



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

Weds 8th February 6.45pm

Year 6 SATS information session
for parents

Weds 8th February 7.30pm

150th Anniversary Working Party
meeting

Fri 10th February 3.15pm

End of Spring Term 1

Mon 13th – Fri 17th February

Half Term

Mon 20th February

Start of Spring Term 2

W/c 27th February

Book Week

Thurs 2nd March

World Book Day – Author visit

Friday 10th March

Science workshops (all classes)

W/c 13th March

Science Week

Tuesday 14th March

FOPS meeting

Tues 21st, Weds 22nd and

Thurs 23rd March *Timings TBA*

Face to face Parent Consultations

Thurs 30th March 1:15pm

End of Spring Term 2

Message from Mrs Holland

As we look ahead to Children's Mental Health Week next week, I thought it might be helpful to share with you some of the ways that we work to support pupil mental health and wellbeing in school.

This week, many KS2 pupils have taken part in a 'Stormbreak'. These small group or whole class activities aim to improve children's mental health through movement, equipping them with sustainable, transferable skills and coping strategies to thrive. Three staff are currently advocates of the [Stormbreak](#) 'surge' programme, undergoing intensive training. We will share further information next term.

Pupils also benefit from the support of our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), Mrs. S. Smith. We offer regular timetabled sessions or 'one off' interventions in response to pupil need. In the Summer Term, we also hope to offer EYFS pupils the support of a specifically trained ELSA.

In addition to these in-school offers, we also have an arrangement with Emotional Health Academy, whereby an Emotional Health Worker works with pupils on an individual basis, following a teacher and parent referral.

Next week in school our Collective Worship and class sessions will reference mental health and wellbeing. In addition, classes will mark Safer Internet Day on Tuesday with its theme of '*Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online*'. Please see the main body of this newsletter and information coming home next week for links and ways to continue the conversations at home.

Mrs Holland

Collective Worship

It was great this week, to be back school for in Thursday's Collective Worship. We've been looking this term at famous biblical characters, and the lessons we can learn from their lives. This week was the much loved story of the shepherd boy David, facing up against the giant warrior Goliath, and how he had to show incredible courage to face his fears and overcome his enemy — a courage not rooted in himself but in learning to trust in the help of God. (I showed a fun story video I've made starring Buzz Lightyear as Goliath... you can watch it here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPLzRCZv2jI).

The children all sang brilliantly and we prayed together that God would give us more courage to face our own fears and challenges.

Revd. Aidan Jones, Curate at St Mary's Church

Calling all Scientists!

British Science Week, running from 10th- 19th March, is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. This year's theme is - **connections!**

To launch the week, we will have a whole school Science day, with each class taking part in workshops involving experiments and hands-on activities.

We are in the process of finalising plans for the week and we would love to hear from anyone in the school community who has a science based career. *Would you be willing to share your experiences of applying science in the 'real world' with a class or small group of pupils? Perhaps you would be willing to record a short video to share with pupils about what you do?* If so, please get in touch with the school office to find out more or make arrangements to visit!



Safer Internet Day- Tuesday 7th February

Each class will be completing activities to mark SID next Tuesday. You can find out more at the parents and carers page on the dedicated website [here](#).

Children's Mental Health Week Drop In Sessions

West Berkshire Council's Emotional Health Academy and The Mental Health Support Team are working together to provide opportunities for young people to attend drop in sessions, to speak to one of their practitioners, after school, during Children's Mental Health Week. Please see the attached flyer for more details.



Kids with Bricks Club

Following the great success of our first half term of Kids with Bricks, we are delighted to be able to offer this club again after February half term. Letters have gone out to parents who have a child attending the club already, but we do still have a couple of spaces available. For more information, including how to book, please see the attached flyer.



Well Done!

Well done to: Caleb C, Cecily and Charlotte on becoming a **Wannabe**, Izaac on becoming an **Unsigned Act**, Keaton on becoming a **Support Act**, Layla, Belle and Harry C becoming **Headliners**, Dinesh, Phoebe To., Henry, Cianna and Zaynah on becoming **Rock Stars** and Cora on becoming a **Rock Legend**. Congratulations!

A reminder that pupils should be completing the TTRS tasks independently as the programme's algorithm adapts to the input. We are keen for children to work in a way that results in a personalised and carefully structured programme for them.

Potential Easter Holiday Club at Long Lane Primary School

As you may be aware, SCL is no longer offering Holiday Care within Long Lane School. Mighty Allstars (Charles & Doreen) are looking at the possibility of offering this service for children in Reception through to Year 6.

Commencing from the Easter break, the club will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays and will offer a two tier rate

9am to 3pm £30.00

8am to 5pm £35.00 includes a light tea

In order to find if it would be a viable, please indicate your interest ASAP by email to Doreen at mightyallstarsipal@gmail.com

Community News

Senior Citizens' Tea Party, Saturday 11 February, 3.30-5.00pm

St Mary's Church annual Senior Citizens' Tea Party will take place on Saturday 11 February and will include an afternoon tea with light entertainment. If you would like to come please fill in one of the cards available on the *Welcome Desk* at the church. All are welcome. For more information please contact Sheila Adnett on: **07941 980799**.

Baptism And Confirmation Service, Sunday 26 February 4pm

If you are considering being baptised or confirmed and would like to make this public declaration of faith, the Bishop of Reading, Olivia Graham will be leading a baptism and confirmation service at St. Mary's on Sunday 26 February at 4pm. For more information speak to a member of the clergy team or contact the church office.

Reading Male Voice Choir, Saturday 25 March 7pm, St. Mary's Church

The Reading Male Voice Choir will perform a charity concert at St. Mary's on 25 March, 7pm. Tickets will be on sale soon!