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Friday Bulletin

12th May 2017

The smell of bacon has been permeating through the school this week as our Year 6 pupils have had breakfast at school before their SATs (Standardised Assessment Tests). It has been a stressful time for all involved but I am so pleased with how the school has supported our pupils, minimising the stress as much as possible while ensuring that they are suitably prepared. All the children rose to the occasion, giving of their best. Do you know what a relative clause is or if verbs are in the present progressive? Well our Year 6s know!

All the other year groups will now be assessed: the year 2s and Foundation Stage, mainly up until half term. The other year groups, between now and July and of course in June it will be the Year 1 phonics test which will include the Year 2 resits from last year. This is over and above the continuous assessment that happens. Did you know that every piece of work a child does or any contributions they make throughout the year, contributes to the evidence teachers use. Moderation then occurs with other schools to check that levels are as consistent as possible between schools and well as the local authority making periodic checks. Is it any wonder that pupils and staff alike are exhausted by the Summer holidays?

We know that many of our pupils success is down not only to the school but by the support you parents give as well. Thank you on behalf of your children and on behalf of the school



Sunday 11th June 2017

Please look out early next week in your child's bookbag for 2 raffle tickets books to sell or buy yourself for the Tour de Purley raffle. There are some excellent prizes on offer including a Fitbit, a purple child's bike, Prosecco, chocolates, vouchers for Madhouse and David Lloyd gym. Please let us know if you have any raffle prizes you could donate to this or for the school fete in September. If you would like more raffle tickets, Mrs Ham will have some extras in her office and more will be available on the day.

Sign up online to do the cycle ride. There is a length of ride to suit anyone; from the

small children's ride around Purley to the 30 mile ride through the beautiful Berkshire countryside! Any cyclist can get sponsorship to raise extra money for the school. All proceeds from the TdP will go towards upgrading the staff kitchen to enable children to develop their cooking skills.

Don't forget to register your place at www.tourdepurley.org

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Lost!

For me the picture says it all - in our house, it really isn't lost until I can't find it. This week we explored one of Jesus' parables about a lost coin. The woman had 10, lost 1 and felt distraught. But when she found the coin again, she was overjoyed and partied! We get like that too, don't we? There are hundreds of coins in the world, but way, way more people, and God celebrates every time one of us

comes back to Him. Maybe you would like to ask your child(ren) how they feel when they suffer a loss, or share how you feel, or follow along with the stories in The Lion Storyteller Bible.

AFTERSCHOOL CARE CLUB

We are pleased to announce we have appointed Mrs Nutt as our new Afterschool Care Club Leader. Afterschool care club will start in September 2017 and will be run in-house by the school direct. There will be a limit of 7 spaces for each day and bookings will be made on a first come, first served basis. Sessions will be a fixed price of £8 per child, per session (3pm - 6pm). Snacks will be provided between 3:45 and 4:30pm. Further information and booking forms will be sent via Parentmail after half term.

SLAPPED CHEEK

There have been a few cases of slapped cheek at school recently. It's a viral infection that is usually mild and clears up on its own within 2 or 3 weeks. There's no need for your child to stay away from school unless they are feeling unwell with it. Please see the link below to the NHS website with further advice.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

FIDGET SPINNERS

Yes, the fidget spinner craze has hit Purley School. I have always tried my best not to ban anything just for the sake of it so I am now allowing the spinners into school, as long as they are reserved for playtimes. If spotted during lesson time, they will be confiscated and returned to you. Any fidget spinners brought into school will be the child's responsibility. The school will not be responsible for any loss or damage. Hopefully, a ban will not be needed.

There are some differing views on the benefits of these spinners to those who have ADHD, autism, anxiety-related issues. Some say that they are of benefit and other say it is the

opposite and could be counterproductive. Bearing this in mind, we will purchase some fidget spinners/cubes for these children to use at school and monitor the benefits. They are "Fidget objects and are meant to be felt, so that visual attention can be focused on the teacher" so we would expect them to be kept out of sight as much as possible. We already have fiddle object such as "tangles" in school which we use. Only spinners bought by the school will be allowed in the classroom.

