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# Friday Bulletin



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A couple of weeks ago I said how proud I was of Purley School. Well the last couple of weeks have been brimming with glowing moments. During our Celebration assembly last Friday, I gave out 95 balls to the children who had completed the Healthy Eating challenge. It has been a pleasure to see the variety of food in the lunchboxes and some children trying foods that they haven't tried before. However, I spent most of last Friday answering emails of congratulations from fellow headteachers and many others who attended the Anvil concert. That evening, I was sent a link for the local news where some of our pupils had been interviewed regarding their visit to Baylab, didn't they do well. The Passion play led by Owl class this morning, was another tingling moment. Our celebrations for Good to be Green and the presentations of the attendance certificates finished off the term in a very joyful fashion. I am sure that you are all equally proud of our children. They thoroughly deserve this Easter break.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



*Ready or Not?*

So today, we break up for the Easter break! Are you ready? Are you excited? We started the week thinking about what we do to get organised to things we're keen to do. To our amazement, we read about the feeding of the 5000+ and how in their excitement to hear Jesus talk, they came along unprepared for a long day out. Who goes out for the whole day without a plan for lunch? But as we continued to think, we realised that sometimes it's all about trust. Trusting there will be food on the table, that others will help, that we can let someone else be in control. Growing up, Mum frequently said 'It's only when you let go, and let God, that things start to happen!' Where do you put your trust? Who relies on you? Maybe you would like to take time over the break to read some more of the amazing stories of Jesus. Have a blessed break.

*Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor*

brakes, oil the chains and get out practising for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@tourdepurley.org) - Tickets are available from 1 April – [www.tourdepurley.org](http://www.tourdepurley.org).

## FOPS UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who donated and bought school uniform. We made about £35. We are planning to run a shop every term so please do hang onto any uniform items for us.



Please see the attached poster. Advance warning for everyone to take their bikes out of winter storage, dust them down, check the

Due to limited take up and other clashing events, we are going to postpone the wine-tasting evening planned for Friday 12th May until later in the year. Look out for more information next term!

Thank you to everyone for all your support during the last term, we couldn't do it without you. Happy Easter from FOPS!

## BUDGET CUTS

You may have seen a number of stories in the press over recent weeks and months about school funding. We were very sorry to have to make a redundancy last year but this has helped us balance the books this year. The situation going forward however is very concerning. We are constantly having to make difficult choices. Please be aware we are doing everything possible to maintain the learning and opportunities at the school and to protect our staff. Attached is a letter signed by most of the Headteachers in West Berkshire. Please help us get the message across to anyone who may be able to influence school funding.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We are very pleased to confirm that Mrs Jones has successfully completed her Higher Level Teaching Assistant course.

## ISS NEW MENU

ISS new menu is attached. It will take effect on w/c 24<sup>th</sup> April

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Macie for super independent writing

**Friendship Star:** Ciara for looking after a friend when she was sad

**Purley Paragon:** Belle

**Superstar:** Ciara for always using her phonics in her independent writing

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Ellie for always trying so hard even when the work is challenging.

**Friendship Star:** Percy for showing kindness to those around him

**Purley Paragon:** Jamie

**Superstar:** Ben R for being a worthy, popular Purley Paragon. He has had the most votes by his peers over the term! And his teachers would definitely agree with the class.

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Leo for learning all his lines and his super performance of Jesus in the Easter production.

**Friendship Star:** Somaya for helping and supporting friends with their learning.

**Purley Paragon:** Caitlin

**Superstar:** Emily for always trying her best in everything she does even when challenged.

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Dylan for outstanding writing.

**Friendship Star:** Callum for being kind and helpful to everyone.

**Purley Paragon:** Elyssa

**Superstar:** Sienna for excellent work throughout the term and superb progress.

**Delightful Diners:** Iqra, James, Firhan, Aieyan, Elyssa, Shannon, Jessica B, Casey.

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children had great fun with the Egg Rolling Challenge! They worked with partners and thought about what they wanted to find out. Some children wanted to investigate whether heavy or light eggs rolled better, some chose to count how many rolls it took to reach the bottom of the hill, and others measured how far the eggs travelled in one roll. They explored ways of recording their findings and shared what they discovered with the class. The children have also been learning about the true meaning of Easter and what it means to forgive.

