

Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin



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Reminder – end of academic year is at 1.15 pm on next Wednesday.

As we come to the end of this academic year, I cannot believe that the year has gone so quickly! I fell in love with Purley School on my first visit and that feeling has grown thorough the year. The school is a real community. Thank you to all - the children, the staff, the Governors and you parents for your support. We will have a really challenging year ahead of us next year but I am sure that together it will be another good year where we all look out for each other and show patience and understanding and the children continue to develop as responsible well rounded members of the community.

Enjoy your children over the holidays, you will not have this time back. It is time for all the brains to have a rest and recuperate ready for another year to learn to love and love to learn.

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Carr...

I would really like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the children who have made my time at Purley so enjoyable. It is lovely to see them blossom and develop into such talented young people. Also many many thanks to the parents, governors and staff for my generous gifts and cards. I feel sad to be leaving but will keep in close touch with all the exciting new developments. *Mrs Carr*

EXCITING SEPTEMBER!

It is a very exciting time at Purley School.

Building

By the end of the Summer holidays the toilets will have been moved and Hedgehog class restructured. The hall will be set up as a classroom for Owl class.

In the Autumn term, the building work will seem to be quite quiet and preparatory work will be done for Phase 2 which will most probably be in full swing in the Spring term.

Curriculum

There will be a new curriculum in place in September. The first topic for Year 1 and 2 will be "Take Aways" and Years 3 and 4 will be "Scrumdidliumptious".

We have secured the use of the church hall twice a week to ensure that the children are still able to do PE during the build.

Year 1s will be going to Forest School on Monday mornings every other week. Year 2 will start swimming after Christmas on Monday mornings.

Years 3 and 4 will be going to Rushall Farm every other Monday afternoon.

In order for these activities to take place we will as usual be asking for a small donation towards the cost of the transport. We also need volunteers to ensure safety. Please come forward and offer your services if at all possible so that we can finalise our plans before the holidays. Thank you to all who have already been very supportive. If we do not have enough helpers the activities cannot take place.

We have some very enthusiastic violin players at the school and Berkshire Maestros have now offered the Years 3 and 4 children free violin lessons for a term and a half on a Friday afternoon. This is a chance for every child to have the opportunity to play an instrument. If your child already has violin lessons this will continue and Mr Burnett, will be able to use their talents in the class sessions and develop their ability to play as part of a large group. More details will follow next term.

Parents

Next year we are planning to run some information sessions on helping your child to learn through play and a maths session. If there are any other areas you would like us to cover please let us know.

UNIFORM

Our new uniform supplier will be in the playground after school next **Tuesday (22nd July)** selling the new uniform (cash or cheque only)

Contact information is below:

<http://www.jmlembroidery.co.uk/webshop/schoolwear/purley-c-of-e-primary-school/>

You can also contact them by phone or email
T: 01183 279 916/ 07568 348 829

E: info@jmlembroidery.co.uk

NEW GOVERNOR

We are pleased to announce that Mr Matt Barber has been co-opted as a new governor for the school. Mr Barber's experience is proving invaluable during our school expansion.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Sadly, Miss Royall is leaving us at the end of this academic year to take up a position at a local nursery. Mrs King and Mrs McConnell will take over the running of the club until October half term. A decision about the viability of the club will be made depending on the number of children using the club. A notice period will be given.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective Worship this week, we looked at the story of David and Jonathan who were very good friends. Although Jonathan was the King's son, he was willing to put his life at risk to save David who the King was greatly displeased with. We explored the theme of friendship and what it means to be a good friend and how important it is to have a friend. We also recalled that for David, it was so important to him that he followed God in all that he did.

VIOLINS



Could all violin students bring their violins on Wednesday 23rd July so that they can show their friends how much they've learnt!

BOOKS



If you have school reading/library books at home, could you please bring them back to school by the end of term please. The children will not have reading books during the Summer but we would like to encourage them to take part in the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge organised by the local libraries and we look forward to seeing all the certificates and medals in September. Further details are on the poster on the main playground window.

We are in the process of re-banding all our books so you may notice that your child's book has a different colour label on.

SCHOOL DINNERS

We have been informed by ISS that there is a change to the advertised menu for the last day of term (23rd July). The choice will be fish fingers and chips or picnic bag. May we remind you to ensure that all outstanding payments for school dinners should be sent in to school by Tuesday 22nd July at the latest so that it can be banked by ISS.

