



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

Mon. 26th September

Year 1 Woodland
Adventures start

Thurs. 29th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning
and charity cake sale after
school

Sat.1st or Sat. 15th October

Ground Force Day

Wed 5th October

Meet the teacher evening

Wed. 12th October

Flu immunisations

Thurs. 13th October, 7pm

FOPS AGM

Tues. 18th October

Individual School Photos
(change to original date)

Message from Mrs Holland

We are well into our stride now as we have completed three whole weeks of term. The school has been buzzing this week with the excitement of House Captain elections (see results, below) and pupils have enjoyed a diverse and rich range of activities: Hedgehog class have enjoyed making/tasting soup (to link with their class text Stone Soup, although I am reliably informed by Mrs Burton that stones weren't part of *her* recipe!), Badger Class have composed a beautiful prayer to mark King Charles' reign, Owl Class have been looking at change from the Paleolithic period through to the Neolithic period and Falcon Class have been looking at the Anglo Saxon way of life and comparing it to life now.

It's another packed newsletter this week, with details of various happenings around the school. There are many opportunities for pupils and parents to 'join in' this term- read on to find out more...

Mrs Holland

In Collective Worship This Week....



Our theme this week and next week is **Caring for Creation**. We've been talking about the three Rs- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and starting to think about the small steps we can make to affect real changes. As a school, we are going to be working towards our Eco Schools Award over the coming academic year. Pupils are invited to apply to join our Eco Committee, which will start meeting next month. Successful applicants will take on specific roles in the school, such as Energy Monitor, to help us make Purley Primary a 'green' place to be! A copy of the application form is attached to this week's newsletter. Please hand your completed form to Mrs Burton **by Friday 30th September**

House Captain Elections: Results

Many of our Year 6 pupils bravely put themselves forward as candidates for our House Captain elections this Wednesday, looking ahead to leading their house to victory in the Inter House Sports Tournament. We were very impressed by the quality and content of their presentations, which were presented confidently and professionally. Congratulations to **Sienna** for Airy Heron, **Ollie** for Earthy Bear, **Jessica** for Fiery Fox and **Lukas** for Watery Otter.



Bikeability Level 1: Well done Year 6

Well done to each and every one of our Year 6 pupils, who passed their Level 1 Bikeability. We look ahead now to the Level 2 training and hope to continue this excellent 100% pass rate!

Join In

Below are some of the opportunities to join in with the wider life of Purley Primary School. We'd love you to join us for as many of these as possible:



Next Thursday, **29th September**, we will host our Macmillan Coffee Morning from **9am- 10am** in the hall. We would welcome donations of cake (homemade or shop bought) and then would love you to join us after drop off for a piece of cake, drink and a chat. You can bring money on the day or there will be a QR code to scan for donations. Any leftover cakes will be sold after school, with all proceeds from sales going directly to Macmillan.

On **Saturday 1st October** (with the 15th our reserve date in case of poor weather), we will be holding a **Ground Force Day**. I am hoping to make this a termly event. It's a great outdoor activity and provides an opportunity to meet other parents and kids from school, strengthening our community! You can come and join at any time, for however long you can, to tidy up the grounds. Jobs will be varied and include tasks such as pruning the bushes, weeding, collecting leaves or painting benches and fences before winter comes. And when you need a break, refreshments will be available! If you are or know anyone with a horticultural or carpentry background who might be able to assist with larger projects such as the revamp of the Hedgehog mud kitchen or repairing our beloved Wendy house, please send them my way via my email address below...

Thank you to those who have already been in touch to ask to be added to our 'bank' of **volunteers**. I have already started to match volunteers to activities and classes and look forward to hearing from more of you. We are still looking for an extra minibus driver (training provided) but welcome all offers of volunteer support. These can be regular or 'one off' commitments. Please email me headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk to get started.

Our Governors are also recruiting! We are looking for **Clerk to Governors** (see the vacancies page of our school website for further details, including a job description) and a **Parent Governor**, an application form and information leaflet are attached to this letter. Please visit the Governors page on the website for further details.

Reminder: Parent Survey

Thank you to those families who have already completed the survey. A reminder that I would like to hear from you! The survey can be found by following this link.

<https://forms.office.com/r/rh7UQJ4U9n> and it would be most helpful if each family completed it once. It should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. The anonymous responses will be collated and along with feedback from pupils, staff and governors, used to inform our School Development Priorities. The survey will close on **Friday 30th September** to provide a current snapshot so please submit responses by then.

Data Collection Sheets are also coming home for children in Years 1-6. Could you please check these are correct and make any changes, if necessary, and return them to the office.

Meet the Teacher Evening

A reminder of the timings for our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on **Wednesday 5th October**.

Badger Class: 6pm – 6:20pm

Owl Class: 6:25pm – 6:40pm

Falcon Class Year 5: 6:45pm – 7pm

Falcon Class Year 6: 7pm – 7:30pm (the Residential trip to Rhos-y-Gwaliau will also be discussed)

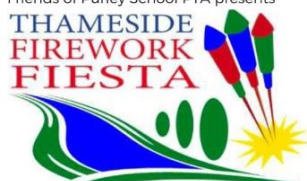
Unfortunately we are unable to offer a crèche/ childcare during the evening so the meetings are for parents only.

After School Clubs at Purley

We are pleased to offer a variety of clubs this coming term, with something to appeal to a range of year groups and interests. Each term we will aim to refresh the offering, so that throughout the year our pupils will explore a wide range of extra-curricular activities. The timetable and letter from Mrs Street, which will be sent out today, explains the booking process.

A reminder also that our Nutkin Club offers after-school care until 6pm each week day.

Friends of Purley School PTA presents



FOPS Update

Please see attachment for details of our upcoming Fireworks Fiesta on the **6th November**. Of course, to make this event happen, we rely on the support of wonderful volunteers. Please contact Danni Tovey danyellet511@gmail.com if you can help with set up during the day or during the evening event.

Another date for your calendars is our Bag 2 School collection on the **9th November**, so if you are having a tidy/clear out, please hang onto it until then.

Remembering Queen Elizabeth II

As well as our whole school remembrance decorations at the front of the grounds, Mrs Pickering gifted each child a hand-crocheted crown to mark this historic moment.