If your children learn any new skills in the holidays, or decide to impress you with their independent writing, please let us know by jotting it down on paper and sending it in – we love to hear about their achievements out of school!

Next term our topic will be "How does your garden grow?" Could you please help your child to plant something over the Easter holiday and bring it in to present to the class on the first day back at school. They can be as creative as they like with what they plant it in and we will look forward to seeing who has the greenest fingers! Wishing you all a happy Easter! *Mrs Burton*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been leaning all about the Easter story this week and why it is an important festival for Christians. They worked in small groups to make Easter reflection areas using symbols and images that represent Easter. They learnt a poem called "The colours of Easter" and discussed what the different colours and verses represented. After having watched an animation about a robot saving a tree we considered how it made us feel and whether there were any links to be made with other stories.

On Thursday we received a special delivery of a mystery egg! We spent the morning exploring its sensory qualities and recording exciting phrases to describe it. We designed our own decorative eggs and hid them in the garden for an Easter egg hunt. It was great fun!

In maths we have been testing our mental maths skills and KIRFS. Next term our topic is called "How does your garden grow?" Could you please help your child to plant something over the Easter holiday and bring it in to present to the class on the first day back at school. They can be as creative as they like with what they plant it in and we will look forward to seeing who has the greenest fingers!  
*Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



Wow what busy week we have had in Owl Class! The main focus for the week has been our Easter production. I am so proud of how each and every one of them has worked to learn their lines, actions and the songs. I hope you also enjoyed the performance. The children have finished writing their letter from Flat Stanley about his visit to Purley and have emailed these to their partners in America. In Maths, we have been completing a range of Easter activities that has required application of our times tables knowledge.

On Tuesday, Mrs Bentahar, Somaya's mum, came in to talk to us about the similarities and differences of the Islamic and Christian Faiths with a specific focus on the Easter Story. The children asked some very thought provoking

questions showing an understanding of different beliefs around the world.

On Thursday morning, the year 4 children participated in a challenge based Easter Egg hunt at Denefield, whilst the year 3 children made Easter nests. Wishing you all a restful and happy Easter. *Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



As we approach Easter, Woodpecker class have reflected on the meaning of Easter, Holy Week and the resurrection. We have used CS Lewis's metaphor, "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe," to help us understand the resurrection.

In English, children have excelled in their writing: using 'The Piano' by Aidan Gibbons as inspiration. All children have shown such wonderful progress that we have photocopied their work to bring home and share with family and friends.

End of term Maths PUMA assessments were completed and the results indicate that the children have made excellent progress this term - well done everyone!

Year 6 children have been given a full set of practice SATS papers. Whilst I don't expect all papers to be completed, it would be helpful if year 6 children's minds did not atrophy over the Easter, as they have their end of KS2 SATS tests next month (8th-12th May). The children are well prepared and need not feel anxious - just so long as they keep a little practice on the go over the Easter break. It is my hope however, that there will be some lovely weather and a great deal of play, picnics and family fun too. *Mrs Archer*

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**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>07/04/17</b>	<b>End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm</b>
10/04/17-24/04/17	Easter Holidays
<b>25/04/17</b>	<b>Start of Summer Term 1</b>
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
<b>26/05/17</b>	<b>End of Summer Term 1, 3.00pm</b>
29/05/17-02/06/17	Half Term
<b>05/06/17</b>	<b>Start of Summer Term 2</b>
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, <b>9.15am</b>
<b>21/07/17</b>	<b>End of Academic Year, 1.15pm</b>
05/11/17	Fireworks Fiesta!

# 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> hand bike sale, vintage cycle display and much more!

Over 200 riders took part in 2016!

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