As you may have heard in the news, all Foundation, Year One and Year Two pupils will be entitled to a free school meal from this September. Currently only some pupils are eligible for this service and parents are asked to complete a form to claim. However you may not be aware that all children who are entitled to Free School Meals because of their family circumstances bring an additional £1300 into the school budget to support their learning experiences at school. This money is known as Pupil Premium money and enables schools to plan and support learning opportunities for these children – more

information is available on this on our school website – www.purleyprimarieschool.co.uk

We realise that this is confusing for parents who feel they may not need to claim for a free school meal for their child if they will already be getting one under the new scheme but your child may be missing out on extra support they may be entitled to. Therefore please could I ask that you contact the school office in confidence; we can help you check your eligibility. Or you can contact West Berkshire Council directly on 01635 503090 or www.westberks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals - the process is very straightforward!

If you require a refund for money remaining in your on-line account you are required to log onto your online payment accounts and request a refund. Alternatively you can email: isseducation.onlinepayments@uk.issworld.com or call 0844 583 5754 where you can request a refund.

For children in Years 3 and above, the price of a meal will be £2.15. This is a 5p increase from the current cost, which is due to inflation. The price of £2.15 compares favourably to the national average price of £2.30 for a school meal.

OPEN AFTERNOON

It was great to see so many of you on Wednesday for our Open Afternoon. Thank you for your support.

TOP TIP OF THE WEEK!



Eating

- A healthy, balanced diet can help your child reach his/her full potential for concentration, memory, focus and mental capacity
- Let your child help when you bake and prepare family meals; it will help them understand about food and encourage them to be creative - they may even taste something that they were reluctant to try before!
- Help your child to understand about a balanced diet and the importance of eating fruit and vegetable to keep them fit and healthy.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the Week: Olly for good listening and always trying his best.

Friendship Star: Cypher for helping others to make things using junk materials.

Badger Class

Star of the Week: Jaime for continually trying to improve his learning, especially writing.

Friendship Star: Freddie for always being a good team member of Badger class.

Owl Class

Star of the Week: Nathan for achieving 10 stars for his homework.

Friendship Star: Ronan for helping some children with their acting for the play.

Delightful Diners: Isabella, Sienna, Erika, Emily, Maegan, Josh, Ronan, Tanisha

OWL CLASS



The children in Owl class, together with the Year 2 in Badger class have worked very hard this week perfecting their performances for the end of year production. All teachers were extremely proud of their efforts and how they all contributed to a fantastic show. Well done to each and every one of them.

In addition we have been looking at fossils and how they are formed over time and the children made their own little books to demonstrate their formations. In Numeracy we looked at 3d shapes and consolidated their names, number of vertices, faces and edges.

BADGER CLASS



We cannot believe that this is the last bulletin of this academic year! Where have those months gone? We hope you enjoyed looking through the children's work on our open afternoon and could see how much progress they have made this year.

In Literacy the Year 1 children have written letters to a Tribal chief of the rainforest asking questions about their cultural habits. The favourite question was: why do you put sticks through your nose? On Tuesday we had a handwriting session to see how much our handwriting had improved since Easter. The Year 2 children have been practising very hard for their end of year production. We all went on a mini beast hunt outside and collected a variety of creatures. We used non-fiction books and watched some clips on Espresso to find out more about them and made some mini beast books. Numeracy has been very practical with treasure hunting and mini orienteering using coordinates. The children have enjoyed making tribal headdresses using collage skills.

Please can you send you child in with a carrier bag next week so we can send home all their wonderful work, thank you.

Have a wonderful summer and keep those brains working!

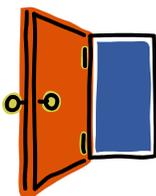
HEDGEHOG CLASS



We have been learning about the different seasons. We focused on the summer season. We went on a hunt within the school grounds to look for signs of summer. The children drew pictures and labelled what they found. The children drew observational drawings of a bunch of flowers and we made sun hats using junk materials. We also learnt the order of the months of the year and which months belong to each season.

In Numeracy, we practised reading and making o'clock times.

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

23/07/14	End of Academic Year at 1.15 pm
03/09/14	Start of New Academic Year
23/09/14	FOPS AGM
24/10/14-3/11/14	Half Term
12/12/14	FOPS Disco
19/12/14	End of Autumn Term 2 at 1.15pm
20/12/14	FOPS Pantomime Visit

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)

