

# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Bulletin

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Are you scared? Is there anything that worries you? Do you hide all your worries from your children? You wouldn't want to burden them with big worries but why not share small ones. Some children at school this week said that adults aren't scared of anything- I guess they will have a bit of a shock later on in life when they realise this is not true! Sharing your concerns and your thought processes will help them to develop the skill of problem solving. .... Now, what shall I get Nan for Christmas? What will happen if I get something wrong?

### FOPS

#### Christmas Disco with DJ Jacko!



Don't forget you only have until **Fri 8th Dec** to return your form and payment for the Christmas Disco! It will be held at Purley Memorial Hall, Glebe Road on **Tuesday 19th December** (6.30pm – 7.30pm for Reception, Years 1 & 2 and

7.45pm – 8.45pm for Year 3 upwards). Entry is £4 per child and includes a drink, snack and gift. A form was emailed out on Parentmail but hard copy forms are available from the office, if you pop in to see Mrs Ham! Names will be put on a list at the door – tickets will not be issued.

#### Christmas Shop



The Christmas Shop will be open each day of the week commencing 11th December. A table will be set up inside the entrance to the school during the children's morning play break where the children can view and purchase the gifts from. Each class will be invited to visit the shop. Gifts will range in price from £1 to £3 each. The children will be given pictures of what will be available so they can have the opportunity to ask parents for the correct money, others especially younger children may prefer to just choose their gifts on the day. Please send your child into school with

the money in a named envelope or purse. The children will then make their purchase and bring the gifts home already wrapped and labelled Happy shopping!

#### Santa Run



Best of luck to everyone taking part in the Reading Santa Run this Sunday! It will be starting in Forbury Gardens at 9am for the 1km Mini Santa Run and 9.30am for the 5km Santa Run. Even if you don't fancy running/walking it, you can always come & cheer us on - there will be lots of festive fun! - or give a little sponsorship donation to those taking part. All support will be gratefully received. Please contact Charlotte Allum for further details.

#### Purley Community Facebook Group

We've just launched a new group on Facebook - Purley Community Buy & Sell - where we can buy & sell pre-loved items at the same time as raising money for our lovely little school. With Christmas coming, it's a great time to have a clear-out, make a bit of money & perhaps even bag yourself a bargain, just don't forget to include a donation to FOPS in your sales description. This group is open to the whole community so please do help share & spread the word!

## HEDGEHOG AND BADGER NATIVITY PLAY



The first performance will be on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am** in the school hall. You may bring younger siblings to this show. The second performance will be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30** in the hall once again. This performance is for adults only.

## END OF TERM

Reminder – the children will finish school at **1.15 pm** on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. They will have lunch as usual at school on that day.

## PARKING

Sadly parking is still an issue at the front of the school. The local police team has been informed and will do spot checks.

## LETTERBOXES

Bookbags are not routinely checked for letters. There are two letterboxes (one at the front of the school near the office window and one at the back of the school under the balcony). These are for any paperwork, replies, payments that need to be sent back to school. Both are checked daily. This is the best way to ensure that everything gets to the office promptly.

## CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECTS



The cards/gift tags have been put in your child's bookbag. Mugs and tea towels will be ready for collection in the back playground after school today. Bags are due in next week.

## HEDGEHOG CLASS



Following our exciting visit to the theatre on Monday, the children have been re-creating the Borrower's home using junk and a cardboard box. Jax found some tiny plastic people to be The Borrowers, and Sydney found some bigger wooden figures to be the big people from the story. The children noticed that the little people borrowed a battery

to give them power, so the Hedgehogs had great fun exploring simple circuits to produce a working light for the cardboard house.

A group of children challenged themselves to make a large outdoor version of the indoor marble run. They had to find ways of joining the pipes and guttering, and of stopping the ping-pong balls from landing in the car park when they weren't getting stuck in the pipes!