WOODLAND SCHOOL



The Foundation children enjoyed their first visit to Woodland School this week. They walked the boundary and listened carefully to instructions to keep them safe and have fun in the woods. Ollie and Lukas challenged themselves to find different ways of moving heavy logs, and the children practised carrying sticks safely. Isaak challenged himself to walk across the big logs independently, and Sienna and Darcy raced the balls as they went down the ball run.

FOPS UPDATE

End of Term Party

This will be held on Thursday 20th July in two sessions at 5.45 to 6.45 for KS1 and 7 to 8pm for KS2. Lookout for more details and how to buy tickets soon!

Easyfundraising

Don't forget to use Easyfundraising for when booking your summer holidays! Visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk (or the app which is available on the app store or googleplay)

Company Matched Giving

What? Matched Giving is when an organisation (normally a company) matches the amount of fundraising an employee does for another organisation (normally a charity).

How? The fundraising of the individual, or indeed a group of individuals is matched from the company's own resources up to a pre-determined level and can include match funding for time donated by their staff for voluntary work, funds raised from a sponsored

event or funds raised through a specific activity e.g. staffing a stall at a PTA event.

If your organisation does this, please get in contact as it's a great way to boost our fundraising efforts.

FOUNDATION STAGE 1



We are now in a position to offer 6 FS1 places from September for 5 mornings a week (9 am till 12) for children aged 3.

We have also been in discussion with Barn Owl Nursery and they are willing to offer a pick up from Purley Primary at 12.00 noon if you need it. An application form and Information leaflet are available from the office. Deadline for applying is **19th May 2017**. If you have any questions, please do come to see us.

THE VILLAGE PLAN

On 15th May 2017 every household in Purley will receive a Purley Village Plan Questionnaire. The questionnaire is a document that gives you the chance to comment on life in Purley, your likes, dislikes and anything you'd like to change. Once completed, West Berkshire Council will consult the Purley Village Plan findings when deciding how and where to spend money in Purley so it is really important to have your say.

There are two kinds of questionnaire, an adult one (paper copy only) and a children's one (from 5 to 10 years old) (paper copy and online version available). The online version is very short and easy to complete and will be available from Monday 15th May:

www.purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk/vpnew

All questionnaires must be returned by 10th July 2017 to the school office, your Purley Plan Representative or another drop off place around the village. Please see the parish notice boards for details.

The Purley Plan Steering Committee are looking for volunteers to help collate the findings of the questionnaire. If you are interested please contact Margaret Dray via the Parish Offices on 0118 984 4507 or at www.purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk

Please take the time to fill in the questionnaire. Your contribution will be invaluable to the future of Purley on Thames.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Macie for continuing her learning at home independently

Friendship Star: Davontay for great partner work on the carpet

Purley Paragon: Casey

Woodland Star: Belle, for looking closely at the plants and creatures on the woodland floor and describing what she found.

Badger Class

Star of the week: Hiba for being a fantastic artist

Friendship Star: Iqra for helping 2 friends complete their work

Purley Paragon: Ben S

Owl Class

Star of the week: Kira for her outstanding follow-up activities for her reading.

Friendship Star: Jasmine for always being kind and supportive to her peers and adults.

Purley Paragon: Tiana

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Rosemary, for outstanding long multiplication

Friendship Star: Elizabeth, for always looking out for anyone who might be lonely and for being happy to play with any child.

Purley Paragon: Tyrese

Delightful diners: Mia, Gracie, Niamh, Ciara, Jamie W, Bailey, Isaak, Sergio

HEDGEHOG CLASS



There was a mystery to solve this week in Hedgehog Class... Little Red Riding Hood had been reported as missing and the children looked for clues around the school. They found a red cape, a basket, scratches on the fence and suspicious paw prints on the bike track! The Foundation children created missing posters and the Year Ones imagined the other storyland characters she might have met on her way through the

woods. In Maths, the children have explored the properties of 3D shapes by constructing them with straws and marshmallows (delicious!) and making 3D alien creatures.
Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been looking at writing their own stories this week. After having watched the animation, "The girl with the yellow bag", they were inspired to write their own versions. They explored their ideas through drama before writing and really challenged themselves to write creatively. In Art, we have been looking at the beautiful work of Georgia O'Keefe and painting magnified flowers in her style. Through Science we discussed seed dispersal and set up an investigation to observe seeds falling. We considered what might make a difference to how quickly our seeds fall and recorded our results. In Maths, Y2 and 3 have been looking at fractions and clockwise/anticlockwise turns. Y1 have been working on addition and subtraction. Next week we will be investigating the smell of plants.
Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



