

# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

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This week I have been asking some of the children at the school for their opinions on school life and on the opportunities we offer. I was delighted with the response on how happy children are at school with nearly all giving it 10 out of 10. Children appreciate the support they get at school, be that academically or socially and were able to list the opportunities they had had. I was especially touched by some of the comments - "there are no nasty teachers here, everybody likes me", "I don't know how my teacher makes maths lessons really fun!" In these challenging times, we must we doing something right! 😊

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In this week's Collective Worship we came to God's Story of A Dreadful Day. In it, we remember the story of Jesus' death on the cross which takes place immediately after Jesus' goodbye meal with his friends. It is probably the saddest story in the Bible and tells how, although Jesus was good and kind and loving, some bad people planned to hurt and kill him. Christians remember this story on Good Friday. What could be good about such a sad day? It was because Jesus took away all the bad things people have done, so that they can be forgiven. And that's good news! *Rev Archer*



### OPEN AFTERNOON - REMINDER

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.

### WOODLAND SCHOOL



This week our challenge was to write a message on a piece of paper, but we had only brought along some plastic pots and water. The children decided sticks and feathers would make good writing implements, and quickly realised that mud was the most readily available 'ink' for mark making. They worked with partners to mix a range of leaves, bark and moss into the wet mud to create subtly differing shades of brown. Through trial and error, the children also discovered that thicker sticks were better to write with than feathers or thin sticks. *Mrs Burton*

## 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.

## SCHOOL DINNERS



The cost for KS2 children to have a school meal is £2.25 per meal. Sometimes, children having school dinners run up a debt with ISS. It is the schools responsibility to cover these debts, so I am sure you can appreciate the predicament school could be in if all children ran up a debt. We would appreciate it if you could ensure you pay as you go or keep your child's online dinner account regularly topped up. All payments should be addressed to ISS and can be handed to the school office. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to ISS Education. Thank you. *Mrs Lees*

## NETBALL NEWS

Our team went to Long Lane to play some friendly matches. Sadly the score didn't reflect the effort they all put in. Despite playing against Year 5s and a whole team of Year 6s, all 14 of them were amazing and gave their best throughout. They never gave up.

First time out and they've only been training since May, so overall, I thought they proved we have huge potential and they all should be very proud of themselves. Big high fives to them all. *Very proud 'Coach', Lynda Pavey*



## CLUBS

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

Clubs	End date
Choir	3 <sup>rd</sup> July (last after school choir practice due to clash with Open Afternoon on 10 <sup>th</sup> July)
Cheerleading	12 <sup>th</sup> July (parents invited to watch)
Gymnastics	6 <sup>th</sup> July
Cricket	12 <sup>th</sup> July

## FOPS UPDATE

### FOPS End of Term Summer Party

Summer dresses and Hawaiian shirts at the ready for the Summer-themed End of Term Party taking place on Thursday 20th July. We will be running two sessions: 5.15-6.30pm for FS, Years 1 & 2 and 6.45-8pm for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. There will be music, dancing, games and activities, hotdogs and drinks.

Entry is **£4.00** per child and spaces can be booked by completing and returning the form contained in your child's book bag. Please send in cash or cheques made payable to FOPS. Paper tickets won't be issued but names will be placed on a list at the door. Please note that all payment is required in advance of the party and by end of school on **Monday 17th July** to enable us to finalise the numbers.

We are also looking for some volunteers to help us with the catering! If there are a couple of Dads (or Mums!) who are prepared to BBQ the hotdogs for either or both sessions please let us know via Mrs Ham in the office or indicate your availability on your reply form. Thank you!

As always all proceeds from the event will go towards the funding of activities and resources for our children.

## WEST WOODHAY GARDENERS' FAIR



We are very proud to confirm that the children's display won the Silver Place in the competition.

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Toby for challenging himself with his maths

**Friendship Star:** Belle for always being a good friend

**Purley Paragon:** Julia

**Woodland Star:** Mason for challenging himself to climb onto logs in different ways.

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Jessica for always trying her best.

**Friendship Star:** Ellie for always being caring towards others.

**Purley Paragon:** Ben R

### Owl Class

**Star of the week:** Niamh for really challenging herself with her French speaking.

**Friendship Star:** Jasmine for noticing when a member of the class was struggling with her work and sensitively supporting her without having to be asked.

**Purley Paragon:** Grace

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Natalia for concentrating well and working hard on drawing bar charts and scatter graphs.

**Friendship Stars:** Anya and Elyssa for a perfect partnership in our production, as well as helping other members of the class during the week.

**Purley Paragon:** Mrs Jones & Jack

**Delightful diners:** Henry, Harry B, Zayneb, Sara, Julia, Natalia, Sienna, Teagan

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



'My Cat Likes To Hide In Boxes' provided the inspiration for our work on rhyming words this week, and we had great fun making 3D boxes for our cats to hide in. The children thoroughly enjoyed their martial arts PE session with Mr C, amazing us all with their ability to punch and kick with confidence! In Maths, the Foundation children have been finding as many ways as possible to partition one digit numbers, and the Year 1 children

have been using bead strings to add and subtract 11 from 2 digit numbers.

Please can we ask if any of our spare clothes have been sent home with your child, that they are returned as soon as possible, as we have none left for little emergencies. Thank you.

*Mrs Burton*



## BADGER CLASS



On Monday, Year 2 had their last swimming lesson which was made a very special occasion as parents joined them to celebrate the progress they made this year. It was great to see so many proud children who enjoyed the chance to show off their swimming skills.

During Maths, we have been busy investigating 3D shapes by using our knowledge of 2D shapes to describe the faces, as well as using blue tack to find and count the vertices. We also revised our 2D shapes with our favourite song! <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zhnvcdm>

In Literacy, we have enjoyed writing about cats in poems including My Cat likes to Hide in Boxes. Many children enjoyed joining in with the song version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lx2iqIMUzTg>

In Science this week we watched information to find out facts about seahorses as we were learning about fish.

Finally, we all had an extremely noisy, but very disciplined afternoon learning Martial Arts from a visiting expert which was great fun. *Mrs Hodsdon*

## OWL CLASS



It has been an absolute pleasure to teach the children in Owl class this week and we have had a fun French week. We have concentrated on learning the

vocabulary for different fruits and have learnt phrases to say which fruits we like or dislike and the colours of the different fruits. To allow for as much spoken language as possible we made games and I was very impressed with their enthusiasm and team work. We have learnt two French songs with actions and dance routines and this has given our week an engaging and active focus. In art we studied oranges through observational drawing and enhanced our 2D work with 3D embellishments. The finished results are very effective the children all felt proud of their skills. In maths we have been investigating how to read, write and plot coordinates in the first quadrant. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

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**

## WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker class has been enjoying a very practical week while Mrs Archer has been away.

English lessons have been dedicated to practising Frankie & Me ahead of next week's performances. The children are fantastic actors and have worked really hard learning their lines, projecting their voices and polishing their scenes.

In Maths, we have been practising taking accurate measurements, finding the mean of a number of measurements and displaying data on bar graphs and scatter plots.

These skills should prove useful when the children come to display the results of their investigations into how paper helicopters fall. They have had a lot of fun making the helicopters and launching them from the balcony. The children have asked many interesting questions and started developing ways of answering them scientifically.

A few weeks ago, the children started making clay clocks in the style of the "melting" clocks in Salvador Dali's painting "The Persistence of Memory". All of the children have now made a clock and most of them have had a chance to paint them too - I am sure Mrs Archer will be very impressed with them on her return. *Mrs Jones.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
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
23/09/17	School Fete
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!