

# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

Do you take your mobile phone to bed with you? Do you check your phone in the middle of the night? I come across many interesting articles during the week and this headline took my attention this week. "Phones (tablets) are as addictive to children as drugs". Giving a child a smart phone to use as they wish is like giving them a bottle of wine or some drugs to use on their own behind a closed door. This was followed by publication of a Channel 4 news investigation that children as young as 9 are being persuaded to share inappropriately on live streaming. There is also strong evidence on technology contributing to lack of sleep and a digital curfew needs to be set. It is becoming an issue in children as young as 10 and by the time children are 12-15 it is very difficult to control screen time. If this addiction is caught early on, children can be taught to self-regulate. Something to think about?

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

#### *Food, Glorious Food!*

Food is an important part of our everyday life, whether we have a lot or nothing at all. Having shared meals is something we often do at church, weddings, funerals, parties... We began our week thinking about how Jesus loved to spend time getting to know people, at a meal or party. He shared the Good News over a drink. He shared the news that not only surprised but saddened his friends as they celebrated Passover. Every meal was an opportunity to show how much He cared for everyone.

Mealtime is often the time we get to know our family and friends. What do you share over a cuppa or dinner? Maybe you would like to ask your child(ren) about their school lunchtimes or whether they'd like someone over for tea, or about our story of the Last Supper from The Lion Storyteller Bible.

*Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor*

### WOODLAND SCHOOL



The woodland shade gave the children a brief respite from this week's heat as they practised tying knots onto journey sticks. They added treasures to their sticks, such as feathers, moss, and leaves,

which they found as they walked around the woods to remind them of their visit. In their free time, Jessica and Ciara rode an imaginary dragon, Ollie searched for mini beasts amongst the log piles, and many children found the energy to run around to escape from a woodland bear! *Mrs Burton*



### YEAR 2 SWIMMING

On Monday, four of our fabulous swimmers represented our school at a Gala held at the Oratory School. Despite fierce competition, they came second – so huge congratulations to Jessica, Mia, Milo and Sergio – you were amazing!

Also a big thank you to parents who supported their children and helped with transport and scoring – we appreciate your help hugely.  
*Mrs Hodsdon*

Parents are invited to come and watch the children on 26th June at the Oratory. Please see Parentmail for details.



## SPORTS DAY

Thank you for all your support. The children showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to FOPS for providing refreshments. Well done to Fiery Fox for winning the cup.



## PRAYER WALL

✝ We have been doing our prayer wall this week. This term's theme is 'me and my world'. The children have written some beautiful prayers. Here are 2 of them.

"Dear God, help the people who have suffered in terrorist attacks and make ill people better. Amen"

"Dear God, thank you for all you have done. Please help everyone to stay safe. Amen"

## VILLAGE PLAN

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.

## LEGO CARDS

As there appears to be a lot of interest in collecting the Lego cards from Sainsbury's, we would like to help the children to try and complete their collection by holding an after school swapping event. This will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, from 3.00pm to 3.45pm in Owl class.

Children will need to come organised with a list of the cards they need. If anyone has any unwanted cards, please bring them in on Monday morning and hand them to Mrs Street.

## CLUBS

As we are nearing the end of term, we have listed below our clubs and when they finish:

Clubs	End date
Choir	10 <sup>th</sup> July
Mindfulness	Finished. Next week's session is cancelled as Mrs Keegan is not available.
Netball	27 <sup>th</sup> June followed by friendly game at Long Lane (3.30 to 4.30)
Football	27 <sup>th</sup> June
Cheerleading	28 <sup>th</sup> June
Gymnastics	6 <sup>th</sup> July

## FOPS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who helped out at Sports Day and/or bought a drink or raffle ticket! We provided the children with fresh fruit following their sporting endeavours and raised £85 for the school!

We were pleased to receive another cheque for £39.79 in commission from Easyfundraising. Once again thank you all for your support, it is certainly all adding up.

A massive thank you to the Tour de Purley Committee (you know who you are) for organising another great event and also huge thanks to everyone who supported and helped out at the event. We estimate that an amazing £1800 was raised but will provide a final figure when the accounts have been reconciled.

I think you will all agree that the installation of the new Canopy between Hedgehog Class and the offices is a welcome addition to enable our children to enjoy outdoor learning, especially in the heat we have experienced this week! Thank you - without your help and support we would not have been able to provide the funding.

The End of Term Party will take place on Thursday 20 July - as before we will run two sessions and tickets will go on sale at the beginning of July.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Look out for the details at the end of this newsletter for this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

## WEST WOODHAY GARDENERS' FAIR



The fair is taking place on 23-25 June at West Woodhay Estate. The school has entered their school gardening competition! Why not go and see our entry?

The organisers of the West Woodhay Show have set up a discount code for tickets if parents would like to come along and view our entry. To obtain the discount go to the BUY section of the fair website <http://www.westwoodhayfair.co.uk> and put in code SCH008 to get the £8 deal, (instead of £12).

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Davontay for his progress in phonics

**Friendship Star:** Frankie for working well with a partner on entry day

**Purley Paragon:** Darcy

**Woodland Star:** Julia for thinking of words to

describe the things she could feel – soft moss, spiky holly, squidgy wood, hard wood.

