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Friday Bulletin



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SPORTS DAY – MONDAY 7TH JULY - PM



The children will take part in their annual Sports Day on Monday 7th July from **1.00pm until approximately 2.30pm** at our Sports Field.

Should you wish, you are welcome to come to the school from 12.00 to have your own picnic with the children in the school grounds. The **school dinner option for that day will be picnic bag rather than a hot dinner**. The children will then be walked to the field by members of staff. The field is situated along the track going towards Home Farm which is first left when leaving the school going towards New Hill. May we remind you that any siblings attending should be under your supervision. There are no parking facilities at the field, so please park your cars on the Purley Village road.

You will be free to take your child with you at the end of Sports Day as long as you've signed them out with their teachers. All other children will return to school and finish the day as normal at 3.00pm. Children who normally do Gym Club on Mondays will be able to have their session as normal.

Please note that FOPS will be selling refreshments during Sports Day.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the Week: Kira for always extending her own learning by taking on class challenges

Friendship Star: Connor for looking after a friend when he fell over

Woodland Star: Ayden – he decided to make a start on his house but then went to help two

other groups by collecting some sticks and securing branches.

Badger Class

Star of the Week: Aieyan for continuously working hard and trying his best. Well Done Aieyan!

Friendship Star: Niamh for helping a friend with their work.

Woodland Stars: Caitlin for always showing good team work, consideration and enthusiasm at forest school.

Shannon for working as part of a team to create a 3D representation of the rainforest.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Jack for writing a persuasive letter asking the Prime Minister to do more to protect the rainforest.

Friendship Star: Will for good partner work.

Delightful Diners: Tyreese, Jaihdn, Lucas, Ethan, Natalia, Sara, Connor and Aieyan.

TOP TIP OF THE WEEK!



Physical wellbeing

Some more points this week taken from the Family Action Guide based on research about what helps children succeed at school.

- Encourage your child to try a variety of foods and dishes.
- Encourage your child to have at least one hobby involving exercise such as dance, swimming or football.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective Worship this week we looked in the Bible at the story of the prophet Samuel anointing David, who would become King of



Israel – we did this by watching a wonderful short animation. It's a surprising story because the boy David is the youngest of eight sons, the 'forgotten boy' who looked after the sheep. The older brothers were obviously more suitable to become king – they were bigger and stronger and 'looked' like a king. But it was David who was chosen because his 'heart' that was right. God is more interested in a person's heart – in what we think and feel on the inside – than in what we look like or what we do. Rev Archer

STRIKE ACTION

There is another teachers and support staff strike planned for Thursday 10th July.

"For teachers, performance related pay, working until 68 for a full pension and heavy workload for 60 hours a week, is unsustainable.... The consequences of turning teaching into a totally unattractive career choice will most certainly lead to teacher shortages."

At Purley we mainly agree with all these sentiments but on this occasion we have decided not to strike and school will be open as usual.

OPEN AFTERNOON



As advertised in the diary dates you are invited to come into school between 1.30pm and 2.45pm on the afternoon of Wednesday 16th 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. Cricket Club will take place as normal at 3.00pm. 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.

HOME SCHOOL TRANSPORT CONSULTATION

West Berkshire Council are consulting on the Home to School Transport arrangements for 2015/16 including:

- Home to School Transport Policy 2015/16
- Fare Payer Scheme 2015/16
- Post 16 Transport Statement 2015/16

You can access the consultation information, including how to respond, on the West Berkshire Council website via the link below:

<http://info.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=30316>

The closing date for responses is Friday 8th August.

COURSES FOR PARENTS

The Tilehurst & Area Children's Centre have informed us of a couple of courses that parents might find useful.

1. The Incredible Years course is an evidenced based programme for parents of children aged 0-5years and supports parents in play, problem solving, and effective coping strategies, appropriate for your child's age and development.
2. The other course is a level 1 childcare course for parents wishing to return to work.

Please look at the posters in the information notice board in the main playground for more information.

