



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

Friday 21st and Monday 31st October

INSET Days- School closed to pupils

Tues 1st November

Last date for photograph orders

Tues. 1st & Weds. 2nd November

Parents meetings

Thurs. 3rd November 7pm

Year 6 Residential information meeting at Hermitage Primary School

Sun. 6th November 6pm

Thameside Firework Fiesta

Tues. 8th & Weds. 9th November

Year 6 Bikeability Level 2

Thurs 17th November

School photos session 2

Mon. 19th December

FOPS Christmas Disco for pupils

Tues. 20th December

Christmas Service at St Mary's church

Message from Mrs Holland

As I reflect on the past 7 weeks, I cannot believe just how much we have all learned and achieved together.

Our pupils have:

- Competed in an Inter-House Sports Tournament
- Travelled back in time to the Stone Age
- Represented our school in a rugby and netball tournament
- Participated in joint learning activities with a school in another country
- Applied for and joined our school Eco Committee
- Explored the local allotments to find out about growing produce
- Constructed models of Stonehenge
- Prepared and enjoyed soup made from home grown vegetables
- Visited Englefield Estate and Rushall Farm to learn about where our food comes from

to name just a few of our engaging learning experiences.

The next half of this term looks just as exciting and busy. Our exciting learning journey continues....

Mrs Holland

In Collective Worship This Week....

You take care of the land and water ...

Everything shouts and sings for joy.

Psalms 65 9-13

Our **Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service** provided a chance not only to say thank you for all of the wonderful gifts God has given us to share, but also to celebrate the end of a busy half term. I was so very proud of the pupils as they read prayers, poetry and sang their hearts out to songs at St Mary's church today. How wonderful, too, to welcome so many parents and families to this celebration. Thank you to Revd Jones who led the service today.





It has been wonderful this half term to welcome so many parents along to school visits and events. This past Saturday, a small but determined band of volunteers attended our **Ground Force** morning. The outside area of Hedgehog Class now has revitalised garden furniture, and we made a great start on the fence painting too. There are a few panels still to be painted and all would benefit from a second coat, so I will pop those on the to-do list for our next session, planned for a Saturday afternoon in the Spring. Many thanks to Mrs Allum, Mrs Park, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Tovey who joined me, Mrs Pickering, Mr Pickering, Miss Lynn Jones, Miss Turner Hurd and Mr Chidgey in picking up a paintbrush!

Pupils from Falcon class were ably supported in the **netball and rugby tournament** held at Denefield accompanied by Mrs Tovey and Mr Allum, our 'in house' rugby coaches. Thank you to Mrs Pickering for ensuring that our pupils have the opportunity to represent our school in a range of sporting events.

I had the pleasure of accompanying Hedgehog Class F2's on their **Ella's Kitchen** farm visits this Wednesday. Our pupils were wonderful representatives of our school, enthusiastically joining in with creating garden colour collages, worm hunting and broad bean planting. Thanks to Miss Allsopp for accompanying the trip and to our parent volunteers Miss Cashley, Mrs Storer and Mr Dopson. I think we all slept well after a busy day outdoors and a *very* bumpy tractor ride!

A huge thank you also to our staff team and all their work towards providing an engaging and enriching school experience for our pupils.

Owl Class calling

We had our first collaboration with Murcia in Spain on Wednesday morning as part of our JDO digital citizenship project. The children were very excited and a credit to our school. They 'met' pupils in our counterpart school and asked lots of insightful questions about life in Spain and Spanish schools. This is an ongoing partnership and we look forward to completing some exciting joint activities together. *Mrs Pickering*



Battle of the Bands: Update

It's been really exciting to see the points racking up as pupils take part in the **Times Tables Rock Stars House Challenge**. The competition opened last Friday, 14th October, and it will close on Friday 4th November after running through half term. At the moment, Fiery Fox and Watery Otter are vying for first place while Earthy Bear and Airy Heron have some catching up to do! TTRS is a great way for pupils to improve their fluency with key multiplication and division facts while winning points for their house. Please support your child to take part in this competition.

1	Fiery Fox	827
2	Watery Otter	671
3	Earthy Bear	245
4	Airy Heron	170

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

A reminder that all secondary school applications must be received by your local authority by the **31st October**.



Parents Evenings

Hedgehog class parents have been invited for face to face meetings on **Tuesday 1st November and Wednesday 2nd November**. These can be booked via ParentMail.

Badger, Owl and Falcon Class Parents evening will be taking place **online via Teams** on **Tuesday 1st November (3:45pm – 6pm) and Wednesday 2nd November (6pm – 8pm)**. A joining link for this will be sent out shortly. You will be kept in a virtual waiting room until the teacher is ready. Please ensure that your username is appropriate so that the teacher is aware of who is coming into the meeting.

If your child has a SAP plan, you will be contacted directly by the class teacher to arrange an appointment.