



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

Mon 13th – Fri 17th February

Half Term

Mon 20th February

Start of Spring Term 2

Weds 22nd February 6pm

Year's 4 & 5 Camping info meeting

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

Mon 17th April

Start of Summer Term 1

Thurs 27th April

Bags2School collection

Sat 8th July

150th birthday celebration

Sun 5th November

Thameside Firework Fiesta

Message from Mrs Holland

This half term marks the half-way point of the academic year. I can't believe how quickly time has passed, how busy we've all been and how much there is still to look forward to.

Next half term we have two themed weeks; a whole week themed on reading for pleasure and British Science Week. Each of these will include an opportunity for Houses to get together again, which I know that our children really enjoy.

Our whole school focus on Maths over the past two terms is having a positive impact. The children have enthusiastically re-embraced the Times Tables Rock Stars and are so proud when we celebrate their achievements in our Friday assembly! Starting this term, each class has a set of key number facts on display that the children learn each week. These are gradually taken away and hidden and the children need to recall them. By learning times tables and key facts 'by heart', the children are freeing up their working memory for new and more complex maths ideas, to help them make further progress. Your support at home, whether it be rehearsing 'KIRFs' number facts or setting aside time for TTRS is also valuable.

As we head towards a mostly dry (according to the forecast!) half term I wish you all a wonderful break and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 20th February.

Mrs Holland

Collective Worship

Our Collective Worship this week has tied in with our two main themes of the week, Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. As a whole school, we explored the theme of 'Let's Connect' in assembly and explored how we can all come together to help each other. We talked about the importance of being and working together and considered *What does it feel like when you connect or work with others to do something good?*

On the theme of connections, each class has taken time this week to reflect on the many benefits of technology, and the ways that we can keep ourselves safe when connecting with others online.

Eco Schools Green Flag Award Update

The Eco Committee have been working hard behind the scenes, and this week they shared the results of the Environmental Review with the whole school during a Collective Worship. It was fantastic to find out that our highest score was for Global Citizenship, but we scored poorly on Healthy Living, Energy, and School Grounds. With these results in mind, the Eco Committee put together an Action Plan:

Litter: To eradicate litter from lunches and snacks within the school grounds by providing extra bins in areas prone to littering.

Healthy Living: To encourage families to try meat free recipes at home by including vegetarian recipes in the school newsletter.

Waste: To reduce the volume of fruit and vegetable matter going into the black bins by obtaining a compost bin for the school grounds.

We hope that everyone will do their bit to help us improve in these areas!

The recipe chosen by the Eco Committee for this week's newsletter is a Vegetarian Bolognese - we hope you will encourage your children to try this delicious recipe by making at home.

We would love to see photos of your final dish ...and we would love to know what you think! Please send your photos and comments to the school office.

Mrs Solari, Eco Schools Coordinator



World Book Day 2023

How will we be celebrating at Purley Primary School?

This year is all about promoting reading for pleasure. But you don't need to wait until March to join in... Take part in our school competition to see who can find the most unusual place to read!

How to take part:

- Start over half term exploring exciting places to read.
- Take a photograph of your child reading in their favourite place and email entries to the office **by Friday 3rd March**.

Read on to find out how we will celebrate our book week:

- **Tuesday** 28th February - The launch of our **Big Purley Book Hunt** (more information to follow)
- **Wednesday** 1st March - **House 'Booknic'**. Children will enjoy sharing books, poems, comics, magazines in their houses. Hot chocolate and biscuits will be provided. Please send your child in with their own mug and chosen reading material for the occasion
- **Thursday** 2nd March - **Visiting author** Christian Darkin running workshops across all classes.
- **Thursday** 2nd March - All children will go home with the £1 book token to spend on one of the World Book Day books or put towards a book of their choice.
- **Friday** 3rd March - **The Great Book Swap**. A chance to sort through book shelves at home and an opportunity to swap a pre-loved book for an exciting new one. And all for free! Children will donate **one** (age appropriate) book to school that **they** think their class friends would enjoy reading. Please bring your book to school ready to donate by Thursday 2nd March. On Friday 3rd March each child will choose a new book from the collection in their class to take home and enjoy reading.

