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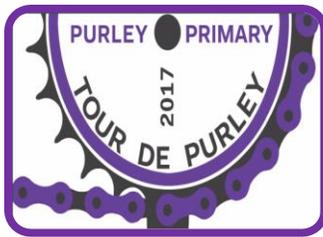
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Friday Bulletin

26th May 2017

What a mixed week of emotions it has been. Firstly, the excitement of Monday morning, when our Year 6s set off on their residential visit to Swanage. Then, Monday night, the devastating news of the bombing in Manchester. It was a time when all you want to do is give your child a cuddle and have the reassurance of them near you, but for our Year 6 parents this wasn't possible and I felt for you. In the Collective worship on Tuesday, I told the children how relieved I was that they were all safe and we needed to remember the children and adults who had been affected by the incidents in Manchester. On Wednesday however, I visited Swanage and the children were having a fantastic time, blissfully unaware of everything. It was a pleasure to see each one of them rising to the challenges they were facing. Mrs Archer had already informed me that the staff had complimented them on being so incredibly polite, which had prompted the emotions of joy and pride. Coming back to my theme of emotions, the banner being waved at the vigil in Manchester stated "Love is stronger than hate", and we need the power of love now, more than ever.



Don't forget to register for our next **Tour de Purley on 11th June 2017** www.tourdepurley.org . It would really help us enormously to know if advance who is taking part so we can make sure we have enough food for everyone.....and it's cheaper if you register in advance (see the fees section below). Food on offer will be tea/coffee and pain au chocolate early morning. BBQ will be burgers and hotdogs plus vegetarian option plus tea coffee and soft drinks.

Participants (both young and old!) are encouraged to raise sponsorship. Everyone is welcome with 4 cycle routes of varying lengths to suit all abilities and ages, and back by popular demand is a short scooter challenge for the little ones! The Tour de Purley is organised by a small group of dedicated, hard-working, well-dressed and devilishly good-looking volunteers. If you have any questions please email info@tourdepurley.org or visit www.tourdepurley.org . Go on, get on your bike!

Routes:

- Kids Loop & Scooter Challenge - A very short and easy ride within Purley for younger cycle and scooter riders
- 5 Miles - A leisurely jaunt of just over 5 miles, aimed at families and beginners
- 15 Miles - Long enough to really stretch your legs and take in some picturesque Berkshire countryside
- 30 Miles - For the more adventurous and the serious cyclists. 30 miles of glorious, scenic West Berks and South Oxfordshire roads and lanes

Schedule:

08:30 - Registration opens for longer routes (5, 15 and 30 miles)

09:00 - First riders set off

11:30 - Registration opens for kids loops and scooter challenge

12:00 - Short ride begins

Fees:

Kids Loop/Scooter challenge costs just £4:00 in advance or £5 on the day

Website prices are £6:50 for kids and £11:50 for adults (for 5, 15 and 30 miles routes)

Prices on the day will be £7:50 for kids and £12.50 for adults, so don't delay, book it today!
A family ticket admits two adults and up to three children and is £25:00 now or £27:50 on the day.

There are still plenty of raffle tickets to buy. Please see the office if you'd like any more!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Nothing's too big, nothing's too small!

With half term looming and the possibility of being out and about in throngs of folk, it seemed very pertinent that we started this week with that well known story of Jesus telling his disciples off for not letting the children through the crowd to see Him. We took a moment to think about how small, anxious, scared the children may have been feeling in the crowd, until Jesus spotted them. And more importantly, how valued and big they felt when they sat and talked with Jesus. I believe that we are all important to God, and to one another - why not read the story in The Lion Storyteller Bible and see what you think or hear what your child(ren) think. Have a good week off. *Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor*

SPORTS DAY

Our school sports day is being held on Friday 16th June, should the weather be unfavourable on this day our reserve date is Friday 23rd June.

Both KS1 and KS2 events will be held at Bucknells Meadow (not at the school field). Hedgehog and Badger will start at 10.00 am and finish at approx. 11.45. Owl and Woodpecker will commence at 1.30 pm. KS1 children will join us at the meadow for the award ceremony at approx. 2.30.

