



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

Sun 20th–Sat 26th November

Year 6 Residential

Weds 30th November

Years 1 – 6 Watermill Theatre trip

Thurs 1st December 7:30pm

FOPS AGM

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

Mon 12th – Fri 16th December

Elfridges Christmas Shop

Thurs 15th December

The Pantry Christmas Lunch

Friday 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

Church

End of term **1:15pm**

Message from Mrs Holland

We've started and ended our week with two fun themed events, each with a serious message. It was wonderful to see so many children wearing odd socks to school on Monday, and even better to hear the quality conversations in classrooms this week about ways that pupils can support and look out for each other. We discussed the Anti Bullying Alliance's official definition of bullying: "... *the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power*" and, most importantly, how pupils could help us to ensure that Purley was an 'anti-bullying school'.

Today, children have come to school with their bears, perhaps wearing Pudsey ears or T-Shirts for another charitable cause: Children In Need. I am mindful in these challenging financial times of the fact that we have held quite a few fundraising initiatives this term and would like to thank you for supporting us to raise significant sums!

Many of our Year 6 children are headed to Rhos-y-Gwaliau this weekend. We wish them all a safe journey and an exciting adventure as they look ahead to a week full of exciting challenges. While they are away, we embark upon a Key Stage 2 engineering challenge week. I look forward to sharing updates on each of these with you next week.

Mrs Holland

In Collective Worship This Week....

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them

Matthew 7:1



Our week started with 'Odd Socks Day', to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. We discussed ways that we can ensure that we look out for each other at school. Where we see others not being treated as we would wish to be, we talked about which trusted adults we could '**Reach Out**' to.

Our Collective Worship sessions this week have focused on the 'Golden Rule' and what we can learn from the Bible about how we should treat others. In assembly we looked at how many of the religions practised by people round the world have a similar teaching in their holy books.



Odd Socks Day

On Monday 14th November we held our Odd Socks Day. To celebrate that we are all unique we asked the children to wear odd socks. We raised £36.50 in school for the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which will be added to the donations made directly online to the charity. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Children in Need



On Friday, children were invited to bring in a bear/wear Pudsey merchandise to support Children in Need. So far we have raised £77.50. Please see the photo montage attached to this newsletter to see what Hedgehog class have been up to.

Alice and her mum have made the most beautiful flower fairies and if you can guess their names, one of them will be yours to take home. There are 5 fairies in total, each looking for a new home! Please help Alice raise as much money as possible for Children in Need. £1 for each guess. Alice will be in the playground again on Monday after school if you would like to have a go at guessing a name.

Christmas Craft Day

On Friday 16th December we will be holding a Christmas Craft Day in school and we really would love parents or grandparents to come in to help us. If you are able to join us for either the morning (9.30-12) or afternoon session (1-2.45pm) please let the office know.



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.



Maths Week England

This week Purley pupils have been taking part in a number of activities as part of Maths Week England.

Mathematics World Cup

All pupils in KS2 have participated in the Mathematics World Cup this week. This involved taking part in a 45-minute video session that combined mathematics activities with physical activity and mindfulness in a fun competition. From star jumps whilst reciting times tables to earning the chance to answer maths question by copying actions and calming mindfulness to finish, everyone seemed to enjoy the lessons. Well done to everyone who took part so enthusiastically and congratulations to all the winning teams.



England Rocks (Times Tables Rock Stars)

Our winning year group in school for this 3-day national competition was our Year 3s. Congratulations Year 3! They placed 1806th out of 28,245 classes participating across the country, putting them well within the top 10%.

Mrs Browning

| Position (Out of 28,245 classes taking part) | Class | Average Correct |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1806 | Year 3 - Purley C... | 1,071 |
| 4596 | Year 6 - Purley CE Pri... | 575 |
| 6474 | Year 5 - Purley CE Pri... | 414 |
| 11195 | Year 4 - Purley CE Pri... | 209 |
| 11573 | Year 2 - Purley CE Pri... | 199 |

Nutkin After School Club: Split Sessions

A reminder that our after school Nutkin club will be offering the option of a shorter (3.15-4.30 pm) as well as the usual (3.15-6pm) sessions as of next **Monday, 21st November**. Please visit the Wraparound Care page on our website to book.

Community News

Purley Sustainability Group have organised a litter pick this **Sunday 20th November** at 11am. They are looking for volunteers to help them. If you could spare an hour or two, they are meeting at the top of Mapledurham Drive to litter pick at the park, lock and meadows.

You will need to wear warm clothes, have strong shoes and gloves. If you have any litter picking equipment please bring it with you but grabbers and bags will be provided if needed.

FOPS Update

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

'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.

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. 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 **Thursday 1st December 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! 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