Mrs Lyn Jones, English Coordinator

Safer Internet Day

We have all taken part in activities linked to Safer Internet Day this week.

Hedgehog Class read '[Chicken Clicking](#)' by Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross, and listened to the song too.

Badger Class read "Hanni and the Magic Window": a perfect way to kick-start conversations about life online. We focussed on recognising the many positive uses of technology but also recognising when to get help with a worry or concern. The children had the opportunity to work in small groups and express how different scenarios might make them feel, and who would be the best person to talk to. Badger Class also discussed how to use the internet responsibly and be a good friend online.

Owl Class had visited this topic just before Christmas in preparation for those technology gifts. On Thursday this week, we spent some time revisiting staying safe whilst using devices and appropriate etiquette when using social platforms. I was so impressed with their understanding and knowing of who to tell if they see or hear anything that is not appropriate. Well done Owls! Many had a good understanding about privacy settings and the importance of not sharing information or photos that disclose where you live or go to school. We discussed age limits for the host of different sites available for communication and realised that only Mrs Pickering was old enough to use them! Owls, you showed an excellent understanding of using the internet safely and appropriately and what to do if you have concerns- please make sure you implement this knowledge and stay safe. Technology is wonderful if used correctly.

In **Falcon Class** they read a book all about online safety. They also celebrated all the great things about being online but made sure to remind themselves how they can stay safe. Our activity focused on the things we may do on the internet that we may think are harmless but that actually we need to "think before doing."



Well Done!

Well done to: Caleb W and Phoebe Tig on becoming **Giggers**, Caleb C and Amber on becoming **Unsigned Acts**, Izaak on becoming a **Breakthrough Artist**, Mason on becoming a **Headliner**, Arlo on becoming a **Rock Star** and George C and Zayneb on becoming **Rock Legends**. Keep up the good work this Half Term, all!

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.



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.

This week the quick build challenge was a cable car. A photo of this has now been uploaded onto the Kids with Bricks website.

Please support our entry by voting for Purley Primary School at:

<https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page>

Falcon Class: Spelling Bee

Falcon class will be taking part in a national online Spelling Bee competition after half term and it would be really useful if they could practise over the half term break. A list of the words they are expected to by the time they are in Years 5 & 6 can be found at the website below:

[SpellingWordList_Y5-6.pdf](#)

FOPS News



We would like to remind you of our weekly lottery for Purley Primary School through 'Your School Lottery'.

You can enter via the following link

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/purley-ce-primary-school>

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. There is a guaranteed cash winner from Purley Primary every week and the chance to win the **£25,000** jackpot.

The draw takes place every Saturday & Your School Lottery will notify the winners via email. Match all 6 numbers and you win the **JACKPOT!**

For every ticket you play, 76% goes to your school and prizes. If you sign up, there is also a chance of winning a £500 bike voucher.

*A really easy way to help raise money for the school, with a chance of winning something in return
- good luck everyone!*

Community News

Reading Football Club's 3rd School and Grassroots Fixture of 2022-23!

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 3rd School and Grassroots fixture of 2022-23!

When?

Reading vs Blackpool

Saturday 25th February, 3pm **Where?** Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

We would be delighted if you could join us for our 3rd schools and grassroots fixture of 2022-23. And as part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#PurleyCEPrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. We have also just released blocks G9, G10, GU11 and GU12 in the West Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off and availability is limited, so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions about this offer, please email sales@readingfc.co.uk or call 0118 968 1313.

We hope to see you all on Saturday 25th February!

Coupon Code now valid for Reading FC Women fixture

We are delighted to let you know that you can use the same coupon code to join us for our 2nd Schools and Grassroots fixture for Reading FC Women.

When?

Reading Women v Everton Women

Sunday 23rd April, 2pm **Where?** Select Car Leasing Stadium

Prices

12 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £2

18 to 24: £3

65 and over: £3

Adult: £5

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the blocks Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand only. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.