



# PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Upcoming dates

### **Wed. 12th October**

Flu immunisations

### **Thurs. 13th October**

**5:30pm** Falcon Class Meet the Teacher evening and Residential information session

**Thurs. 13th October 7pm**  
FOPS AGM

**Sat. 15th October, 10am**  
Ground Force Day

**Tues. 18th October**  
Individual School Photos

**Weds. 19<sup>th</sup> October**  
Ella's Kitchen trip to Englefield (F2)

**Thurs. 20th October 10am**  
Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church. Parents and families are most welcome to join us.

**Thurs. 3rd November 7pm**  
Year 6 Residential to Rhos-y-Gwaliau information meeting at Hermitage Primary School

## **Message from Mrs Holland**

Our exciting and varied curriculum has really come alive this week with our pupils benefiting from a range of engaging learning experiences.

I've had the pleasure of working closely alongside two of our classes this week, so have had the 'inside track' on what they've been learning. In Falcon Class, pupils have been reading 'Anglo Saxon Boy' and responding in a variety of ways, including portraits of the lead characters.

The highlight of my week was accompanying the Badger Class visit to the local allotments. Our children were absolutely wonderful ambassadors for our school and learned so much from the visit. I know they are looking very much forward to using some of the ingredients in their cooking soon!

Today saw the final event of our Inter House Sports Tournament. Our first House victory of the year belongs to Watery Otter. Every pupil took part in at least one event to represent their house. Well done all! Congratulations also to Earthy Bear who won the Reading Challenge. Coming soon, a Times Table Rock Stars House competition...

I know that there is a separate section for this on the newsletter, but I would like to draw attention to our FOPs AGM this Thursday. A thriving PTA is an important part of any school, and it would be wonderful to welcome more of you on board!

*Mrs Holland*

## **In Collective Worship This Week....**

*"...You are all one in Christ Jesus"*

Galatians 3:2

We have been talking about **Black History Month** this week in assembly. On Monday, we celebrated the rich contribution of the black community to society in our country and learned about many 'firsts' in politics, sports, and culture.

On Thursday, we marked **National Poetry Day** with each class performing a poem by a black poet. It was wonderful to see each child from Years 1-6 perform in front of an audience, some for the very first time! A link to the performances on our secure You Tube channel will follow early next week.

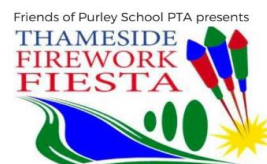




Below are some of the opportunities to join in with the wider life of Purley Primary School.

Our **Ground Force Day** is now scheduled for **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Are you able to help at our Fireworks Fiesta on the **6<sup>th</sup> November**? Please contact Danni Tovey [danyellet511@gmail.com](mailto:danyellet511@gmail.com) if you can help with set up during the day or during the evening event.



We are still 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 are accessible via Parent Mail, with paper copies available in the office. Visit the Governors page on our website for further details.



### FOPS AGM

Join us for a drink and meet new people at the FOPS AGM **next Thursday 13 October at 7pm**. It is the perfect place to find out about the committee, what we do, forthcoming plans and how you might be able to join the fun going forward.

FOPS exists to raise money to enhance the children's school experience - be it funding extracurricular activities or buying new play apparatus, for example. But we need people to make the magic happen.

Everyone can bring something to FOPS and it isn't "just for mums"! We gladly welcome Dads, Grandparents and more. In a nutshell, if you would like to support us, we would love to meet you! Perhaps you like to shop and would like to order Christmas gifts? Or do you pound the pavement regularly and don't mind putting up some posters? Maybe you like organising discos for excited little people? Or would your way with words write us a killer grant application?

We are also looking for named positions on the committee going forward (e.g. Treasurer (money), Chair (oversee the committee), Secretary (communications). A lot of our members have been on the committee for many years and whilst they're still keen to stay on and lead events for 22/23 they're also looking to welcome new people with fresh ideas to take FOPS forward.

We really hope to see you at the AGM but if for any reason you can't make it and would like to join the PTA please do email [askfops@gmail.com](mailto:askfops@gmail.com) or find Chloé Tigwell, Nat Taylor, Sarah Clarke or Jennifer Campbell in the playground for a quick chat.

See you there!

*The FOPS Team*

### Badger Class Allotment Visit

On Thursday 6th October, Badger Class visited the local allotments. This visit linked well with their food- linked current curriculum topic. We were very lucky to be blessed with some gorgeous autumn sunshine as we explored the different plots to find out what was growing!

As we made the short journey to the allotment, we spotted a range of different autumn produce, including apples and blackberries and talked about some of our favourite autumn dishes (Mrs Holland is very partial to an apple crumble!)

Huge thanks to Mrs Bolland and her friend Marjorie, who provided a guided tour of their 'patch', providing us with a close up view (and smell) of the different fruits of their labour, including a beautiful pumpkin, some deliciously scented mint and some leeks. The children very much enjoyed asking questions and attempting to identify some of the plants growing there.

We were also very impressed by Lane's (Year 1) guided tour of his family's allotment and grateful for the goodies they left out for Badger class to use in our soup next week.

While out on our visit, the gardeners busy tending their gardens commented on the politeness and inquisitive nature of our pupils. How fortunate we are to have this learning experience on our doorstep!



### Flu Immunisations Reminder

Parents have until **next Tuesday morning** to complete the form for their child's flu immunisation. Details have been sent to you via Parent Mail with the registration link and school code. Those children without permissions will not be eligible for the immunisation.

### Thank you ....

To those parents who ordered a school lunch on the 6th October- census day. This ensures that we are eligible for the maximum amount of funding from the DfE and can plough this money into ongoing school development.