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Friday Bulletin



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A father promised to fix his daughter's bike. He had just sat down to watch a match on TV when the girl said, "Dad, I need my bike for tomorrow morning". When he got up to do it she said "But dad you'll miss the football" he laughed, "My watching won't change the score, and besides I made a promise to you". She'll remember that- a promise is a promise.

Keeping my promises has always been important to me and with life so busy it is even more important. Recently I have asked people, including some of the school children to remind me if I haven't fulfilled my promises so that I can make amends. Behaviour means so much more than words.

Reminder - School finishes at 1.15pm on 7th April

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In this week's Collective Worship we continued looking at Jesus' life and at some of the miracles he performed. On one occasion, Jesus' friends were with him in a small boat when a sudden fierce storm blew up and caused the boat to rock

violently. Jesus' friends became very frightened and woke Jesus who was somehow still asleep! Jesus told them not to worry, and to prove that he was the Son of God, miraculously calmed the storm and told those with him to trust in him. We thought about times when we are worried, or afraid and have no one to turn to. We considered that we can always turn to God - that He is always with us and that He never leaves us alone. *Rev Archer*

LET'S GET HEALTHY!

Over the past four weeks, the children have taken part in our Healthy Eating Challenge with great enthusiasm. They have really enjoyed being able to collect stickers and stamps and for those this challenge has enabled them to

try food they wouldn't normally eat. This has been a great success.



Please see the attached poster. Advance warning for everyone to take their bikes out of winter storage, dust them down, check the brakes, oil the chains and get out practising for the 4th Tour de Purley on **Sunday 11th June 2017** at Bucknell's Meadow. Organisation is well underway by a small group of dedicated, hard-working, well-dressed and devilishly good-looking volunteers for the Kid's Loop; and the 5, 15 & 30 mile routes. We do need extra assistance in marshalling the event, so please do consider offering help or, if you cannot, then perhaps you have a grandparent, friend, uncle or aunt who may be able to help. We also require an extra gas BBQ so if you are able to lend one then please email info@tourdepurley.org - Tickets are available from 1 April - www.tourdepurley.org.

FOPS UPDATE

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.

Friday 12th May: FOPS are arranging a Wine Tasting Evening from 7.30pm-10.30pm 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.

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.

CHOIR

A huge thank you to Mrs Bodimeade, to Mrs Pickering and most of all to Mrs Fakes from all of the tearfully proud parents of the Purley Choir? We hugely appreciate all of the hard work that has gone into that. The children were amazing! Our school is fantastic!
Choir Parents

Choir has now finished for this term. It will re-start on Monday 8th May.

MESSAGE FROM PURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

On April 20th 2017 at 7.30pm, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Barn. The meeting is an opportunity for residents of the Parish to hear from the Council about what it has done over the past year, and local people also have the chance to put questions directly to the Chairman of the Council. This year, something extra has been planned for earlier that day. The Council is inviting local groups and organisations to have stalls at the Barn between 11.00am and 4.00pm so that residents can come and see what is on offer locally – in the Parish Office we are calling it the 'Purley Show Case'. There will be something for all ages, with the array of groups and clubs taking part including: Friends of Purley School – Tour de Purley; Scouts; Purley Park Trust; Project Purley; Silver Surfers/Tai Chi; Bridge Club; Friends of

Purley Barn; Purley on Thames Cricket Club; Purley Horticultural Society. Additionally, there will be refreshments available with a small café area where people can meet and chat. There will also be some children's activities including a drawing table where the Village Plan Group would like local children to create pictures illustrating what they like about Purley and what more they'd like to have in Purley. These pictures will be displayed during the Annual Parish Meeting for attendees to view.

BAYLAB VISIT

Nine children from Woodpecker Class had an amazing scientific experience this week when they visited Baylab, an innovative educational science facility developed by Bayer at their new headquarters at Green Park in Reading. The year 5 and 6 children worked in a state of the art laboratory, learning how to extract their own DNA from their cheek cells, using a range of chemicals. Once they had extracted their DNA, they were able to bring it away with them, contained in some unique jewellery. As this was part of the Baylab launch week, the children were filmed for the ITV news and you may have heard Madeline being interviewed on Jack FM. I would like to say how proud I was of the children who all showed such great enthusiasm and interest, as well as behaving impeccably. *Mrs Jones*



WOODLAND SCHOOL



Elm Group demonstrated their resourcefulness when tackling the egg tower challenge this week. Frankie and Casey chose to use a piece of bowl-shaped bark to form a cradle to support

the egg at the top of their structure. Jaiden and Charlie managed to build a taller structure, but the egg bounced off a few times! The rest of the group worked together using branches taller than themselves, which led to much fun trying to solve the problem of how to put the egg on the top. The group finished their last woodland session with a walk along the field, where they became nature detectives looking for signs of woodland creatures. *Mrs Burton*



STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Isaak for his enthusiastic attitude to learning

Friendship Star: Macie for helping her friends with their work

Purley Paragon: Molly

Badger Class

Star of the week: Charlie for making good progress with his writing

Friendship Star: Jaiden for showing politeness to others

Purley Paragon: Harry

Woodland Star: Charlie for using his knowledge of animals to think about which animal made tracks in the woods.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Tiana for learning her lines so quickly and performing them with confidence

Friendship Star: Jaime for supporting his friends both in class and during breaks.

