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Friday Bulletin

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I know that many of you will already be considering how to support Father Christmas with his present giving this year. May I suggest an analogue watch? Children who wear watches usually learn to tell the time quicker than their peers who do not have one especially if you keep asking them the time! An analogue watch is also a good resource to help in many areas of maths e.g. counting in 5s and fractions. It is also a resource they can always have with them in any test

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



This week in Collective Worship, we continued to open up the Bible by looking at God's story of Moses. We looked at Moses' life and the amazing plan that God had for him. We saw how he was saved miraculously as a baby from the cruel Pharaoh, because later God was going to use Moses to help set the Israelites free. We talked about the special plan that God has for everyone. This story can be found in The Lion Storyteller Bible if you would like to follow along with your child(ren) at home. Rev Archer

WOODLAND SCHOOL



Elm Group spent a busy morning in the woods working together to build shelters. Ben chose to draw using ink and a feather, just like in the olden days, whilst Jaiden dipped a stick in the ink and drew round a leaf as a template. Alfie and Charlie cooked on a tree stump BBQ and Sam decided to be the judge, tasting the food to find the winner! We all enjoyed a hot chocolate drink to warm us up at snack time.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Thank you for returning the envelopes. Even if your child doesn't want to have the Christmas meal, could you please return the envelope and tick the 'I will not be having Christmas Lunch'. Thank you.

FOUNDATION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 NATIVITY PLAY

The first performance will be on Wednesday 14th December at 1.45 pm in the school hall. You may bring younger siblings to this show. The second performance will be on Thursday 15th December at 9.30 in the hall once again. This performance is for adults only.

CHILDREN IN NEED



In response to parental requests, we will be supporting Children in Need this year on **November 18th**. The national theme is 'Spotacular'. Children should come to school with spotty faces **wearing their school uniform**. This could be rosy cheeks, colourful spots or an attack of the measles! In return, we would be grateful if you could send in a monetary donation which we will use to cover as many spots on the school hall floor as possible. All money received will go directly to Children in Need.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Josh who passed his grade 2 violin exam with merit. Well done!

PARENTMAIL

Don't forget to check your parentmail account regularly. To make sure that you receive notifications for any type of communications (emails, forms etc), go to your settings and check that all options are ticked.



Everybody will be turning their thoughts to Christmas and possible holidays now that Bonfire Night has been and gone and so why not shop online for some of your Christmas presents or holiday. If you haven't signed up to Easyfundraising, then please consider this as it is a good way to raise funds for our school.

Easyfundraising is an entirely free service that allows people to shop directly at their favourite online store via the links on the **easyfundraising.org.uk** website (or the app which is available on the app store or googleplay) and raise a donation for their school once a purchase is made. Donations can be up to 15% of the value of your purchase, depending on the retailer and the item purchased! There are thousands of stores that are already participating with leading high street brands such as Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Argos, eBay, Sainsburys, Tesco Direct, Toys R Us, holiday companies such as Expedia and Booking.com and more, making it one of the most effortless fundraising ideas for schools.

It's completely free and there really is no catch.

Sign up, select our school and start raising funds today! All you need to do is remember to go to the app or the website every time you shop! The total funds received so far for the school is £587.09.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Toby for being motivated to work independently in maths

Friendship Star: Ciara for playing nicely with Julia

Purley Paragon: Ollie

Woodland: Casey for determination and resourcefulness when her shelter kept collapsing.

Badger Class

Star of the week: Jaiden S for working hard with his addition

Friendship Star: Iqra for always showing care towards others

Purley Paragon: Samuel

Owl Class

Star of the week: Leo for excellent focus on his work across all areas of the curriculum.

Friendship Star: Alice Bodimeade for giving super support to her maths learning partner who was finding some fractions quite difficult.

Purley Paragon: Maegan

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Teyah for consistently working hard and making excellent progress.

Friendship Star: Nathan for outstanding support and engagement with the team who entered the maths competition

Purley Paragon: Sienna

Delightful Diners: Josh, Nathan, Samuel M, Ben S, Jasmine, Evelyn, Ella and Emily

HEDGEHOG CLASS



Creating brightly coloured, clay diva lamps and making rangoli patterns were just two of the ways the children have been celebrating Diwali this week, along with thinking about how good triumphs over evil in the story of Rama and Sita. The children have been sorting junk for recycling and arranging the building materials in the Construction Shed according to what they are made of. The children became picture detectives as they searched for clues about the great fire of London and explored hot colours. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



This week in Badger class we have been finding out about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. The children listened to the story of Rama and Sita and made little Diva lamps from clay. In History we have started to research the Great Fire of London and sequence the events. We worked together as history detectives, looking at famous paintings of the fire to find out about life at that time. We explored how Tudor houses were made and how that contributed to the fire spreading so quickly. Next week we will be finding out about Samuel Pepys and his famous diary. In maths we have been working more on addition by counting on with a 100 square. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



This week in Owl Class we have been investigating how volcanoes are formed. We have discovered that they were named after the Roman God Vulcan and that they are formed over thousands of years and thousands of eruptions. I am sure they could tell you a considerable amount more especially how an eruption happens, give it a try and see if they can remember.

Sentence structure has been a focus in English together with inventing our own Superhero. In maths, the Spheres have been concentrating on time tables and facts relating to them, whilst the Cubes have been exploring fractions.

Please can you ensure your child has a PE kit in school, we had quite a few without this week. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



This week Woodpecker have been building Mayan temples with mod-roc which has been challenging, exciting and extremely messy. The results however, are looking awesome. Four mathematicians engaged in the first round of a national maths competition and we wait with baited breath to find out if they got through to the next round. Many thanks to Mrs Bodimeade for making this possible by

accompanying them. Mighty Mathematicians are breathing a sigh of relief as we move on from learning about fractions and enter the somewhat calmer waters of column addition and subtraction. Several children have already worked so hard on this term's KIRF, that they have been moved up to the next one. Well done to Sienna, Shannon, Sara, Sam and Nacho. This week's English homework continues learning from Monday's SPAG lesson. Some children will be consolidating their use of conjunctions, while others are learning to employ suffixes to change word classes: the noun activity becomes a the verb activate when using the suffix 'ate.' In Science, Woodpecker class have started investigating reversible and irreversible changes of materials by devising a demonstration to show how to change the state of chocolate from a solid to a liquid and and back again. *Mrs Archer*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13/12/16	ISS Christmas Lunch
14/12/16	Nativity Play (Foundation, Year 1 and 2) – 1.45pm. Parents with young children may come along to this performance.
15/12/16	Nativity Play (Foundation, Year 1 and 2) – 9.30 am. Adults only
14/12/16	FOPS Christmas Party, Memorial Hall (timings to tbc)
16/12/16	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15pm
19/12/16-03/01/17	Christmas Holidays
04/01/17	Start of Spring Term 1
10/02/17	End of Spring Term 1, 3.00pm
13/02/17-17/02/17	Half Term
20/02/17	Start of Spring Term 2
30/03/17	Choir singing at the Anvil
07/04/17	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm
10/04/17-24/04/17	Easter Holidays
25/04/17	Start of Summer Term 1
01/05/17	Bank Holiday
26/05/17	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00pm
29/05/17-02/06/17	Half Term
05/06/17	Start of Summer Term 2
11/06/17	Tour de Purley
21/07/17	End of Academic Year, 1.15pm

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