This week in Owl class the children have been very busy creating their own river poems. They have considered some poetic language features, including similes, metaphor, personification and rhyming couplets when composing their work. They have all produced some amazing work. In Maths, the Cubes have continued to explore measure - this week's focus was time and weight. If you have the opportunity to do some measuring using scales at home, please encourage you children to help you. The Spheres have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions and decimals. The children have enjoyed coding, writing simple computer programs to make objects move on the screen.
Mrs Pickering

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker Class have been at the top of their game this week. The Year 6s have been at school bright and early each morning this

week for breakfast at 8:15 before sitting their SATS tests. Their calm professionalism and commitment has been excellent and each child has completed the tests to the very best of their ability. The Year 4s and 5s have given their classmates wonderful support and encouragement. We have also been using our computer coding skills to create an iPad app. We took the coding from the viral app, 'Flappy Bird' and have used it to create a variation, using spitfires and messerschmitts instead.

In Science, we have been building electrical circuits and learning to draw circuit diagrams using symbols.
Mrs Archer



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c 08.05.17	Year 2 SATS (for 3 weeks)
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
13/07/17	Year 3/4 Legoland Trip
14/07/17	Wine Tasting (TBC)
20/07/17	FOPS End of Year Party
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.w-berks.sch.uk

Karen Fakes (Headteacher)
Learn to Love, Love to Learn



Green Fingers 2017: School Information Sheet

When is ISS' Green Fingers week?

Green Fingers week will run from **May 15th** to **May 19th** 2017.

Why does ISS hold Green Fingers?

For the past five years, ISS has held Green Fingers in the spring to help teach pupils about the seed to plate journey. We give away gardening related gifts to schools and provide special tasters in the dining halls to help encourage children to try new things.

What's happening this year?

Daily Food Tasters

Your school's kitchen team will provide daily food tasters alongside the normal menu during the Green Fingers week. These will include:

Taster Dishes:

- Kale Muffin
- Carrot Cake
- Tomato Salsa
- Mint Raita
- Sage New Potatoes

Voting Boards

Each day the children will be invited to vote on the taster to tell us if they loved it, thought it was okay or disliked it! This feedback will help us when developing our new menus.

Golden Tickets

There will be a golden ticket hidden under a dinner plate each day. The child who finds this will win a packet of radish seeds and will be entered into our prize draw where the top prize is a visit from TV gardener, Chris Collins!

What else is going on?

As well as the above activity in the dining halls, ISS will also be giving every school a gardening gift voucher! Schools can redeem their voucher at a time which suits them and will then be sent a box full of baby vegetable and herb plants packed in golden straw. This will include beetroot, carrots, courgettes, mint, kale, lettuce, sage, tomatoes and more! The contents of this garden may vary slightly depending on the season.

ISS will also be sharing some short videos during the week, showing how to make the tasters at home. Visit @ISS_Education on Twitter to watch them!

If you would like further information on the above, please contact hello@feedinghungryminds.co.uk

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



the secret life of...

Channel 4 series 'the secret life of...' is returning to follow new groups of four and five year olds as they take their first steps towards independence.

The series will follow their development from the moment they meet for the first time, through their forming of friendships, learning social rituals and friendly competition. The entire process will be observed and monitored by leading scientists and child psychologists who will provide occasional comment on the children's stages of development.

We are currently looking for groups of **four and five year old children** and their parents to take part in this programme for Channel 4.

Your child would be needed for up to three weeks of filming during the summer holidays.

If you are interested please go to the below link to fill out our online application form

<http://bit.ly/sloyoapply>

We are committed to promoting inclusion and welcome applications from parents of children living with a disability. All communications with us will be treated in confidence.

Any information you give us will be kept securely and confidentially and in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 (and your right of access to the information is as provided under that Act).