



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

Wed. 5th October

Meet the teacher evening

Thurs. 6th October

Census day

Wed. 12th October

Flu immunisations

Thurs. 13th October

7pm

FOPS AGM

Sat. 15th October

Ground Force Day

Tues. 18th October

Individual School Photos

(change to original date)

Thurs. 20th October

10 am Harvest

Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church. Parents and families are most welcome to join us.

Thurs. 3rd November

Year 6 Residential to Rhos-y-Gwaliau information meeting at Hermitage Primary School

Message from Mrs Holland

The cooler winds have arrived, and Autumn is officially here! Unfortunately, a very wet forecast for the end of the week means that we will be postponing our Ground Force Day from this Saturday to the **15th September**, but we have been making the most of the crisp September sunshine in the meantime.

We were very pleased to be offer an increased range of after school clubs this term, and as I write many have now started. It was lovely to have the beautiful sounds of our choir floating through the school building on Monday afternoon!

On Wednesday Years 1 to 6 walked down to Bucknell's Meadow on Wednesday for the the second part of our Inter House Sports Tournament. Every child has taken part in an event while representing their house, and in Mrs Pickering's words "the atmosphere was electric" as pupils either participated or cheered on their peers.

It was lovely to meet some more of you at our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday. Combined with our after school cake sales, we raised an amazing **£114** for Macmillan (excluding money paid directly to the charity using the QR code)

There is always lots happening here at Purley- a reminder that coming events are listed on our website (scroll down to the bottom of the welcome page)

Mrs Holland

In Collective Worship This Week....



We have continued our theme of **Caring for Creation**. I shared with the children a family heirloom and we thought about how we look after special objects that have been entrusted to us and handed down the generations. The Bible tells us that creation is God's special gift to us not only to enjoy, but also to cherish and to care for. We must be 'earthkeepers' so that God's gift is still beautiful for the next generation.

Some pupils have already applied to join our **Eco Committee**, which will start meeting next month. We are hoping to have representation from each year group, so have extended the deadline for applications to **Monday 3rd October**. A copy of the application form is again attached to this week's newsletter and once completed should be passed to Mrs Burton, who will be coordinating our Eco Schools process in school.

Be prepared!

To make the most of outdoor learning opportunities, please can all pupils ensure that they bring the following to school each day:

A named **water bottle**, suitable **outerwear** for the weather (packed lunches are eaten outside year-round, so an extra layer/warm coat is essential) and their **PE Kit**.

We suggest that PE Kit is brought into school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday for a refresh. Depending on the age of pupils, some children wear their PE Kit home after a PE lesson during the school day. Please can these come back into school the next day. This allows us to respond to the weather conditions and ensure that all pupils are able to access PE sessions. It also ensures that there is a change of clothes at school 'just in case'!



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:

Due to the forecast rain on Friday and Saturday of this week, we have made the early decision to postpone our **Ground Force Day** until **Saturday 15th September**. Thank you to those who have already indicated that they will be able to come along. To plan ahead, and make sure that we have the right amount of equipment (and of course refreshments!) please let us know via the Parent Mail form if you are planning on coming along.

Thank you again 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. These can be regular or 'one off' commitments. Please email me headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk to get started.

Our Governors are 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**. The application form and information leaflet were attached to last week's newsletter. Please visit the Governors page on our website for further details.

Parent Survey

Thank you to those families who have already completed the survey which can be found by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/rh7UQJ4U9n>. It closes today, **Friday 30th September**. The responses will be collated and analysed and I will feed back in due course via the newsletter.

Meet the Teacher Evening

A reminder of the timings for our 'Meet the Teacher' evening **this 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.

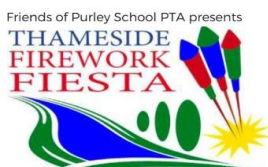
Census Day

It is Census day on Thursday 6th October. One of the most important aspects of the census is that the money we receive from the Government to pay for KS1 school meals is based on the number of meals taken on Thursday. Please can you encourage your children, particularly in those in Reception, Year 1 and 2 to book a school meal on Thursday (menu attached). The meals are provided at no cost to you for those year groups. We thank you for your support with this.

Thank you

A huge 'Thank You' to Mr Moore, a Year 1 parent, who took away the old mud kitchen in the Foundation garden, replaced all the rotten wood and gave it a revamp. The Foundation children are really enjoying playing with the new and improved version. You can see the new mud kitchen just inside the Hedgehog Class gate.

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.

#WakeUpWednesday Technology Guides



We will be forwarding these on when particularly relevant to our theme of the week or in response to current online issues.

This week's guide fits in well with our Eco Schools theme and focuses on how to be green with your tech. It highlights a number of tips such as donating your old devices to charity, reusing your smart phones and recycling the batteries.