



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

Monday 5th December

2.45pm- Rhos-y-Gwaliau sharing assembly to school and Y6 parents

Weds 7th December

Hedgehog and Badger Class
Nativity dress rehearsal

Thurs 8th December 9:30am

& Fri 9th December 9:30am

Nativity performance to parents

Friday 9th December 3:15pm

FOPS second-hand Christmas & Party Clothing sale

Mon 12th – Fri 16th December

Elfridges Christmas Shop

Thurs 15th December

The Pantry Christmas Lunch

Fri 16 December

Christmas Craft day / Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children

Mon 19th December

FOPS Disco

Tues 20th December, 10am

Christmas Service at St Mary's

End of term **1:15pm**

Weds 4th January

Start of Spring Term (and Nutkin)

Monday 9th January

After School (sports and activity)

Clubs start

Message from Mrs Holland

As we enter Advent, there is definitely a buzz of anticipation in school as we look ahead to the many wonderful moments that Christmas in a Primary School provides. Hedgehog and Badger Class have been rehearsing busily in the hall this week, ready to put on an amazing production of 'Bundle of Joy', and teachers are busily finalising plans for a House Christmas Craft Day at the end of term. Our wonderful FOPs are also beavering away, ready to provide some of the unique Purley festive activities such as Elfridges and our Christmas Disco. There is so much to look forward to!

In curriculum matters, this week Mrs Ivey, West Berkshire Maths Lead, accompanied me on a Maths Learning Walk throughout the school. We visited each year group to help provide an overview of Maths learning at Purley. She was very impressed by the quality of reasoning provided by pupils, both verbally and in their books. We also awarded our first TTRS certificates this week in Celebration Assembly, and look ahead to awarding many more as pupils improve their speed of recall. This week I have sent home our new attendance policy and a letter to explain the key points and changes, many around authorising absence from school. Please take note of these changes, especially regarding reporting of absence from school and term time holidays, which are only to be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

I look forward to seeing Year 6 parents at the sharing assembly next Monday, and many of our EYFS and KS1 Parents at our nativity performances next week.

Mrs Holland

In Collective Worship This Week....



In Collective Worship we thought about the meaning of Advent.

It is a time when Christians all around the world are waiting and preparing themselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We thought about different types of waiting. Waiting when you know exactly when the time will come to an end. Advent is mainly this type of waiting. Everyone knows the date of Christmas. Advent calendars won't let us forget! Another type of waiting is when you don't know when the waiting will end. Christians know about this type of waiting as well. During Advent, Christians are not only waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus 2000 years ago, they are also waiting for him to come again. To help us think about Advent we looked at one of Jesus' parables in the Bible. It's about Ten Young Women. You can read the story for yourself in Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25, verses 1-13.

Reverend Archer

Watermill Theatre Trip: Rapunzel



On Wednesday our Purley children had the fantastic opportunity to go and see a live production at the Watermill Theatre and what an experience it was! The show, "Rapunzel" was excellent and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It taught them so many things about how to perform and engage an audience, as well as being a fitting end to some of the themed work that has been taking place in classes.

The energy and excitement of our pupils was clearly visible, some children literally sitting on the edge of their seats totally engrossed. When we left the ushers commented on how well behaved the children had been. We were very proud of our pupils!

Thank you to FOPS for subsidising the trip and for providing the children with an ice-lolly during the interval. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

Hedgehog and Badger Class Nativity

The first performance will be on **Thursday 8th December at 9.30 am** in the school hall. You may bring younger siblings to this show. The second performance will be on **Friday 9th December at 9.30** in the hall once again. This performance is for adults only. Tickets will be going home in your child's book bag at the beginning of next week.

St Mary's Church Toy Service



A reminder that this **Sunday, 4th December**, there will be a 'Toy Service' held at **9.30 am** at St Mary's Church. Hope to see you there!



Reverse Advent Calendar

Our two boxes for the reverse advent calendar are outside the front of the main school building and Owl class. Thank you to those who have already donated.

The ReadiFood list is on their [website](#) and information with the full list, and we are awaiting a donation link for Kedesh.

Thank you in advance for your support of these two causes.