We will once again be finishing with a Race for Life event, more details to follow nearer the time. All children to be collected from Bucknells Meadow, at 3.00pm.

Children will compete in their houses and need to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house.

Fiery Fox – Red
Earthy Bear – Green
Airy Heron – White
Watery Otter- Blue

WOODLAND SCHOOL



This week the children explored the site near the gate and spent time getting to know the new boundary. They learned about climbing trees safely, keeping three points of contact at all times and taking turns. The children worked in groups and used information sheets and dials to help to identify and compare the many types of leaves. Much of the area was overgrown and we all felt like we were trekking through a jungle! Unfortunately the nettles were also in abundance, but luckily everyone had remembered to dress appropriately so casualties were few and dock leaves worked their magic. *Mrs Burton*



OPEN AFTERNOON

You are invited to come into school between 1.30pm and 2.45pm on the afternoon of Monday 10th July to share your child's work over the past year. Please come to the classroom to collect your child and their work. You can then find a quiet spot around the school or grounds (weather permitting!) so your child can share their work with you and talk about what they have done over the last academic year and celebrate their successes. You may sign your child out with their class teacher and take him/her home after you've finished. If you can't make it, it would be great if a grandparent or another family member or family friend attends. The Open Afternoon is

very well attended and the children really enjoy sharing their work.

AFTERSCHOOL CRICKET CLUB



We still have a few places left for this club. It starts after half term on Wednesday (3.00-4.00) and is available from Year 2 upwards. The coaches are charging £10 for the 6 weeks but are donating all their fees to school. If your child is interested, please speak to Mrs Ham.

ISS – PICNIC MENU

ISS are introducing a picnic menu from 5th June. This is in addition to the usual hot dinner menu. A copy of the picnic menu is available on the school website. Please see link below: <http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/school-dinners.php>

CLOTHES NAMING

Could you please check that all your children's clothes (including shoes) are **clearly named**. Some names have rubbed off after washing and it is difficult to return the items to the children. Could you also check your child's PE kit over the half term to make sure everything still fits (and is clearly named too). Thank you.

SUNNY WEATHER



As the weather is becoming warmer, may we remind you that the children need a sun hat to wear for playtimes and outdoor games. The children may also use a high factor sunscreen (SPF 15+) – please apply sunscreen before arriving to school. If you wish, you can send your child with a named sunscreen bottle which must be handed to the class teacher to be kept in a cupboard and can be used to top up if they do outdoor games in the afternoon. If you decide to send your child with sunglasses, please check that they meet the British standard to ensure that they offer sufficient protection from UV rays. Sunglasses are the children's responsibility whilst in school. Thank you.

FOPS UPDATE

Easyfundraising!

We were pleased to receive a cheque for **£131.90** in commission from Easyfundraising. Thank you for your support. It all adds up!

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)

TERM DATES 2017-2018

The term dates for the next academic year are attached to the newsletter.

YEAR 3 AND 4 BIKE SAFETY



On Monday 5th June, we are offering all year 3 and 4 children the opportunity to complete a short bike awareness course. This will be led by Chris Cassidy, Iona's dad, at the Barn, Beech Road. This will help prepare any children who are participating in this year's Tour De Purley on 11th June. If your child would like to participate, they must have a bicycle of suitable size for them to ride and a helmet. We are asking for parents to drop bikes up to the Barn after dropping your child at school. If this is a problem, we will be able to transport some up for you. The children will be supervised to and from the barn by school staff. Bikes need to be collected from school at 3.00. *Mrs Pickering*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Mason for working hard at his morning challenges

Friendship Star: Molly for looking after Casey when she was hurt

Purley Paragon: Lukas

Woodland Star: Zayneb for practising safe climbing

Superstar: Henry for his super progress in writing

Badger Class

Star of the week: Jamie for making such

progress in all areas this term

Friendship Star: Ethan for being such a support with his learning partner

Purley Paragon: Samuel

Superstar: Hiba for always being a charming and hardworking member of the class

Owl Class

Star of the week: Evans for his determination and perseverance in maths

Friendship Star: Alice Bodimeade for being a supportive learning partner, especially in maths.

