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Thursday Bulletin



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**Have a relaxing Easter.
Thank you for all your
support over the last term.**



See you all on Tuesday 22nd April!



FOPS would like to thank everyone for coming along to support the Spring Fling. All the children seemed to have fun and the sun shone down for us. We took over £1000 and after Easter we will know the final amount raised once costs have been deducted. This will be donated straight to school for much needed equipment for the children. Thank you all. *Nicky Gibbens, FOPS Chair*

OWL CLASS



The Year 3 children worked on using and applying maths this week. We used classroom discussions to break into a problem, recognising similarities to previous work. We put the problem into our own words. We tried different approaches and found ways of overcoming difficulties that arose. We also explored further multiplication as the inverse of division. The Year 2 children consolidated working with different arrays to show multiplications.

We read the Easter story and discussed why we celebrated Easter. We also came up with a design for an Easter cross. In RE we looked at places of worship and identified some of the main features in a Christian church. We wrote explanations about the different parts using subheadings to group our ideas.

HEDGEHOG CLASS

This week in Hedgehog class we have been thinking about all things Easter. We have listened to the Easter story to gain a greater understanding of why we celebrate it. We discussed the different activities we do at Easter with our families such as egg hunts or sending cards. We have been drawing with the pastels and some lovely patterned eggs have been created.



Thank you for remembering to send in an egg. The children enjoyed looking at examples of painted ones and planning how they were going to decorate their own. We discussed how to make different colours and experimented with mixing the paints.

The children have all been working hard on their individual targets in independent

learning. Thank you for your support with this at home.

BADGER CLASS



This week we have moved away from the circus and have been exploring what Easter really means. The children have listened to the Easter story and discussed why Jesus died for us, together with why his friend Judas chose to betray him. The children sequenced a series of images from the story and retold it in their own words. It was assessment week in maths and all children tried really hard and I think some even surprised themselves at how much they knew! The sewing is now almost complete and they look stunning. A huge thank you to Mrs Hilton-Jones and Mrs Leece for coming in every Monday afternoon to help us.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the Week: Kira for working hard to achieve her Maths target

Friendship Star: Louis for his warm and kind nature and ability to work well with any one

Superstar: Alice for her consistent hard work and positive attitude to learning throughout the term

Badger Class

Star of the Week: Jaime for his positive approach to all his learning this week especially in Literacy!

Friendship Star: Ryan for playing really nicely with his friends at playtime and organising games for them to play

Superstar: Frankie for his consistent positive approaches to his learning even when he is not feeling his best!

Owl Class

Star of the week: Tamsin for challenging herself in writing

Friendship Star: Nathan for showing a caring attitude towards others

Superstar: Madeline for always approaching her work in a positive way and striving to do her best.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective Worship this week we carried on looking at Easter and especially the events of Good Friday. To help us we began by talking about the symbol of Hot Cross Buns! On Good Friday we recall the very sad story of Jesus' death on a cross. But of course Easter has two sides. Three days later Jesus came back to life again demonstrating His power over life and death! And not wanting to miss out on anything we also thought about the symbolism of Easter eggs!!

If you would like to learn more about Easter with your children you are very welcome to join us for a very special Messy Easter event at the church on Easter Sunday afternoon between 4.00-5.30pm. Rev Archer

PE KIT

Could you check your child's PE kit over the Easter holidays to make sure everything still fits! It's amazing how quickly children can grow out of their pumps in particular! Could you also make sure that your child has his/her PE kit in school every day. We will be using the field next term so **trainers and spare socks** are advisable.

TOP TIPS OF THE WEEK!



Maths

Did you know that playing numerical board games can have a big impact on your child's development in maths? Did you know that twenty-five percent of all errors in solving maths problems can be traced back to sloppy number writing?

What can you do to support your child in maths?

FOREST SCHOOL

Confirmation of dates and groups for the first half of the term is in your child's bookbag. Please check carefully as some of the groups

have been changed. If your child hasn't received a letter, it means that s/he will do Forest School during the second half of the Summer Term.

We are very grateful for all the support we've received from parent helpers during our Forest School sessions this half term. Without your help, we just couldn't run the sessions.

Would you have some spare time during the summer term? We're looking for helpers on Wednesday mornings and/or afternoons for 4 weeks starting on 30th April. It can be for the one off session or for several. Any help would be much appreciated. Please speak to Mrs Ham in the office if you are able to help.