Well Done!

This week we gave out our first 'Rock Status' certificates for TTRS in Celebration Assembly. These are awarded as the children increase their recall speed and progress through the levels of TTRS. For further information on the app, and for tips on how to support your child learning their tables and division facts using it, please see the dedicated [information page](#) on our website.



The Pantry: Christmas Lunch

The Pantry will once again be providing us with a Christmas lunch on the **15th December**. There is a choice of: roast turkey, vegan sausage or jacket potato with cheese and beans, served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, carrots and Brussel sprouts. Pudding will be a Christmas cookie. Christmas lunch bookings are now being taken via The Pantry website.

Nutkin After School Club: Split Sessions

A reminder that our after school Nutkin club is offering the option of a shorter (3.15-4.30 pm) session as well as the usual (3.15-6pm) sessions as part of a trial this term. Please visit the [Wraparound Care](#) page on our website to book.

Rhos-y-Gwaliau

The Year 6's had a wonderful time on their Residential to Rhos-y-Gwaliau. A big thank you to Miss Turner Hurd and Mrs Pickering who accompanied them on their week away.

Last week I went to Rhos-Y-Gwaliau, Wales on my year 6 residential trip. It was so much fun! We did loads of activities including slate mining, walking up a mountain called Moel yr hydd, Via Ferrata (which is basically climbing a rock face over water.) zip lining and a hill trail where you're dumped in the middle of nowhere and you have to find your way back to the centre. Lastly canoeing and gorge walking. The food there was really great and the kind of things we had were chicken curry and sticky toffee pudding sometimes for dessert. The dorms were really nice as well as we had an option of top bunk or bottom, either way was fun. We all really enjoyed it and had the best of times. We have made the best memories.

Chloe R, Year 6

There will be sharing assembly (to which Year 6 parents are invited) at **2.45pm next Monday, 5th December.**



Cold Weather Readiness

Now that the weather is getting colder could we please ask that your child brings suitable outerwear with them to school. Unless it is pouring with rain, the children are outside at break and lunchtime. The children in Owl and Falcon class often chose to eat their lunch outside too.

We have a couple of instances this week where children have complained of being cold but when asked to put their coat on they didn't have one in school. Thank you.

FOPS Update

Second Hand Christmas and Party Clothes Sale

We're always keen to do our bit for sustainability here at Purley, so in the spirit of reusing unwanted clothing, FOPS are organising a second-hand Christmas & Party Clothing sale, after-school on **Friday 9th December**. We are still taking donations of clean Christmas themed clothes such as jumpers, tops, dresses, PJs etc. as well as any party or occasion wear (child or adult sized). Just drop them off at school. All proceeds will go to FOPS.

FOPS Christmas Disco with DJ NikNak

Monday 19 December at Memorial Hall, Glebe Road.

There are two parties: one for the youngest school classes from FS1 - Y2 at 4.45-6.15pm, followed by a later disco for KS2 (Years 3-6) from 6.30-8pm

We are providing crisps and juice/squash and sweets as children are always too busy having fun to eat any more than this.

Father Christmas will be visiting the first party and meet the children. He will leave gifts for KS2 children.

£3 per ticket.

To attend the school disco, follow these simple steps:

- 1) Complete google form (the link is embedded on the poster). Alternatively it's [here](#).
- 2) Pay for your tickets online on our new "FOPS Shop" platform. The link to the shop is embedded on the poster. Alternatively it's [here](#).
- 3) Booking deadline is 12/12/22

We still need volunteers for the Christmas Disco's. We need help setting up, clearing away and someone to man the quiet corner for the KS1 party. The sign up form is below.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/X4WAB

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Any questions, please ask.

Thank you for volunteering!

'Elfridges' Christmas Shop

Our Christmas Shop will run **Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th December**.

We will once again be offering the children the opportunity to purchase gifts for their own family members. There will be a selection of small, affordable gifts to choose from ranging in price from £1.50 - £3.00.

Please send any money in a named purse and bring a named carrier/reusable shopping bag to transport purchases home. The children will then bring the gifts home already wrapped and labelled, ready to put under the tree.

Natalie Taylor FOPS Secretary