



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

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

School Christmas Service at St Mary's Church

Join us afterwards for mince pies and a warm beverage

Tues 20th December

End of term **1:15pm**

Weds 4th January

Start of Spring Term (and Nutkin)

Monday 9th January

After School (sports and activity) Clubs start

Wednesday 11th January, 6pm

Working Party Initial Meet re: 150th birthday celebrations

Message from Mrs Holland

This week I know that you must feel, as I do, inundated with messages regarding the various winter illnesses that are starting to circulate at an ever increasing rate. This week I have sent home information regarding Strep A and Scarlet fever. The number of cases of these are both above seasonal expected levels, hence the level of alert associated with them. Please take time to read the letter sent home this week and if you are at all concerned about your child's symptoms in relation to either of the two infections, please keep them at home. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection and we will continue to encourage this in school.

Looking ahead to next week, we have a jam packed calendar of exciting festive happenings. Elfridges launches the week on Monday and we end the week with our inaugural Christmas Craft Day in houses. Christmas is always a truly magical and special time in schools and I can't think of anywhere else I would rather be than experiencing the joy and wonder of it with our children!

The next newsletter for this term will go home on Tuesday 20th December, so an early reminder of the two events happening in the final week: the FOPS Disco on Monday and our Christmas Service at St Mary's church on the Tuesday. I hope to see many of you there!

Mrs Holland



Hedgehog and Badger Class Nativity

It has been so wonderful this week to welcome so many of you into the school again, to enjoy our nativity play. We were all so very proud of our Badger Class and Hedgehog children as they took to the stage. The preparation and hard work of our children and staff over the last few weeks paid off. This production was a wonderful way to officially 'launch' our festive season here in school. Our school value of courage was definitely on display as pupils performed their lines with confidence and professionalism, with a story to remind us of the reason and true meaning of Christmas. Thanks also to FOPS for providing much appreciated warm beverages for our audience!



Elfridges : Brought to you by FOPS

The Elfridges Christmas shop is coming to Purley Primary School from Monday 12th December from Monday 12th December until Wednesday 14th December. Each class will visit the shop on a set day:

Monday: Hedgehog & Badger **Tuesday:** Owl & Falcon **Wednesday:** Residual

We will once again be offering the children the opportunity to purchase gifts for family members. There are a selection of small, affordable gifts to choose from ranging in price from £1.50 - £2.50.

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. A list of names really helps for the younger ones!

We know the children always enjoy this and it makes a great start to our Christmassy-themed week!



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 16th December, which is our Christmas Craft day, we will have a special Christmas Jumper day. Children may exchange their school cardigan/jumper for a festive jumper. Remember that you don't need to go out and buy a new jumper. Instead we'd love you to reuse your old jumpers, buy second-hand jumpers from charity shops or get crafty and customise an old jumper. If you are able to, please consider donating £1 to Save the Children to help us raise money for children in the UK and across the world.



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.

The deadline for orders (as shared in previous newsletters) is TODAY

If children would like to wear their Christmas jumper a day early (or for an extra day!), for Christmas lunch, they are welcome to do so.



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 was sent out via ParentMail last week.



Well Done!

Well done to: Eva, George B and Margaux on becoming Wannabes, Rory on becoming an Unsigned Act, Iris and Ollie on becoming Headliners, Darcie and Henry on becoming Breakthrough Artists, Jax L and Daniel S on becoming Support Acts, Arthur on becoming a Headliner, Macie on becoming a Rock Star and Theo S has become a Rock Legend.

Congratulations to all of you and keep up the good work.

Cold Weather Readiness

With the freezing temperatures of this week forecast to continue until at least next Friday, we are now at 'Level 3' Weather Alert, which means that there is a 99% probability of severe cold weather/icy conditions. Please be mindful of this when planning your journey to school. We also ask that children have suitable clothing for being outdoors- we have special festive events planned for next week and they will need to wrap up warm!

End of Term Arrangements

A reminder that the children will finish school at **1:15pm** on **Tuesday 20th December**. They will have lunch as usual that day. Nutkin Club will run from 1:15pm – 4:15pm that day.

We will return after the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 4th January 2023

FOPS Update

Your Newly Elected FOPs Committee

On Thursday 1st December, our 2022/2023 AGM was held, where the new committee was elected.

Welcome to Lucie Singh, who was elected as Chair and Michelle Allsopp who was elected as Treasurer.

Chloe Tigwell will be staying on as Vice Chair and Sarah Clarke will be staying on as Secretary. Natalie

Taylor and Samantha Ham are staying on as general members.

Please don't forget we also have FOP's lite, which if you feel you would like to help at certain events, but can't spare the time, all of the time, you can join and can assist the FOPs team whenever you can.

'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.

A huge thank to all of the parent and teacher helpers this week that have wrapped the gifts for Elfridges, we really appreciate your help.

Name the Cuddly Toy

Due to popular demand, name the cuddly toy is back! This year he is a giraffe.

Entries are £1 per guess.

Just complete the following form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1P_UV4cO0-0NyS_RHQpRnLv4SAsBF6kiftZp2br_GHo/edit

And then transfer your entry money to FOPs. Details available on the google form.

Entries close on 14 December 2022 and the winner will be drawn at random and announced at school during the Christmas Dinner.

Good Luck!

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

Christmas Drinks

We would love to celebrate the start of the Christmas Holidays with your all and have a festive drink on Tuesday 20th December if you're free?

We will be at the Purley Social Club, Goosecroft Lane from 6pm, so just come and join us. It will be very relaxed, mums, dads, kids, grandparents all welcome – just a chance to have a Christmas catch up, meet other parents and have a few drinks. We would love to see you if you're free!

Also we've recently managed to recruit quite a few new members for the social club. If you are a member and can make it on the 20th December please contact Charlotte Allum on 07818062259.

Christmas Clothing Sale

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the Christmas clothing sale. All donations are gratefully received

Sarah Clarke, FOPS Secretary