100% ATTENDANCE

Well done to the following children for attending school every day this term:

Nacho, Nathan BB, Emily, Alice & Josh, Tyreese, Ainhoa, Iona, Leo, Tyler, Lola G, Sienna, Louie & Ruby, Anya, Elizabeth, Kira, Shannon, Madeline, Will, Elyssa, Caitlin, Connor, Samuel.

GOOD TO BE GREEN – GREAT NEWS!



81% of our parents have been issued a letter to celebrate their children staying "green" all term. Every child who received warnings last term has improved with less warnings received this term.

After following the Good to be Green system for over a term now we are able to compare results. In the first half of the Spring term we had 127 yellow cards issued and 25 red cards. In the second half, 52 yellow cards and 2 red cards. We are very pleased with the effort the children are making. Please help us celebrate their achievements by congratulating them on their efforts as we will have done in school.

EASTER TRAIL AT BASILDON PARK!

It's almost time to unwrap those yummy chocolate eggs and from the 4th until 21st April, we're running our Cadbury Easter trail

at Basildon Park The theme this year is 'eggsplorers' and we'd love you to come and explore our garden as it comes back to life in the spring sunshine. The bluebells are



blossoming, the daffodils are golden, and buttercups are speckling the lawn. Local school children have decorated some beautiful eggs for our trail – come and see if you can spot your school's

decorated egg! Wander amongst the colourful blooms hunting for clues and collect a Cadbury chocolate treat at the end. £2 per trail. We are open every day from 10am – 5pm. Thank you very much for your support.

Basildon Park Staff

HERITAGE EVENT AT READING UNIVERSITY

Children and their families are warmly invited to The Friends' Heritage Event: Reading and the Great War Sunday 27 April, 1.00pm - 5.00pm, University of Reading London Road campus. This is a special event, hosted by The Friends of the University, marking the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War and its impact on Reading and the University. The event will take place at the University's historic London Road campus, Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5AQ, now home to the Institute of Education, and will feature interactive exhibits, activities and performances including:

- Hands-on heritage activities for families with young children including: Art activities – Mono and Silk screen printing; Science activities such as building and testing model ships; Story-time at the National Centre for Language and Literacy Costumed characters 'in role'
- A special Service of Remembrance and University of Reading Book of Remembrance
- Local history displays, including the Royal Berkshire Hospital and the Royal Berkshire Regiment as well as the British Legion
- Performances of war poetry and plays

£3 entry (includes refreshments), children under 16 free. For more information please contact Mrs Brenda Morris, Secretary, The Friends of The University, Campaigns and Supporter Engagement Office, PO Box 217,

Whiteknights, Reading RG6 6AH, tel 0118 378 8006, e-mail: thefriends@reading.ac.uk

Do you have any memories of or objects associated with Reading and the Great War? From stories to artefacts, we invite you to share them with us. We are particularly interested in items of uniform to help form part of our display. Please contact events@reading.ac.uk | 0118 378 4313

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – YEAR 1, 2 & 3

Confirmation of allocation of places for the Summer Term is in your child's bookbag.

CHEERLEADERS

Our cheerleaders gave a fantastic performance at the opening ceremony of the Berkshire School Games on Wednesday. They did us very proud and stole the show!!

GET ON YOUR BIKES!



**Tour de Purley,
Sunday 27th April**
<http://www.tourdepurley.org>

We have raised £1250 so far!

If your child can't ride a bike yet, s/he can use their scooters instead provided they wear a helmet. Route 1 is the perfect route for Purley Primary School children - a very short and easy ride of roughly 1km (0.62 miles) around Purley.



Remember it is cheaper to register beforehand than on the day. Adult ride is £10 (on the day £15), children's short ride is £5 (£7 on the day).

PURLEY IN THE PARK

Saturday 14th June
Bucknell Meadows



Don't forget to put the date in your diary!

OPEN DOOR

As always, please remember our doors are open, should you wish to discuss any concerns, ask questions or celebrate successes regarding your children.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22/04/14	Start of Summer Term 1
27/04/14	Tour de Purley Bike Ride
16/05/14	FOPS Wine Tasting
26/05-30/05	Half Term
02/06/14	Start of Summer Term 2
14/06/14	Purley in the Park
01/07/14	Year 2 Swimming Gala
07/07/14	Sports Day (am)
16/07/14	Open Afternoon
18/07/14	End of Year Assembly (Year 2 & 3) 9.30 am
23/07/14	End of Academic Year at 1.15 pm

Please note: further details will be sent out nearer the time of events and some dates may change though we will try and avoid this.

Karen Fakes (Headteacher)

