



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

Tues 5th September

Start of new academic year

Mon 11th September

Year 1 Woodland and Year 2

Swimming starts

Sun 5th November

Thameside Firework Fiesta

Sun 19th – Sat 25th November

Year 6 residential to Rhos-y-Gwaliau

Next year we will be offering Class Drop- In sessions. There will be an opportunity each half term to visit your child's class. Details to follow...

Message from Mrs Holland

Thank you to those who attended our Leavers' Assembly earlier today, and Revd Jones for joining us. There were moments and achievements shared which our children can be proud of time and time again.

This newsletter and attachment cover lots of important information- please make sure to have a read in preparation for the new academic year!

I wish you all the best for a happy and restful summer break and look forward to welcoming you and our new families in September. *Mrs Holland*

Farewell

This week we say goodbye to the following families, who are leaving our school to embark upon learning adventures elsewhere:

Sayegh, Barber, Crowe, Fathi, Pritchard-Hawkes, Westall, Bennellick, Smolka, Barker and Hardy.

The end of term also sees the closure of Nutkin Club. While Mrs Daunt and Mrs Moore will continue at Purley in other roles, we say goodbye to Mrs Carr. Many of you have spoken with me about the positive impact and wonderful care she has provided your children at Nutkin Club.

We also wish Miss Turner Hurd a fond farewell as she moves onto pastures new at a school closer to home.

Welcome

To Mrs Lorna Denby, who takes up the role of School Business Manager in September following Mrs Hubert's departure earlier this year.

We also welcome Miss Stacey Neate in her role as Clerk to Governors.

150th Birthday Picnic

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the 150th Birthday picnic. A fun afternoon was had by all. After a delayed start due to the spectacular thunderstorms, we were treated to a wonderful performance by the choir and Badger Class' country dancing.



A special thank you to FOPS, especially Chloe, Shelly, Danni, Michelle and Emily, without whom the event simply could not have gone ahead!

I know that FOPS will be in touch at the start of the new term, seeking new members and support with our fundraising activities next term. These really are vital in contributing to many of the 'over and above' offerings at Purley and I would urge any of you considering joining to make that leap next year.

Eco-Committee update

Thank you for your support in helping us with our quest for the Eco Schools Green Flag Award. We hope you have enjoyed making and eating the delicious meat-free recipes that we have been posting. We have already managed to collect over 100kg of food waste which we hope will produce lovely compost for our growing beds next year. We have also been able to prevent 15kg of used batteries from going into landfill.

We have decided on an eco-code to help us think about being more aware of how we can help our planet: ***Love the school, Love the Earth.*** We based this on one of our school values, LOVE, as we understand that if we each take care of and respect our own part of the world, the whole world can benefit.

Our application is in and we will keep you posted on the result! *Mrs Solarí*

Clubs

Early Birds (Breakfast club) will restart in September. The price per session is now £4.50, to reflect rising costs. Further information and the terms and conditions of the club, which have been updated this Summer, can be found [here](#).

Booking can be made using this link: <https://purley.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/>

A timetable of after school enrichment clubs is attached to this newsletter. Many of these are provided by external companies and therefore booking is managed directly by them. Please see the timetable and additional information for details on how to book. To make sure that the clubs can be up and running for the first full week of term, we ask that you please indicate your commitment to them in good time- some also require minimum numbers to run.

Sign up forms for construction club, gymnastics, coding, running and recorder club will be sent via ParentMail when we are back in September.



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: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Poetry is Alive at Purley!

Each class joined in our whole school poetry recital this week. Hedgehog told us all about a dinosaur, complete with Makaton signing, Badger had fun with different actions for rhyming words, Owl class shared a poem on the theme of rivers and Falcon performed an original work written by Lewis (Y5).

It was wonderful to see each and every pupil at the front of the hall sharing their oracy skills with us.



Back to School....

School will return on Tuesday 5th September. Doors will open at 8.50 am and close for all year groups at 9:00. **We expect children to be in class by 8.55am** to provide time for them to settle in and start the day.

Any arrival after 9am is marked as late. Further details can be found in our Attendance Policy on the website.

Equipment

Every child needs a **named refillable water bottle**.

Children in **Years 1-6** need a **pencil case**. Please ensure their pencil cases are refilled ready for a new school year. These should remain at school and not be transported to and from the home. The pencil case needs to be able to fit in their drawer.

They will need to contain:

Pencil and colouring pencils, rubber, glue stick, pencil sharpener

They will also need **personal headphone buds or foldable earphones** that can fit in their drawer (Y1-Y6) to use with IT devices in school.

Children in **Years 1 to 4 will need a bookbag**. Please can we ask that children do not bring in a rucksack as we do not have enough room to store these in the classroom.

Children in **Years 5&6 can bring in a rucksack** as these are stored on the balcony.

Please ensure that everything is **labelled**. Our lost property container is often overflowing at the end of term!

If you are in receipt of free school meals (or have received free school meals at any point in the last 6 years) and need support in purchasing these items, please contact the school office.

We would much prefer it if **mobile phones were NOT brought into school**. As of September, we will ask that Upper KS2 children should only bring their phones into school if they are walking to school alone or walking home alone and they need to have them in case of an emergency. If your child fits the above criteria, please contact the office in September for a form. The form will need to be completed before the phone is brought by your child.