



# PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Upcoming dates

### **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July**

150th birthday celebration

### **Weds 12<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July**

**6:30pm**

Falcon Class production

### **Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July 1:15pm**

**End of academic year**

### **Tues 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**Start of new academic year**

### **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Thameside Firework Fiesta

### **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> – Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 6 residential to Rhos-y-Gwaliau

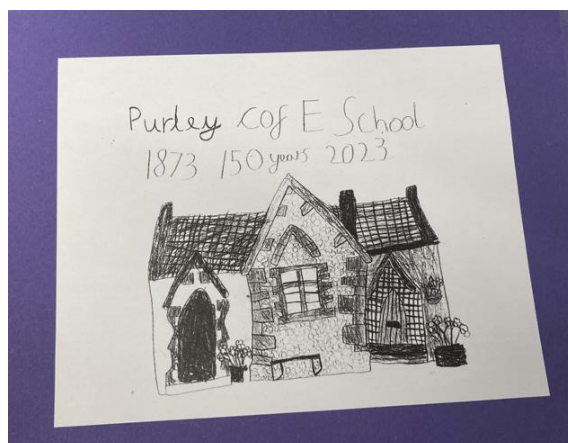
## **Message from Mrs Holland**

We've had such a busy two weeks, that there is quite a lot to catch you all up on with this edition of the newsletter!

Last week all pupils had the opportunity to try tennis, lacrosse, parkour and of course to meet an Olympic athlete as part of Sports Week. Many thanks again to Mrs Pickering for organising the week, which culminated in a rather windy Sports Day last Friday at Bucknells Meadow. Key Stage 1 pupils returned to the school at lunchtime proudly showing off house t-shirts plastered with stickers recognising their achievements. Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed an equally successful afternoon. Our oldest pupils, including Sports Ambassadors and House Captains, took leadership roles, setting up equipment and putting together teams for various events on the day. It was lovely also to see so many parents and families cheering our pupils on.

This week we've been celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our school, with visits from past pupils and a chance for our current pupils to explore the archives for evidence of life as a Purley pupil in decades gone by. Some of the pupils' work will be on show at our picnic at Bucknells Meadow on Saturday. We look forward to seeing you there. Celebrations begin at 12pm with performances by our choir and a country dance by Badger Class.

*Mrs Holland*



## Sports Week Round Up

On Monday, we welcomed Sara Parfett, Olympic rower to our school. She spoke with the pupils about her rowing career and her sporting lifestyle. All pupils participated in a sponsored fitness circuit. The event raised funds both for Sports for Champions UK and our school. We raised almost £600.

Tuesday saw each class experience a **lacrosse** session with a Reading Wildcats coach. All the pupils were so engaged with this new sport and it was wonderful to be able to offer this 'new' sport to them. Our coach, Toby, was very impressed by the quality of our pupils, catching and passing even when for many of them it was the first time they had played Lacrosse.

On Wednesday, thanks to our dedicated minibus drivers Mrs C Smith and Mr Mackrory, who ferried classes to and from the venue, all pupils attended Virtue gymnastics for a **parkour** session. We already have some talented parkour athletes among our school community and having attended the Falcon Class session, I think that we may have discovered a few more.

**Cricket** was the order of the day on Thursday. Thank you to Mr Allum for lending his coaching skills all morning, and umpiring an interhouse cricket tournament in the afternoon, which was won by Earthy Bear

Although the weather didn't seem to know it (although we can't really complain, having called off the event in the past due to extreme heat or unseasonal downpours!), Friday brought **Sports Day**. Thank you so much to those early riser parents who assisted Mrs Pickering with the set-up of gazebos and equipment to help the day off to a prompt start. There are too many individual events to list them all here, but the winners were:

Key Stage 1 – Airy Herons

Key Stage 2 – Firey Foxes

The overall winner was Firey Foxes.

**See our picture supplement for photographs from the week.**



## Summer Reading Challenge

Join the Ready, Set, Read! team at your local library this summer West Berkshire Libraries are challenging primary age children to read up to six library books between 1 July and 15 September and collect FREE incentives for their achievements as they read – with medals and certificates for everyone who completes the challenge! From 1 July, children 4-11 years can visit a library to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. Developed by The Reading Agency in partnership with Youth Sport Trust, the theme of the challenge is 'Ready, Set, Read!' which aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer break. Children will be able to join a superstar team and their marvellous mascots as they navigate a fictional summer obstacle course. There will be a mini-challenge for pre-school children and something for older children and adults too! For more details, competitions and suggestions for reading visit: [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

## Community News

Our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration is **this weekend**. Thank you so much to those member of FOPS who have worked non-stop over the past term to ensure that this event is a success. The emphasis this year is on coming together as a school community to celebrate. We look forward to welcoming you to the field for our celebrations and have our fingers crossed for sunshine.

