



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

Mon 14th November

Odd Socks Day

Mon 14th November

FS2 Vision Screening Programme

Thurs 17th November School
photos session 2

Fri 18th November

BBC Children in Need

Sun 20th–Sat 26th November

Year 6 Residential

Weds 30th November

Years 1 – 6 Watermill Theatre trip

Weds 7th December

Hedgehog and Badger Class Nativity
dress rehearsal

Thurs 8th December 9:30am

Nativity performance to parents

Fri 9th December 9:30am

Nativity performance to parents

Thurs 15th December

The Pantry Christmas Lunch

Friday 16 December

Christmas Craft day / Christmas
Jumper day for Save the Children

Mon 19th December

FOPS Disco

Tues 20th December

Christmas Service at St Mary's 10am
End of term **1:15pm**

Message from Mrs Holland

While on my learning walks this week I have spotted some lovely learning moments that I wanted to share them with you:

- Our volunteer readers supporting our children with revisiting phonics sounds and key words. We are so grateful to those people who are able to make regular commitment to support our pupils in this way.
- In Owl Class, pupils using clay, coloured vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to create volcanic eruptions. A definite 'awe and wonder' experience!
- Classes creating individual poppies to contribute to their class wreaths for Remembrance Day. A group of Falcon Class volunteers diligently manned their poppy stall this week and by the weight of our collection tin, we've raised a significant sum through our sales. Children have asked thoughtful questions this week about how and why we mark the '11th day of the 11th month'.

Attendance

I will be writing to you shortly to advise you of updates to our attendance policy. A reminder that class doors open at 8.50 am. Timely arrival is important to 'starting the day right'. Morning activities start as soon as children arrive. If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure that you contact the school prior to 9am to avoid unauthorised absence. *Mrs Holland*



In Collective Worship This Week....

God is our protection and our strength.

He always helps in times of trouble.

Psalms 46:1

In Collective Worship this week we have been thinking about **remembering**. On Monday I shared a memory box with the children. We looked at the special objects and talked about how different objects, photographs and even smells can help us to conjure memories of special people or times. We gathered for our minute's silence at 11am in front of the building and each class laid a handmade wreath.

As part of our singing assembly, we've been learning the Jigsaw song 'There's a Place', complete with some storytelling dance moves modelled by Year 6.

On Wednesday we very much enjoyed Theo S's (Year 6) piano performance. It would be wonderful to hear from other pupils who'd like to share their musical talents with us. Miss Turner Hurd and Mrs Lyn Jones can help to organise this for interested pupils.

We were very pleased to once again welcome Revd Jones to our Thursday Collective Worship which coincided with World Science Day. Ask your children about the £2 coin and apple experiment!

After School Clubs

As part of an ongoing review and enrichment of our after school offer, we will be trialling a 'split session' at **Nutkin** club from the **24th November**. This is in response to parent demand for shorter sessions. Sessions will now be available as either a half slot of 3.15-4.30pm (without snack) at a cost of £5 or the full session (with snack) from 3.15-6pm for £10. Sibling rates are available. We hope that this provides a helpful option for those parents seeking after school wraparound care for a shorter length of time.

If you have a particular skill or interest e.g. dance, Lego, technology or craft and would consider leading or supporting an after school activity from January, please do get in touch. We will send a timetable of the Spring Term offering in the next couple of weeks and would love to be able to supplement our after school activities.

Remembrance Day

The whole school gathered outside this morning to mark Armistice Day. We were joined by some of our families and members of the local community. Each class designed and made a wreath to lay as part of our short remembrance service. ***"We will remember them"***



Eco Schools Update

We had our first Eco Committee meeting this week and we enthusiastically discussed our ideas for improving the eco credentials of our school. We took part in a short survey for the World Wildlife Fund regarding sustainability in schools. Over the coming week, we are going to carry out an Environmental Review of our school, with the help of our peers and teachers.

