

# Purley CE Primary School

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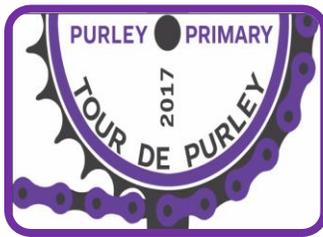
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## Friday Bulletin

9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

This week has been a safety themed week. We have looked at various ways of keeping yourself safe including internet safety, sun safety, road safety, saying no when someone ask you do something that you do not want to do and is wrong. Woodpecker class have been looking at the dangers of gathering "friends" on the internet. Included in this newsletter is an example from Ronan which demonstrates the powerful message. Several members of staff have taken a copy to share with their own children. Please be mindful that children under 13 should not have a Facebook account. The dangers were brought home to me in different way this week when I read that ten students who had been offered a place at Harvard have had their offers withdrawn because of private messages they had written on Facebook!



Don't forget to register for Sunday's **Tour de Purley on 11th June 2017** [www.tourdepurley.org](http://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](mailto:info@tourdepurley.org) or visit [www.tourdepurley.org](http://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.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In this week's Collective Worship we looked in the Bible at the story of Jesus and the Taxman.

Zacchaeus was a tax collector who had no friends because he took people's money to make himself rich. Jesus showed him love, and it changed his life. When Zacchaeus realized that Jesus loved him even though he had messed up, he wanted to show that kind of love to others. You can find this story in Luke 19:1-9. *Rev Archer*

## YEARS 4 / 5 RUSHALL FARM CAMPING TRIP



**Reminder:** Information meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 5.45 pm in school.

## 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. Please ensure that you have told us that you have collected your child.

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



The children's fascination with sticks continued this week as they used them as drumsticks to beat rhythms on the huge logs with Mr Adamski, and tied

string to curved branches to create bows. They also worked in pairs with one child wearing a blindfold while the other gave instructions to move around the woods. They practised using positional and mathematical language to guide each other safely around, over and under obstacles. Jessica and Ciara even managed to direct each other around the concrete shed base, and Ollie directed Maisie safely under the large log. *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.

## 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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) (or the app which is available on the app store or googleplay)

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Alfie for working very hard all week.

**Friendship Star:** Sienna for helping a friend who had fallen over and always wanting to help.

**Purley Paragon:** Molly

**Woodland Star:** Harry for exploring the woods and making a drumkit from a fallen tree and sticks.

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Milo for working with concentration

**Friendship Star:** Bailey for showing concern for those around him

**Purley Paragon:** Ben R

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Evelyn for her amazing character description.

**Friendship Star:** Evans for ensuring everyone was included in a group and inviting a friend to join their group.

**Purley Paragon:** Grace

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Anya for outstanding writing

**Friendship Star:** Teagan for being a great friend and ensuring nobody is left out

**Purley Paragon:** Dylan

**Delightful diners:** Nathan, Ronan, Lukas, Alfie C, Tanisha, Madeline, Jessica HL, Hiba

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



For safety week, the children were thinking about The Gingerbread Man story. They thought about what he would do if he came to a road while he was running away from the little old woman, and how he could safely cross to the other side. The children learned about how to stay safe near water, even if a fox was nowhere to be seen, and talked about sun

safety for when our summer starts in earnest. They also considered using a variety of tools safely in the classroom, and how to stay safe in the kitchen as they baked and ate delicious gingerbread biscuits.

Next week we will begin our topic "Do I have Paws or Claws?". If your child has a pet which you think would be suitable to visit us in school, please pop in to see us to arrange a convenient time. *Mrs Burton*

## BADGER CLASS



Our first week back to school has been very busy indeed and the children have engaged well in the mini topic on safety. In Badger class we started the week thinking about sun safety and explored using hot colours to make sunny paintings. To accompany our art work we wrote captions giving messages on how to look after our skin and our health in the sunshine. All we need now is the warm sun to return!

We then discussed road safety and created some eye catching posters to remind ourselves and our friends of the Green Cross Code. Using the traditional tale of "Little Red Riding Hood" the children made their own class book giving Little Red Riding Hood some useful advice on how to keep safe - go straight to Grandma's, don't wonder off the path and get lost, obey your parents and don't stop to talk to strangers. We then finished the week considering e-safety (pop ups, inappropriate websites and cyberbullying) and learnt the rhyme,

"You need to think, think, think. Before you click, click, click. And tell someone."

In Maths, we have looked at data collection and practised reading and interpreting different types of graphs and tables.

Next week we will be starting our topic "Do I have paws or claws?" Please see myself or Mrs Hodsdon if your child has a pet that they would like to bring in to talk about with the class. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



Safety has been our main focus this week. The children have considered keeping safe on bikes, using the computer, their own personal safety and first aid. On Monday, 33 children from years 3 and 4 took part in a bike safety awareness course. Chris Cassidy, Iona and Alfie's dad, very kindly gave up his day to lead these for us. The children have also been busy designing a bike safety campaign using digital technology. We used the NSPCC resources to support our learning in keeping ourselves safe and being aware that "what's in your pants stays in your pants!". If you would like further information on this topic or would like to view the Pantosaurus video, which the children found very amusing but very powerful, please visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

<http://adland.tv/commercials/nspcc-pantosaurus-whats-your-pants-belongs-only-you-2016-200-uk>.