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Jaihdn for talking about his pet snake so confidently and answering his friends' questions.

**Friendship Star:** Jamie for being such a help with the younger children on our entry day

**Purley Paragon:** Samuel

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Hayden for his excellent work in maths

**Friendship Star:** Maegan for giving up her break time to support a friend with their writing

**Purley Paragon:** Natalya

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Evie for bringing so much character and life to her part in the play.

**Friendship Star:** Teagan for being a supportive friend to children across the class.

**Purley Paragon:** Madeline

**Delightful diners:** Bailey, Ollie A, Corey, Ethan, Lucas C, Jaihdn, Elliott, Ben S

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week, our activities have focused on the Hairy Maclary stories by Lynley Dodd. The children have looked at rhyming language and made story maps of Hairy's journey around the village. They also made their own instruments and used them to retell the story of Hairy Maclary's Bone on World Music Day. The children also listened to the Carnival of the Animals and explored moving as different animals. In Maths, the Foundation children have been adding by counting on, and the Y1 children have been adding and subtracting 11 from 2 digit numbers.

Next week we hope to have our wonderful, new mud kitchen up and running...we will be taking orders! *Mrs Burton*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class have enjoyed the stories of "Hairy Maclary" this week. After having discussed the pattern and rhyme used in the books, they then had a go at generating their own rhymes and noun phrases to introduce new fun characters to the story. Being world Music day

on Wednesday, we started to listen to the music by Saint Seans "Carnival of the Animals." The children enjoyed exploring the lion music through dance and movement to create their own lion dances. We also listened to the elephant and had a go at using different percussion instruments to represent the lion and the elephants' movements.

In Maths, Y1 we have been looking at odd and even numbers and halving numbers and Y2 have been looking at fractions - halves, quarters and thirds. Next week, we are having a handwriting competition so encourage them all to practise their best handwriting in preparation for it. Thank you.  
*Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



Whilst it has been very hot in Owl Class this week, the children have all coped exceptionally well and have produced some fantastic work. In English, we have been creating a background story for the board game we are developing. It was to be set in Medieval times and involved a golden chalice that was wanted by everyone. The children needed to think how the chalice had become separated from its owner and what was so special about it that everyone wanted it. The stories have been written using google docs and completed on our iPads. In Maths, Sphere group have started investigating shape, whilst Cubes have consolidated their learning on statistics and created a graph using google sheets. They have enjoyed exploring maps of the local area and looking for local landmarks. In Science, they have explored electrical circuits using light bulbs, batteries and wires. *Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



Rehearsals are well under way in Woodpecker Class. In the stifling heat, we have searched for shady places to practice and the catchy tunes for our show have been heard from all corners of the school site. As I am in America next week, the class have been tasked with the challenge of having the show almost performance ready by Friday and they have risen admirably to the challenge.

In Maths, we are continuing to trial the Abacus scheme and have been adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators and consolidating our short division and long multiplication skills.

The reflective corner of the classroom has been transformed into the garden of Eden as we have

continued to explore Christian beliefs about creation. We have created a magnificent tree as the centre-piece with forbidden fruit hanging from its branches. As this tree is the tree of knowledge of good and evil, we have created from newspapers and used our prayers for the world as the fruit.

Next week, Woodpecker class will be taught by Mrs Jones while I am exploring new opportunities for us to develop computing in school. Mrs Pickering and I will be in touch with our classes daily and will be keeping a blog of our time in Texas.

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

26/06/17	Year 2 final swimming lesson (parents invited to watch) 9.30-10.30
27/06/17	Friendly Netball matches with Long Lane, 3.30-4.30
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>
06/09/17	Start of new academic year
20/09/17	Greet the teacher evening
28/09/17	FOPS AGM
18/10/17	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00
19/10/17	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00
20/10/17	Harvest Festival at St Mary's
05/11/17	Fireworks Fiesta!

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

# ANIMAL AGENTS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

[animal-agents.org.uk](http://animal-agents.org.uk)

## Join the Animal Agents for the 2017 Summer Reading Challenge

1<sup>st</sup> July -30<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Visit any West Berkshire library to collect a free Reading Log and your 1<sup>st</sup> book(s) to read. Please bring your library card or join the library if you need to. If you aren't already a member, hurry along soon to beat the rush!

For every library book you read you will receive a sticker, after 3 books an Animal Agents wristband. Ideally visit the library 3 times to complete the challenge, unless you use the Mobile service, or will be away a lot. Remember it is not a race. The challenge is to read different and interesting library books, which are suitable for your age, interests and reading ability.

Your library will reward you with an Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge certificate, a medal and a voucher for a free 1 child entry to a local attraction. Show your certificate and medal to your teacher in September so they can see how well you have done.

Again we will be running **Grown-ups2 Summer Reading Challenge** alongside the children's Challenge. Grownups and children aged 12 and over have their own 3 book Reading Challenge. Find out more at your local library.

Remember, it is **free** to join the library, to take part in Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge and to borrow books!

You can already take a look at the Summer Reading Challenge website:

[http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/?mc\\_cid=e1dfe00955&mc\\_eid=8174706719](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/?mc_cid=e1dfe00955&mc_eid=8174706719)

We look forward to seeing you at our libraries during the summer.

**Ros Preuss Children's Services Librarian West Berkshire Libraries**