If any parents or carers would be interested in supporting our journey to attain the Eco Schools Green Flag Award, we would love to hear from you! *Mrs Burton*



150th Anniversary Working Party

The 2022-23 academic year marks the 150th year of there being a school on this site. During the Summer Term, we plan to hold a community wide celebration. The exact form that this will take is yet to be finalised.... and that's where it is over to you! We would very much welcome support from parents and members of the local community in planning an event to mark the occasion. To get the ball rolling, there will be an initial working party meeting for the sharing of ideas and to start work on a timetable for preparations.

The meeting will be held at 6pm on 11th January. If you are unable to attend, but have some ideas to share, please email office@purley.w-berks.sch.uk with '150th Birthday' in the subject line.

Times Tables Rock Stars Competition



We're celebrating **Maths Week England** with an **England Rocks** competition!

How does it work? From Monday 14th November to Wednesday 16th November, **Year 2 to Year 6 pupils** can compete against others across England in answering as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per student.

Every correct answer that a pupil gives, in any game type, between the hours of 07:30 GMT to 19:30 GMT each day within the competition period will contribute to their class and school score. There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day. Those 60-minutes do not need to be played in one block - they can be spread throughout each day.

Reading Santa Run

Mrs Sarah Westall (Henry, Falcon Class) is coordinating a Purley Primary contingent of runners for this year's Santa Run. It is open to all children (although you will need to accompany your child and be responsible for them during the event):

We are excited to announce that Purley Primary is planning a return to the Reading Santa Run on **December 11th**. It takes place at The Square, University of Reading, Earley, Reading RG6 6DD. We have put the link below for you to enter. We plan to have several runners completing both 5km and the 1km loops. In a change from previous years you no longer get a Santa suit as part of the entry so be sure to add one to your basket if you need one. Alternatively, feel free to source or create your own festive outfit.

<https://www.entryhub.co.uk/reading-rotary-9th-annual-charity-santa-run-2022>

Please let me or Danielle Tovey (Phoebe and Lewis, Owl and Falcon Classes) know if you plan to enter so that we can coordinate. If you need a lift there, we may also be able to help.

We hope you can join us for a fun event this year!

Mrs Westall

National Online Safety Guide

Attached to this newsletter is another free online safety guide- with the theme of cyber-bullying. Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as playing online games with your child, talking about your child's online life and being prepared to listen without showing any judgement or criticism.

FOPS Update

A MASSIVE THANK YOU FROM THE THAMESIDE FIREWORKS FIESTA TEAM!

We hope you enjoyed the spectacular annual fireworks display on Sunday evening. For such a small school we were once again able to run a very successful and well-attended event. A lot of hard work went into organising and running it and we would like to thank everyone who worked tirelessly for weeks to make it happen. Special thanks go to our amazing committee: Danyelle Tovey, Chloe Tigwell, Robin Taylor, Sarah Clarke, Shelly Allsopp and Claire Hawkins. Huge thanks to all those who helped including staff, parents and many members of the local community, whether it was selling tickets, laminating and putting up posters,, marshalling, ferrying equipment around, shopping, serving food and drink or setting up and clearing away. We couldn't have done it without you. We are still finalising the figures but we estimate a profit of around £9,000. We will confirm the exact figure next week. As ever the proceeds will be used to benefit the children of our school, so thank you all so much!

Bags2School

A huge thank you to everyone who brought in their pre-loved clothing and shoes for our Bag2School collection last week. We collected 70 bags in total, weighing in a considerable 291kg and resulting in £116.40 for the school. This is an even larger amount than our last collection.

SECOND-HAND CHRISTMAS & 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. We would be very grateful for any donations of clean Christmas themed clothes such as jumpers, tops, dresses, PJs etc. as well as any party or occasion wear. Please can you bring your donations into school by **FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER**. Items will be available for purchase at the beginning of December and all proceeds will go to the school.

FOPS AGM

Join us for a drink and meet new people at the **FOPS AGM** on **Wednesday 30th November at 7:30pm**. 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 or find Chloé Tigwell, Nat Taylor, Sarah Clarke or Jennifer Campbell in the playground for a quick chat.

See you there!

Natalie Taylor FOPS Secretary