</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>
24/04/19	Start of Summer Term 1
29/04/19	Year 2 weekly swimming lesson start
29/04/19	Year 5 weekly swimming lesson start
29/04/19	Foundation Woodland School start
02/05/19	Cross country competition
w.c 13/05/19	KS2 SATS
<b>19/05/19</b>	<b>Tour de Purley</b>
23/05/19	End of Summer Term 1, 15:00
<b>24/05/19-31/05/19</b>	<b>May Half Term</b>
03/06/19	Start of Summer Term 2
06/06-07/06	Year 4/5 camping at Rushall Farm
w.c 10/06/19	Year 6 residential trip to Swanage
w.c 10/06/19	Year 1 phonics screening
<b>29/06/19</b>	<b>Summer Fair</b>
w/c 01/07/19	Sports Week (incl Sports Day on 05/07/19)
15/07/10	Open Afternoon for parents, 13:30
17/07/19 18/07/19	Year 6 Production, 18:30
19/07/19	Year 6 Leavers Party (TBC)
<b>24/07/19</b>	<b>End of Academic Year, 13:15</b>

## 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:** bring a hard-boiled egg on Monday.
- **Year 4** going to Denefield for Easter Egg Challenge on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Children to be dropped off at Denefield at 8.50.
- **Choir** singing at Bishop Andrew's Farewell Service
- **Owl Class:** Easter Service at St Mary's at 9.30 am on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Owl Class parents invited to attend.
- End of term at **1.15pm** on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

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**SERVE UP SOME FAMILY FUN**

**RED BALL FAMILY DOUBLES (10U & ADULT)**      **EXCITING PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS**      **WINNERS QUALIFY FOR FESTIVAL DAYS**

**DATE:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019      **START TIME:** 13:30

**EVENT DETAILS:**  
Location: Purley on Thames Tennis Club      **END TIME:** 15:30 (Approx)

Contact: Sam Mills - [sammills18@hotmail.com](mailto:sammills18@hotmail.com)      **ENTRY FEE:** Free of Charge  
07981663907

Everyone Welcome!

Winners will earn the opportunity to attend a qualifying weekend of one of the LTA Grass Court events to play against winners from other venues. Ask here for details or visit [www.lta.org.uk/QuornTennis](http://www.lta.org.uk/QuornTennis)

**LTA BRITISH TENNIS**

## Easter Cricket camp - Friday 12th April 2019

We are excited to offer a fun-filled day at Purley-on-Thames Cricket Club, in partnership with Berkshire Schools and Cricket Clubs, and run by the Berkshire Cricket Foundation.

A day of fun activities aimed at children in school years 1-4, who would like to start playing cricket or have recently done so.

The camp will be run by a team of qualified, experienced coaches who are currently delivering in primary schools in the West Berkshire area.

We are happy to welcome children in school years 1-4 with all abilities. No kit is required. Children need only bring a packed lunch, water bottle and plenty of energy!

The day will run from 9am to 3pm, with registration from 8:45am, at a cost of £25 per child. To sign up or for more information

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/purley-on-thames-cc-easter-kids-camp-tickets-57981640648>