In English, the children are starting to create medieval characters as players in a board game. They need to consider what they look like, their role in the game and whether they are there to help or hinder. Both the Cubes and the Spheres groups have been working on statistics in Maths; collecting data, presenting it in bar chart form and analysing their findings.

If you have not already done so can I ask that you send in homework books for Monday please. *Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker Class are re-united! Year 6s have regaled the rest of the class with tales of their adventures in Swanage and year 5s and 4s have relayed all the exciting things they did during the week, back here in Purley. The intention next year, is to take the whole class to Swanage (both year 5s and 6s) as that way, we will be able to book independently – this year we tagged on to Pangbourne's residential.

This week has been safety week across the school and children have been reminded about digital citizenship, road safety (including bike safety) and what to do when they don't feel safe.

The topic for the term is, 'Timelords: adventures in time and space!' We will be considering the history of time, theories of time and ways in which time can be measured. This week the children have examined Dali's painting of melted clocks (The Persistence of Memory) and are making clay replicas.

Each morning this week, the class have completed a 'big write.' Ronan's, 'Limit Technology before Technology Limits you' article has been included in this week's newsletter. Other writing tasks have included instructions, non-chronological report writing and a story. The class have really risen to the challenge, and although there are a few achy wrists from writing so much, the quality of the work has been excellent.

In Science, Mrs Jones challenged the children to work out how a large box could be balanced on the edge of a table using only a helium filled balloon to support it. We discussed the forces involved and there were lots of different ideas, but several children were proven right when Mrs Jones revealed the heavy brick taped to the inside of the box! The children learned the difference between the mass of an object (how much matter it contains) and its weight (the force acting on it due to gravity), used a straw to stop gravity from making a ping pong ball fall and used force meters to measure the mass and weight of a range of objects. *Mrs Archer*

***Dates for your diary:*** Parents are invited to attend the Woodpecker Class Production on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July or Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm in the school hall. More information to follow.

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**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11/06/17	<b>Tour de Purley</b>
12/06/17	Camping Trip Information Meeting, 5.45pm
w/c 12.06.17	Year 1 Phonics (for 1 week)
16/06/17	Sports Day (KS1 am, KS2 pm), Bucknell Meadows
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
06/07/17	Woodpecker Class Production to parents, 6.00pm
07/07/17	Woodpecker Class production to parents, 6.00pm
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	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, <b>9.15am</b>
<b>21/07/17</b>	<b>End of Academic Year, 1.15pm</b>
05/11/17	Fireworks Fiesta!

<b>Term Dates 2017-2018</b>	
<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday 6th September 2017 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Autumn Break	23/10/17 – 27/10/17
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
Christmas Holiday	21/12/17 – 03/01/18
<b>Term 3</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Spring Break	12/02/18 – 16/02/18
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Easter Holiday	30/03/18 – 16/04/18
<b>Term 5</b>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Summer Break	28/05/18 – 01/06/18
<b>Term 6</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

### Public Holidays

25th December 2017	Christmas Day
26th December 2017	Boxing Day
1st January 2018	New Year's Day
30th March 2018	Good Friday
2nd April 2018	Easter Monday
7th May 2018	Early May Bank Holiday
28th May 2018	Spring Bank Holiday

### Inset Days

4th and 5th September 2017
3rd January 2018
16th April 2018
1st June 2018

# The school times

**Limit technology before it limits you.**

Instead of looking into each other's eyes, we are looking into each other's screens. Almost every day we talk to our 'friends', but it's not real. Why don't we get more active and reach out more? We are an endangered species because opening our screens is closing doors to the outside world.

This media we call social, is actually the reverse. All these 'social' media apps (facebook, whatsapp, hangouts) are just a distraction and we need to look up from our devious devices. 'Social media' is actually unsociable and it is damaging our eyes, damaging our minds, damaging our lives.

We are slaves. Slaves to technology. Slaves to the technology we once mastered. When we 'talk' to other people and 'post' photos we don't actually 'share' it all, we share the best bits, only the best bits. We leave out the real emotions.

I think smart phones equal dumb people. We edit and exaggerate. These devices of delusion are turning us into zombies. When we stare, we are not making real connections. We need to look up from our phones, close down the display. We need to **GET REAL**.

You don't have to use the best technology. You don't have to buy the most popular electronics. You don't have to 'tell' hundreds of people about your special moments - they are more special when you really share with present people.

We as a world should give life full attention rather than living in some invention. When we're too busy looking down, we don't see the chances we miss. We are in a digital world where we are heard but not seen. We type as we talk - read as we chat. We should walk out into the world and leave the distractions behind. You might have lots of 'friends'. But I know that your still lonely.

So ... shut down your laptop, pull the cable from the wall, leave the phone on your bed-side table - and - go out! Make friends! Get social!