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# Friday Bulletin

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Have you been watching the Olympics and the Paralympics? I could not fail to be inspired by their courage and determination. The three Olympic values of Friendship, Respect and Excellence – along with the four Paralympic values – Determination, Inspiration, Courage and Equality were clearly displayed and reminded me of our own school values of Love, Enjoyment, Hope, Perseverance and Responsibility. Have you had an opportunity to discuss these values to your children? There are so many stories to inspire us from the games and I will be sharing some of them with the children this term

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



This week marked the start of a new school year in Collective Worship and so we began with 'In the Beginning'. This is the very first story in the Bible which describes how our world was created, culminating with the creation of humankind. We considered how amazing and beautiful the world is that God has made. This year, week by week, we are going to work our way through the individual stories from the Bible which link together to form one, long story about God and the people here on earth. If you would like to follow along with your children, these stories can be found in The Lion Storyteller Bible. *Rev Archer*

## GREET THE TEACHER - REMINDER



On the evening of **Tuesday 20th September** there will be an opportunity to greet the teacher and for the teacher to meet up with you.

We would love as many of you as possible to attend even if your child has not changed teachers. We often have responses on surveys that parents are not sure on how to support their children..... this is your opportunity to find out more! Please note that no childcare will be provided and we would therefore ask that you make prior arrangements.

**Hedgehog class 5:30 Badger class 5:45**  
**Owl class 6:00 Woodpecker class 6:15**



We launched ParentMail this week!! Thank you for your patience. It's a learning curve for everyone. So far 69% of parents have registered which is great. You can also download an app – search for 'Parentmail Purley' in your app store. We are hoping to start sending communications via ParentMail by the end of next week so keep a look out. If you haven't registered, you will receive a paper copy of any letters/forms sent out.

There's a very useful section online to help parents with registration and how to use the new system.

<http://parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/>

## YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



The Year 1 children will start Woodland School on Monday. As mentioned in the letter sent out this week, the children are split in two groups.

<b>Week A</b>	19/09/16	Oak
<b>Week B</b>	26/09/16	Elm
<b>Week A</b>	03/10/16	Oak
<b>Week B</b>	10/10/16	Elm
<b>Week A</b>	17/10/16	Oak
<b>Week B</b>	07/11/16	Elm
<b>Week A</b>	14/11/16	Oak
<b>Week B</b>	21/11/16	Elm

<b>Week A</b>	28/11/16	Oak
<b>Week B</b>	05/11/16	Elm

If you haven't returned your payment and form, please do so as soon as possible.

## YEAR 2 SWIMMING LESSONS

The Year 2 will start swimming lessons at the Oratory Pool on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. If you haven't returned your payment and form, please do so as soon as possible.

## YEAR 3 RUSHALL FARM

Year 3 will start their Rushall Farm visits on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. As mentioned in the letter sent out this week, the children are split in two groups.

<b>Week A</b>	19/09/16	Wheat
<b>Week B</b>	26/09/16	Barley
<b>Week A</b>	03/10/16	Wheat
<b>Week B</b>	10/10/16	Barley
<b>Week A</b>	17/10/16	Wheat
<b>Week B</b>	07/11/16	Barley
<b>Week A</b>	14/11/16	Wheat
<b>Week B</b>	21/11/16	Barley
<b>Week A</b>	28/11/16	Wheat
<b>Week B</b>	05/11/16	Barley

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## CLUBS

A letter confirming our clubs for the Autumn Term will be sent out on Monday. Most of the clubs will run for 8 weeks (4 weeks before half term and 4 weeks after half term)

## FOPS – Parents Teacher Association

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the school hall - even if it's just to hear what we have been up to! Your support is invaluable. Cheese and wine will be provided!