Purley Paragon: Olly

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Jack for excellent work

and concentration - and for representing the school well at the BayLab

Friendship Star: Rosemary for being a kind and caring friend

Purley Paragon: Shannon

Delightful Diners: Percy, Milo, Lukas, Grace, Elliott, Davontay, Teyah, Elizabeth

HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week the children had the chance to show off all that they had learned about dinosaurs and fossils as they took part in our Did You Know? game show. Mrs Chohan and I were amazed at how many interesting facts they had remembered! The children have been exploring making patterned paper using inks for marbling and paints for bubble painting. They have also been measuring a variety of objects – Jessica found some seedlings in the garden and decided to record her measuring so that she can check to see if they grow. The children have been making the most of having a flat area now that the sheds have moved to a new location, and they have been practising their ball skills and making up their own games.

Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been investigating further non-fiction texts and looking at how the information is presented. They planned their own report about dinosaurs, including headings, sub-headings, fact boxes and questions and enjoyed recording their now vast knowledge about the prehistoric animals. In Science, we have been thinking about what people and animals eat in different countries, where their food comes from and how animals, plants and humans fit together in food chains. The children have set up an investigation to grow cress in a dinosaur shape. Over the course of next week we shall observe what happens to the seeds as they grow. In Maths, Y1 have been exploring addition and number bonds and Y2/3 have been investigating right angles and symmetry. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



This week in Owl class we have been busy rehearsing for our Easter Production. The children have been working very hard and I am amazed at how quickly some children have learnt their lines! Fingers crossed it will all come together ready for you all to see on 7th April.

In English, we are supporting our partner school in Wisconsin USA with a project on Flat Stanley. Flat Stanley has been visiting various sites around Purley. The children are now writing letters to their partners about what he saw and did. They are enriching their IT skills by using Google docs to write their letters and to share them with the children in America. We have completed our termly maths assessment and now continue with money and decimals for cubes and spheres respectively.

The children have been told what they need for the production. However, if you are unsure please ask. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker's mystery stories have really gripped the class this week. We have used editing stations to up-level our writing and check for: interesting sentence openers, powerful descriptive phrases, figurative language, usage of modal verbs and passive verbs, a wide range of punctuation and some great dialogue. The children have responded really well and the writing is superb.

In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of quadrilaterals, and in particular, all the vocabulary involved: acute angles, obtuse angles, perpendicular lines, parallel lines, kites, parallelograms, rectangles, squares, rhombus and trapezium (I avoided using the plural for the last two as that was just too complicated!). Please do ask your child about these terms as so much more is remembered when it has been shared with someone else. Year 6 children have been consolidating their understanding of algebraic formulae (another tricky plural) and learning how to express word problems algebraically.

Next week will be a formal assessment week and I am confident the children will show tremendous progress.

Our topic work involved a closer inspection of propaganda used during WW2, the power of excellent communication and the rise in popularity of a leader (Adolf Hitler) whose rhetoric was responsible for the uprising of the Nazi party and the Second World War.

Mrs Archer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

05/04/17 06/04/17	Second-hand uniform sale
07/04/17	Easter Production (Owl Class) at St Mary's Church (Owl Class parents invited), 9.30 am
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	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, 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)
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, 9.15am
21/07/17	End of Academic Year, 1.15pm
05/11/17	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.wberks.sch.uk

Karen Fakes (Headteacher)
Learn to love, love to learn

PURLEY ● PRIMARY

**TOUR DE PURLEY
2017**

Cycle Ride for all the family

Routes to suit all
abilities: 5, 15, 30 miles

Short ride /scooter challenge
for the younger ones

Post ride Barbecue – hot &
cold refreshments

All things bikes: 2nd hand
bike sale, vintage cycle
display and much more!

Over 200 riders took part
in 2016!

Sunday 11th June 2017

Bucknell's Meadow, Purley on Thames

A great day out for all!

For more info and to sign up visit: www.tourdepurley.org

Free goodie bags and medals for the children

Individual and family Tickets available online or pay on the day to enter

Individual sponsorship welcome