

# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

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Where did that half term go? The holidays seem to be a week earlier this year. What will you do with your children over the holiday?



On a different note, everybody seems to be contactable all the time with so many mobile phones, but we know differently! You may have heard two very distressing stories in the news this week regarding children not turning up to school and the school not contacting the second or third person on the contact lists. Here at Purley, we contact the home on the first morning of absence if a message has not been received but these news articles made it clear how important it is to contact others on the list. Please therefore ensure that you have supplied the school with three current contact details.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In our family and friends, we will all know someone who takes risks and those who are so risk averse, they miss every opportunity. Our Bible story, at the start of this week, looked at what kind of people we are. The wealthy man gave money to his servants while he was away and each acted differently out of adventure, out of a desire to shine, out of fear. We took time to reflect how we would have behaved and how money aside, we have the same choices to make with our time, affection and talents every day. Do you know what you would do? An interesting conversation starter over dinner... or maybe you'd like to ask your child to share the story with you. *Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor*

### FOPS

The FOPS Committee met on 1 February, with the main discussion points being around funding of school priorities and planning events for the forthcoming six months. Having recently met with Mrs Fakes, Mrs Hester-Lewis (Chair of Governors) and Mrs Lees, to further understand the school priorities, FOPS will be funding an upgrade and enhancement of the school IT infrastructure, particularly in the lower end of the school. The purchase and installation will take

place over the coming months, with it hopefully all being in place before the end of the summer term. We are really excited to be able to put the significant funds recently raised to good use and can't wait to see the children using the new equipment.

#### Dates for the diary:

- 11/05/18 (tbc) - Quiz with Fish 'n' Chip supper
- date (tbc) - The Tour de Purley will be a biennial event, and this year we hope to organise a 10km run. If you are interested or can help please contact Danni Tovey.
- 13/07/18 - School Summer party
- 06/10/18 (tbc) - School Autumn Fete



Have you booked your summer holiday yet? If not, why not book using easyfundraising? If you haven't signed up to Easyfundraising, then please consider this as it is a good way to raise funds for our school (and it won't cost you anything!).

Easyfundraising is an entirely free service that allows people to shop directly at their favourite online store via the links on the **easyfundraising.org.uk** website (or the app which is available on the app store or googleplay) and raise a donation for their school once a purchase is made. Donations can be up to

15% of the value of your purchase, depending on the retailer and the item purchased! There are thousands of stores that are already participating with leading high street brands such as Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Argos, eBay, Sainsburys, Tesco Direct, Toys R Us, holiday companies such as Expedia and Booking.com and more, making it one of the most effortless fundraising ideas for schools.

**It's completely free and there really is no catch.**

Sign up, select our school and start raising funds today! All you need to do is remember to go to the app or the website every time you shop! The total funds received so far for the school is **£886.20**.

### WOODLAND SCHOOL



The Year 1 children will re-start their woodland school sessions on 19<sup>th</sup> February. Please make sure that the children are dressed warmly.

### WOODPECKER – STARSHIP ENTERPRISE

Look out for the various posters dotted around the playground and the noticeboard advertising the children's projects. From sweets and dog treats to glitter tattoos and photographs, there is a whole range of activities to choose from! Thank you for your support.

### VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a Sports Coach. Please see the school website for details.

<http://purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/current-job-vacancies.php>

### ABC TO READ – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ABC to Read is a registered charity that has been working with schools and families across Berkshire since 2004 to help raise literacy standards. They believe that all children should be able to read confidently, at a level that maximises their life chances. They recruit, train and support high quality volunteers to work one to one with the children who are struggling. We have used ABC to Read volunteers very successful in school over the last few years.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact them direct.

[www.abctoread.org.uk](http://www.abctoread.org.uk)

Tel: 0118 951 1336

Email: [abctoread@btconnect.com](mailto:abctoread@btconnect.com)

### HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week our learning has had a Chinese theme as we found out about how the animal zodiac came to be and how people celebrate the Chinese New Year with lanterns, red money envelopes for the children, and food to be shared with families and friends. We mastered concertina folding to create paper dragons, and we compared them to find the longest, shortest and thinnest dragons. We sampled some Chinese food in our pop-up restaurant, and used our developing motor skills to copy Chinese numbers and words. We had great fun working in small groups as we listened to Chinese music and learned dragon and lion dances, taking turns to be the dragon's head. Kung Hei Fat Choi! *Mrs Burton*

### BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been sharing what they know with each other about keeping safe when on the internet. For Safer Internet Day they made some eye catching posters which we are going to display in our classroom. In Music, we made a class rainstorm using our bodies as percussion. We also had fun using the new glockenspiels to accompany a piece of music. In Maths, Y1 have been adding by counting on from the larger number. Y2 have been looking at how to write and answer questions relating to different pictograms. They have also been adding and taking away different tens numbers from 2 digit numbers. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

### OWL CLASS



Wow! what an amazing week we have had in Owl Class. A huge thank you to all those parents who came along to Silchester on Saturday for an afternoon traipsing through mud. I hope you thought it was worthwhile. For me personally, it was great to see the children acting out the Celts and Romans and expressing how much they had learnt.

## WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker class have worked so hard this week. We started off by marketing our fidget spinners - click below to view our slide show.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1EH\\_EuPtW0xFiy7n39TnxAocFbEEyGY1tEUcYiEy1tAY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1EH_EuPtW0xFiy7n39TnxAocFbEEyGY1tEUcYiEy1tAY/edit?usp=sharing)

All children created advertising posters for their product and some progressed to making TV adverts too. Children were encouraged to remember persuasive writing techniques such as using imperative verbs, alliteration, superlatives and rhythm and rhyme.

Year 5 students had a wonderful morning at Denefield on Thursday and made us incredibly proud: their behaviour and their pro-active engagement was commented on by Denefield staff.

Year 6 children have completed a full set of Maths practice papers and have another set to try over half term. Results from the first set were very encouraging and I'm proud of their hard work.

As part of Purley's ongoing commitment to keeping children safe online, we marked Safer Internet Day by reminding children about digital citizenship. Key Stage 2 children watched the first in a series of digital citizenship mini-films which reminded them not to open ambiguous attachments in emails and messages. We always encourage Purley students to only open messages from friends and known contacts.

*Mrs Archer*

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Oscar for eating all of his lunch

**Friendship Star:** Lewis for being helpful to everyone

**Paragon:** Arthur for challenging himself with maths

**Superstar:** Brandon for his enthusiastic attitude to learning

It has been an informal assessment week in English covering both spelling and grammar. In Maths, the Cubes have explored angles, whilst the Spheres have been investigating parallel and perpendicular lines. Tuesday was Safer Internet Day, so we held discussion on how to keep safe whilst using a variety of social media platforms.

Then came Thursday, and our Roman and Celt Experience Day! It was lovely to see the children in costume and getting into character. Throughout the morning, they made gold wrist bands, good luck bullas and honey cookies! In the afternoon the children experienced a villagers' meal of porridge followed by a Royal Banquet, where they were waited on by the slaves and feasted on olives, dates, bread and olive oil, sausages, pears, honey cookies and homemade honey cake and a typical Roman delicacy of roasted 'chocolate' dormice!

A Maths activity paper has been put in your child's book bag tonight, may I ask that you encourage your child to complete this during the half term and return it on Monday after half term. This will keep their mathematical brains active over the break. *Mrs Pickering*



### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Mason for trying hard with his letter sounds.

**Friendship Star:** Isaak for working well with his partner and sharing

**Paragon:** Ellie

**Superstar:** Toby for concentrating fully on all his work at all times.

### Owl Class

**Stars of the week:** Ethan for working exceptionally hard with his writing.

**Friendship Star:** Bailey for being kind and helpful within the classroom.

**Paragon:** Reid

**Superstar:** Olly for his enthusiasm and engagement throughout our Roman topic.

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Elyssa for working hard on her product promotion at home.

**Friendship Star:** Ruby for noticing when other children work hard and praising their efforts.

**Paragon:** Teagan

**Superstar:** Aieyan for making excellent progress this term.

**Delightful diners:** Malakhai, Alfie PH, Harry B, Davontay, Jaime, Hayden, Evelyn, Gracie

As always, please remember our doors are open, should you wish to discuss any concerns, ask questions or celebrate successes regarding your children. You can contact me by phone on 0118 9842384 or email: [headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk)  
**Karen Fakes (Headteacher),**  
**Learn to Love, Love to Learn**

## DIARY DATES

<b>12/02/18 - 16/02/18</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
19/02/18	Year 1 Woodland School starting
22/02/18	Talent show (pupil/staff)
01/03/18	World Book Day
08/03/18	Reading Comprehension Evening 6.30: KS1, 7.00: KS2
13/03/18	Choir performing at the Anvil
29/03/18	End of Spring Term 2, <b>1.15pm</b>
<b>30/03/18 - 16/04/18</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>
25/04/18	Purley at the Palladium (Denefield)
25/05/18	End of Summer Term 1, <b>3.00pm</b>
<b>28/05/18 - 01/06/18</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
15/06/18	Sports Day
22/06/18	Sports Day (Reserve)
20/07/18	End of Academic Year, <b>1.15pm</b>
04/11/18	Thameside Fireworks Fiesta