Purley Paragon: Ayden

Superstar: Louis for continually trying his best in all areas of his learning this half term.

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Dylan for fantastic multiplication and division of decimal numbers.

Friendship Star: Samuel, for always staying focused and challenging himself when working in a pair or a group.

Purley Paragon: Natalia

Superstar: Tanisha for excellent SATS preparation, motivation and class participation.

Delightful diners: Louie, Sydney, Caitlin, Lola G, Oscar, Louis, Julia, Layla

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children have been learning about the Creation story, and thinking of ways they can look after the world we live in. We read Man on the Moon (a day in the life of Bob) and talked about the importance of keeping our world clean and tidy, not wasting resources and recycling. The children considered what might happen if we don't take care of our world, and they decided to make a waste paper bin for the classroom and are re-using spare paper in their projects.

Next term, our first week back will focus on safety. We will be looking at water safety, safe use of tools, and road safety to name a few. In the holidays you might like to talk about safety in the home, or look for signs in the environment that help to keep us safe.
Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



Y2 in Badger class have continued to work really hard and have now completed their KS1 SATs. I have been extremely proud of how they have approached the tests in a calm and eager way and seen them as a means to show off everything that they have learnt. Well done Y2! The rest of the class have been looking at describing a setting using creative language. They have been practising writing the numerals to 20 in written words and using them to record their number bonds to 10 and 20. They have worked with money to solve problems and tried to record their work using a systematic method. In Art/DT we have made busy bee gardens, using a simple lever to make the bee move. Next term we are learning about animals and the topic is called "Do I have paws or claws?" The children have helped to plan their work by sharing facts that they already know and by generating questions of the things they would like to find out. From the 2nd week of the term, if there are any members of the class that would like to bring in their pets to talk about with their peers, please speak to myself or Mrs Hodsdon so that we can put together a timetable of visiting animals. Thank you. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

Library books: could you please ensure that all books are returned promptly so your child can choose a new one. Lost books will incur a charge of £5 for replacement. Thank you.

OWL CLASS



Owl class have been working hard in English, writing their very own river adventure story. We have considered using different sentence lengths to create tension and revisited using inverted commas for dialogue. I look forward to reading them all over half term. In Maths, the Spheres have started exploring data handling and investigating the difference between continuous and discrete data, whilst the Cubes have continued with finding fractions of a quantity. The children had a lovely afternoon at the river for some location art. We took pastels, watercolours and pencils with us to sketch the River Thames. On Tuesday, we had our final collaborative project with our friends at Edgewood School. The children solved maths problems together using an interactive

application on their iPads.
Mrs Pickering



writing reports about renewable energy sources, which has tied in well with our science topic of electricity. We have finished off the topic this week, learning a little bit about generating electricity by making our own batteries from zinc, copper and vinegar, and powering some model water wheels and merry-go-rounds powered using solar panels. Thank goodness it's been a sunny week!
Mrs Jones

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



29/05/17-02/06/17	Half Term
05/06/17	Start of Summer Term 2
05/06/17	Year 3/4 Bike Safety
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
07/07/17	School reports sent home
10/07/17	Open Afternoon (1.30-2.45)
12/07/17	FS, Year 1 & 2, 4 Kingdom Trip
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!

WOODPECKER CLASS



It has been rather quiet in Woodpecker Class this week with the Year 6s and Mrs Archer on their residential trip to Swanage.

We have enjoyed looking at their blog to see what they've been up to and the year 5s are really looking forward to their turn next year.

The week started off really well with a great visit to Denefield for a modern foreign language workshop. The children took part in two out of three different language lessons, reading the Hungry Caterpillar in French, going on a bear hunt in German and learning the Spanish word for unicorn (among others!) in a fun trading game.

In Maths, we've been applying our knowledge of decimal numbers to reading scales and converting between metric units: cm to mm, kg to g, l to ml and so on. In English, we are

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

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