



Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin

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This week, our school uniform has been quite a focus. Three very different external visitors to the school have commented how smart the children look, they also liked the colour. It just so happened that I was also doing a school uniform check this week. Apart from the occasional "tuck your shirt in" every child was a credit to themselves, their family and the school. Thank you all for your support.



The Thameside Fireworks Fiesta went so well last year, we're doing it all again! It promises to be another fantastic not-to-be-missed event for all the family with tasty hot food, a licensed bar and glow novelties. Gates will open at 5.30 pm, with the Fireworks kicking off at 7.00 pm.

Once again proceeds are in aid of the school and if you book in advance we've kept last year's prices. So get your tickets beforehand and avoid the queue. You can get them online from **1st October** at www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.org or they will be available at various establishments in and around Purley including at School, the Post Office and Barn Owl Day Nursery to name but a few (more details to follow but please ask in the school office for more information). Advance prices - Family ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children aged 5-12) £15, Adult £6, child £2.50. Under 5s go free. If you decide to buy at the gate, tickets are £25 Family ticket, £9 Adult, £4 Child. See you there!!

Do join us again for another memorable Firework Fiesta down by Mapledurham Lock and help us to raise funds for our school.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Paint the whole world with a rainbow!

And that is what God did in our story from the Bible this week. We read about Noah, the ark and how the people in the world had made God sad and angry. We thought about how frustrated, sad or angry we become when things go wrong, to think through why God sent the flood. Our minds were buzzing with questions trying to get our heads around the 'why?'. Maybe you would like to ask your child(ren) why the rainbow was such a key part of our story, or follow along with the stories in The Lion Storyteller Bible.

Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor



89% of our parents have now registered with Parentmail. Remember to check regularly for any communication sent out. You can set notifications to appear on your phone as and when information is sent out. If you're having problems registering with parentmail, please speak to the office.

Next week you will receive a notification inviting you to book your parents evening meeting with your child's teacher. Please make sure that you allow for 10 minutes prior to your meeting to see your child's tray with all their work. Below is a link with further advice about how to make the bookings.

WOODLAND SCHOOL



What great teamwork by Elm Group at the woods this week! Some children found it tricky to climb the fallen tree as it was still damp from the rain, so Benjamin had the idea that we could construct a ladder. The children tested the branches to find ones that were long enough and strong enough for the job, and Mrs Burton helped to tie the knots. Although it was a bit wobbly, the ladder worked brilliantly. Some of the logs were too big for the ladder so the children decided to use them to make a seat. They had to work together to move them, calling out instructions to each other "right a bit, left a bit, now go backwards".



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have a couple of missing named school jumpers. Could you check that your child is wearing their own uniform. It's also a good way to check that everything (including shoes) are named.

SCHOOL DINNERS

ISS have informed us that the planned menu for Thursday and Friday next week are being switched around. Fish and chips will be served on **Thursday**. The online ordering system has been amended to reflect this change.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



As mentioned in the diary dates, our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 14th October at 9.30 at St Mary's Church. The children will need to come in to school as per usual and will walk to the church accompanied by members of staff. Parents are invited to come along and attend this service.

ReadiFood

For Harvest, the school will be collecting food on behalf of Reading Food Bank. They provide food parcels for those in need. There will be a collection box in the playground w/c 10th October.

Please see below a list of food needed:

Tea (pack of 40 or 80 bags)
Coffee (Instant!)
Jam
Marmalade
Tinned peas
Tinned carrots
Tinned sweetcorn
Tinned tomatoes
Tinned meat
Tinned fish
Tinned Steak and kidney pie
Tinned Steak pie
Tinned Chicken pie
Tinned peaches
Tinned cherries
Tinned pears
Tinned pineapple
Tinned mixed fruit
Rice
Biscuits
Chocolate

Tinned potatoes
Tinned baked beans
Tinned spaghetti
Tinned Tomato Soup
Tinned Chicken Soup
Tinned Vegetable Soup

Please NO pasta or cereals at the moment.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Frankie for remembering the Indian words in the story

Friendship Star: Henry for being a good friend to Ollie

Purley Paragon: Jessica

Badger Class

Star of the week: Sergio for always listening to his teacher

Friendship Star: Ellie for being a kind and caring member of the class

Purley Paragon: Ben R

Woodland Star: Samuel for challenging himself to climb the ladder

Owl Class

Star of the week: Somaya for her outstanding fact file on Roald Dahl

Friendship Star: Lola G for going the extra step to help her friends and adults birth in class and in the playground.

Purley Paragon: Reid

Woodpecker Class

Stars of the week: Callum for persevering with his maths.

Friendship Star: Freddie for excellent partner work.

Purley Paragon: Ruby

Delightful Diners: Lukas, Ollie A, Kira, Maegan, Elizabeth and Anya

HEDGEHOG CLASS



Hedgehog have enjoyed a lively week as we learned about India, practising new dance moves to go with the Indian music, and exploring the sounds of the Indian musical instruments. We listened to the story of The

Parrot and the Raja and joined in with the actions and repeated phrases. In maths we have been practising our number formation, and looking at how many tens and units are in 2 digit numbers. We have also been investigating healthy lunch box foods in preparation for our Foundation Stage trip to Ella's Kitchen.

Next week we will be continuing our Indian theme, thinking about pattern and planning our own stories. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have enjoyed reading a story set in India called, "The parrots and the Raja." They explored the story through drama and gave feedback to each other about their performances. In English we discussed some of the characters and expressed ideas about them using evidence from the text. We then wrote character descriptions about the two parrots. We looked at using different connectives to improve our sentences and help us to add more detail. In Geography, we researched India and what it would be like to live there. We drew maps of the county and added famous landmarks, geographical features, animals and the surrounding seas/oceans. This allowed us to make comparisons with the map work we had done around the UK last week. In Maths, we have continued to investigate numbers in the number system tens and units. Some of us have started to explore hundreds, tens and units. The children have all gone home with their maths targets now, so please help them to practise.

In RE we are talking about Christenings and Baptisms. If anyone has anything to bring into school to share with the rest of the class next week (photos, artefacts, memories) that would be very helpful. Thank you. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



In English the children have been thinking about creating character descriptions for an animated film. We have been looking at how characters are described to help readers create images in their minds and using inference to gain

information about their characteristics. In maths, the cubes have been exploring column addition and just started to carry a ten. The spheres have been working on using known facts to add multiples of ten mentally.

Thinking about our Stone-Age topic we have been investigating how we know about life in the Stone-Age and how cave paintings have informed us.

We have also been talking to our partners in our partner school in America forming friendships for our longer term communication with them.

Both groups at Rushall Farm have enjoyed going river wading and catching and identifying river creatures. I don't think too many got too wet! *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



sea.

This week, Woodpecker class have been enjoying the gory tales of Viking Invasions and learning about their voyages across the

In Maths, learning to multiply and divide larger numbers using an efficient method has been practised and many children are gaining confidence in long multiplication and long division.

In English, our comprehension work has focussed on non-fiction texts. We have also continued to consolidate our understanding of the different parts of speech and are beginning to write exciting character descriptions for our time-slip stories.

Woodpecker class have had their first Get Active PE session which was a huge success.
Mrs Archer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14/10/16	Harvest Festival at St Mary's, 9.30 am (parents invited)
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
11/06/17	Tour de Purley

Don't forget to check all the dates listed in the school calendar on the front page of the school website <http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/>

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

Karen Fakes (Headteacher)
Learn to Love, Love to Learn