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Macie for coming in to class with a smile

**Friendship Star:** Isaak for taking turns with the other children

**Purley Paragon:** Casey

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Ben R for being a maths champ

**Friendship Star:** Jessica for helping Mia settle into school

**Purley Paragon:** Mia

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Jacob for outstanding work in maths

**Friendship Star:** Niamh for supporting her peers in their learning and settling into their new environment.

**Purley Paragon:** Alice Bodimeade

### Woodpecker Class

**Stars of the week:** Nathan, for working really hard throughout the week and being a good role model for other children.

**Friendship Star:** Dugald for kindness in the playground

**Purley Paragon:** Freddie

**Delightful Diners:** Belle, Macie, Jessica, Hiba, Rosemary, Shannon

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



Who knew cardboard boxes could be so interesting?! The Foundation children decided the boxes could be rockets, robots, cars, parcels for delivery, and pet homes to name but a few ideas. As they eventually broke apart, we talked about recycling and are in the process of using the remains to build a mountain for our small-world area. Year 1s wrote exciting stories about their awesome peg crocodiles, and compared them to the crocodile stories we have been sharing in class.

We have all been thinking about the importance of exercise and what happens to our bodies, and about ways to keep cool in this Autumn heatwave.

We had great fun on our Roald Dahl Day – thank you to everyone for the costumes! Next week we will begin our topic 'Take Aways' and will be thinking about the foods we eat and sharing. *Mrs Burton*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class looked fabulous in their Roald Dahl costumes and enjoyed the dress up day. We took photographs of each other and wrote some "Who am I?" riddles. We have been talking about dreams and the kinds of dreams we would like the BFG to send us at night. We followed instructions to make some dream catchers and have made some rather special dream jars to keep our favourite dreams in. In Maths, we have been looking at data collection and making tables and pictograms. In PE we are learning an Oompa Lumpa dance which is great fun.

Next week we shall be starting our "Take Aways" topic. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



Children have had a fun filled week celebrating what would have been Roald Dahl's 100th birthday. The children all looked amazing in their character costumes on Tuesday and enjoyed making George's Marvellous Medicine 1 and 2, practising their measuring skill along the way!

In English, we have been using skim and scan skills, to find out about the life of Roald Dahl, using both fact sheet and the internet. This information was then used to compile a fact sheet about him. In Maths, we have been exploring place value and the partitioning of numbers. The children have then looked at how this knowledge can help with calculating 1.10 or 100 more or less than a given number.

I think we have some potential rivals for Quentin Blake in Owl class. Their drawings of characters from Roald Dahl books in the style of Quentin Blake have been outstanding!

Next week we start on our new topic 'Sticks and Stones' looking at the Stone Age period. We also start our weekly trips to Rushall Farm for our Year 3 children. Wheat group will be going on Monday. Details were sent in your child's book-bags on Wednesday.

I am looking forward to seeing you all our Greet the Teacher evening on Tuesday.  
*Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



Clearly Woodpecker class is a hot-house for wild and wonderful imagination - as show-cased on Roald Dahl day. Parents, carers and children all worked so hard to ensure a totally eclectic array of surreal characters in school on Tuesday. From the Trunchbull through to the Roly-Poly Bird and Mr Twit through to the sweet and lovely Matilda, all children arrived in school looking magnificent.

In class, the children have continued to use Roald Dahl's writing to inspire their imaginations and develop creative language skills.

In Maths, we have been learning about large numbers up to and beyond a million, and checking that children have a secure grasp of the place value of each digit.

Children have also been tasked with the job of designing, creating and packaging a brand new type of chocolate for Willy Wonka. We conducted essential market research - which was particularly tasty; considered advertising surrounding successful chocolate brands; and created packaging that would make our chocolate stand out as better than other high-street brands.

In Computing, we are beginning to learn about coding on the ipad and will be creating apps.

Maths homework for the week has been loaded onto MyMaths and English homework will be given out on Friday. *Mrs Archer*

## DIARY DATES

20/09/16	Greet the Teacher
29/09/16	FOPS AGM (incl Cheese & Wine)
14/10/16	Harvest Festival at St Mary's
03/11/16	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](mailto:headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk)

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**Learn to Love, Love to Learn**