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Friday Bulletin

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It was a real pleasure to see so many of you attend the Greet the Teacher evening this week. I am sure you are well aware of the increasing demands on our children making it even more important for us as parents and teachers to work together. Children can achieve well at school when their family and friends take an interest in their school and schoolwork. Whatever your lifestyle, or family situation, it is never too soon (or too late) to start helping a child develop a positive attitude towards learning. If you have any feedback from the evening, I would be interested to hear it to support us with planning for next year.



We've started using Parentmail this week! We've sent out a few letters/forms. We're still learning how to use the system but we're hoping that in the long run, it will help reduce the number of hard copies we send out and enable you to reply to communication more easily.

We're still experimenting with the different settings. They are two types of communication: emails (with attachments, like newsletter, clubs etc) and forms (these are the ones when you should be able to reply directly online by ticking boxes or entering some text in the required field). We had a glitch in the data census form we sent yesterday – instead of sending a form per family, parentmail sent one form per child. In order to submit the form, simply put an 'x' in the fields that you wish to leave blank and click submit.

There's a very useful section online to help parents with registration and how to use the new system.

<http://parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/>

WOODLAND SCHOOL



We were fortunate that the weather stayed mainly dry for Oak Group's first visit to the woods. We explored

the area and found sticks as big as the BFG, and noticed damp, green moss growing on the tree stumps which looked like hair. We worked with partners to draw maps of the area so that next week's group can find their way around – especially to the conkers beneath the horse chestnut tree!



CLUBS

Confirmations of clubs have been sent out in your child's bookbag.

FOPS – Parents Teacher Association



We look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Thursday 29th September at 7.30pm in the school hall - even if it's just to hear what we have been up to! Your support is invaluable. Cheese and wine will be provided!

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Sienna for great tidying up

Friendship Star: Lukas for playing nicely with Isaak

Purley Paragon: Julia

Badger Class

Star of the week: Percy for trying so hard with his spelling word search

Friendship Star: Jaihdn for helping out a younger member of the class with their work

Purley Paragon: Percy

Woodland Star: Harry

Owl Class

Star of the week: Lola M for persevering with her maths

Friendship Star: Emily for supporting the newer member of the class with our class routines.

Purley Paragon: Alice Barber

Woodpecker Class

Stars of the week: Shannon for outstanding work ethic: concentrating in class, completing extra work at home and engaging fully with learning across the curriculum

Friendship Star: Erika for kindness to everyone in the classroom and in the playground

Purley Paragon: Anya

Delightful Diners: Harry B, Brayden, Mason, Corey, Charlie, Percy

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The start of our new topic was a sticky event! We thought about different takeaways and decided to make our own jam or tuna sandwiches for a picnic. We put them in bags and Mrs Chohan delivered them to the picnic area – luckily we had drawn maps so she could find her way. Year 1s looked into where the fillings for our sandwiches came from. We were surprised to find out that a tuna fish can be as long as a man is tall.

Our first PE session was a great success. The children tried really hard to get changed independently and we enjoyed exploring how our bodies moved and finding our own space.

Next week we will be listening to the story of The Parrot and the Raja, and trying out Indian dancing. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have started their topic "Take aways" and had fun making some crafty fish and chips to take home all wrapped up in newspaper. We found out about "A day in the life of a fish and chip man" and wrote reports using headings and sub headings to present our information. We looked at how the sea is harvested by the fishermen and wrote some prayers to keep them safe when out at work. In Maths, we have been looking at numbers in the number system and 1 more/1 less. Year 2 have also been looking at tens and units and what each digit in a 2 digit number represents.

Next week we will be looking at stories set in different cultures. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



It has been a busy week in Owl Class. In English, the children have been finishing off their Roald Dahl fact files, thinking about organising facts together under appropriate sub-headings. In Maths, the Year 3

children have developed their skills for +/- 10/100 and we have started to think about using this to help us with column addition. The year 4 children have been working on known facts to support their approach to calculations. We have also started our topic on the Stone-age and spent Wednesday building Stonehenge.

The children have been very excited to meet their partners from our partner school, in Wisconsin, USA, via google hangout. As discussed at the Greet the Teacher night, we will be working with this school on three collaborative learning projects over the next academic year.

Finally the 'Wheat' group had a fun-filled afternoon at Rushall farm on Monday, more details to follow next week once 'Barley group have been. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



It was lovely to meet with parents, both old and new to Woodpecker Class, on Tuesday evening – thank you for taking the time to come and find out all about the year ahead for your child. If you were unable to come, please don't worry as I have shared all the information with the class too, and your child should be up to speed with many of the changes for this year.

In English this week, Woodpecker class have been consolidating their understanding of the 8 parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, prepositions, conjunctions and determiners) and have had fun playing grammar games to help with this. We have also been learning to identify the 'who, what and where' information in reading comprehensions. Our Big Writing Adventure this term is to compile an anthology of short stories all featuring time-slips and the children have all engaged enthusiastically with this challenge.

In Maths, we have been continuing to work with increasingly large numbers, counting, ordering and calculating using our understanding of place value to support our problem solving. The class are already showing improvement in times tables and KIRFS (key

instant recall facts). Please do encourage your children to continue practising these at home.

We have begun to engage with our topic for the term and are learning about the 'Dark Ages' in England as the backdrop to the Viking Invasions.

We have had our first meeting with Edgewood Campus – our JDO partner school this year. It was a wonderful session where both classes of children asked and answered questions.

Behaviour in class has been superb and the children are highly motivated at the start of this academic year. In PSHE, we have been considering courteous behaviour beyond the classroom and reflecting on the power of 'please' and 'thank you' and 'sorry.' *Mrs Archer*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29/09/16	FOPS AGM (incl Cheese & Wine), 7.30pm
30/09/16	Foundation School Trip – Ella's Kitchen
14/10/16	Harvest Festival at St Mary's
19/10/16	Parents' Evening 3:30-6:00 More details to follow via parentmail
20/10/16	Parents' Evening 6:00-8:00 More details to follow via parentmail
21/10/16	End of Autumn Term 1
01/11/16	Start of Autumn Term 2
03/11/16	Fireworks Fiesta!
13/12/16	ISS Christmas Lunch
16/12/16	End of Autumn Term 2
04/01/17	Start of Spring Term 1

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

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Learn to Love, Love to Learn