2014-2015 TERM DATES



You will find attached to this newsletter, the term dates for the next academic year. May we remind you that leave of absence is not likely to be authorised. If you feel that your request falls under the 'Special Circumstances' category, please make an appointment to see Mrs Fakes before you book anything. Many thanks for your cooperation on this matter.

VIOLIN LESSONS

The last violin lesson for this term will be on Friday 18th July. Parents are invited to watch a short demonstration at 2.45 on that day.

YEAR 2/3 END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE

The children have been busy rehearsing! Parents are welcome to come and watch the performance at 9.30 in the school hall.

FOREST SCHOOL



Beech: We spent the morning at Basildon Park and it was a beautiful day. Our task was to build houses for the 3 little pigs. All the houses were very different. We hope they will still be standing next week when we go again for the last time! Let's hope the wolf hasn't blown them down...



Elm: This week we went to Pike Shaw copse. Hayden remembered how he had made his den there on a previous visit and showed good leadership skills explaining to his team of workers how to build one this week. Our Rainforest topic was a common feature, a pine cone became a tree frog and moss covered bark was hung from the tree as a sloth covered in algae! Lots of bugs, including:

centipedes, worms and slugs were treated to a holiday at the big hotel very carefully constructed by Callum and Somaya.

Ash: Although it was very warm at Basildon Park, we managed to keep cool in the shade of the trees. Everyone was engaged in their chosen activities. These included creating a rainforest from natural resources, making fishing rods or climbing the trees.

OWL CLASS



In Literacy the children wrote some persuasive sentence starters about issues such as health and exercise. As a class, we have grown to feel passionate about the rainforest so we decided to write some persuasive letters to the Prime Minister of our country and the Brazilian Prime Minister. We expressed our concerns and asked them if they were doing enough or could do more.

In preparation for our Sports day on Monday we discussed sports etiquette.

In Numeracy, all children worked on 'coordinates' - to read and locate them on a grid (treasure maps). We also explored finding the area of 2D shapes.

We started to prepare for the end of year production with enthusiasm: singing, dancing, learning lines and working collaboratively as a group. Well done!

BADGER CLASS



This week in Literacy the children have been investigating dictionaries, what we can use them for and how we use them! They have ordered words in alphabetical order, looked up definitions of words and made their own rainforest dictionary. Next week we will be exploring the people and tribes of the rainforest.

Also in Literacy, the children have been looking at letters, how they are laid out and what they need to contain. They have written letters to the children of a kindergarten in Hue, Vietnam where Mrs Carr's son will be working for the month of July. The children wrote about

themselves and what their life is like at school in Purley and about living in England.

In Numeracy, the children have continued on the theme of money, identifying which coins are in our currency and starting to solve simple problems relating to money. It would be beneficial if children had the opportunity to handle money especially when out shopping during the summer break. This would really help put money into a real life context. In Numeracy next week we will be looking at coordinates.

Our Year 2 children have started rehearsing for their end of year production. The Year 1 children have investigated the life cycle of a frog and started to see if we can grow Triops (sea monkeys) in our homemade bromeliad plants. In Art/DT the Year 1 children also made and decorated toucan masks.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



In Hedgehog class, we have been reading a variety of different versions of The Three Little Pigs story. We talked about how the stories were similar and different to each other. The children worked in groups to act out the story using finger puppets and role play masks. We also looked at what junk materials would be best to make a strong house. The children designed and made houses using a variety of junk materials. The children have started to paint their houses looking carefully at their design.

In numeracy, the children have been practising counting money using 10p and 1p coins to make an amount. We have also been recognising coins up to the £2 coin.

Next week, our learning will be focused on 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' story.

OPEN DOOR

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

07/07/14	Sports Day (pm)
16/07/14	Open Afternoon
18/07/14	End of Year Assembly (Year 2 & 3) 9.30 am
18/07/14	FOPS End of Term Party (Children only)
23/07/14	End of Academic Year at 1.15 pm
03/09/14	Start of New Academic Year
23/09/14	FOPS AGM

Please note: further details will be sent out nearer the time of events and some dates may change though we will try and avoid this.

Karen Fakes (Headteacher)