Next week we will be thinking about different customs relating to birthdays, and about animals which live in cold climates. *Mrs Burton*

## BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been working hard this week on their performances and dances for the Christmas play. Year 2 are trying hard to learn their lines and deliver them with expression and appropriate volume. Please continue to help them at home. In class, we have been looking at creating clear and attractive invitations for our Christmas play and once completed we will be posting them home. If you have not already done so please send in a stamped addressed envelope in order for us to do this. Most children are now much more confident at knowing their address - some even know their postcode, which is very impressive! In Maths, we have focussed this week on their maths targets and KIRFS. The children will be tested on these shortly so please encourage them to practise at home. Next week, may I remind you to please send in all costumes in a named plastic bag by Wednesday. Thank you for your support. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## OWL CLASS



It has been another busy week in Owl class. In English, we have been preparing to write a new adventure for The Borrowers; Arrietty's Garden Adventure. The children have been exploring sentence openers and different ways to start our story. I am looking forward to reading what happened to Arrietty as she explored the garden. In Maths, the Cubes have been measuring using mm, cm and metres. We have been drawing accurate lines to given measurements and finding differences between lengths. The Spheres have been investigating rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100.

The children have been creating profiles about themselves using google slides on the iPads to

send to our partners in America. We have also been learning about the Houses of Parliament and local MPs in preparation for our visit from Alok Sharma next week, who will also be talking to our friends at Edgewood School in Wisconsin. *Mrs Pickering*

## WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker thoroughly enjoyed the theatre trip to watch *The Borrowers* and were very grateful to FOPS for their wonderful donation of ice-lollies for all, during the interval. In English, we have covered some of the inference skills necessary in order to understand the representation of tiny *Borrowers* played by full size humans. We have also been building up to our termly writing assessment and the class have worked very hard to showcase their best writing skills.

In Maths, we have been consolidating how we calculate the area and perimeter of rectangles, triangles and parallelograms – and how we can build on this knowledge to calculate the volume of 3 dimensional shapes.

We are continuing to learn about our internal organs and in particular, this week has focussed on the heart. Next week, Year 6 will be learning about body changes that happen during puberty – if you have any questions about this, please feel free to come in and chat. *Mrs Archer*

## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Hedgehog Class

**Star of the week:** Ella for being very sensible during play rehearsals

**Friendship Star:** Brandon for inviting new friends to join in a game

**Paragon:** Sydney

### Badger Class

**Star of the week:** Sienna for learning the songs in our play and singing them beautifully

**Friendship Star:** Harry H for cheering up his friend when he was upset

**Paragon:** Davontay

### Owl Class

**Stars of the week:** Jamie for his fantastic story opener.

**Friendship Star:** Abi for continually supporting her learning partner in maths.

**Paragon:** Lucas

### Woodpecker Class

**Star of the week:** Sienna for her excellent growth mindset – pushing herself to be the best that she can be.

**Friendship Star:** Caitlin for her kindness to everyone in – and beyond – the class.

**Paragon:** Elyssa

**Delightful diners:** Syd A, Charlie, Zayneb, Julia, Hiba, Jessica H-L, Ben R, Milo

### REMINDERS

**All** – Christmas disco forms/money returned by 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Hedgehog:** bring costumes in a named plastic bag

**Badger:** bring stamped envelope and bring costumes in a named plastic bag

## DIARY DATES

13/12/17	Children Christmas Lunch
14/12/17	Nativity play to parents
15/12/17	(Hedgehog/Badger Class), 9.30 am
19/12/17	FOPS Christmas Party at the <b>Memorial Hall</b> 6.30pm - 7.30pm - Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 7.45pm - 8.45pm - Year 3 upwards
20/12/17	End of Autumn Term 2, <b>1.15pm</b>
<b>21/12/17 - 03/01/18</b>	<b>Christmas Break</b>
11/01/18	Comprehension Workshops 7.00-7.30. Repeated at 7.30-8.00
24/01/18	Maths Information Evening, 7.00-8.00
09/02/18	End of Spring Term 1, <b>3.00pm</b>
<b>12/02/18 - 16/02/18</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
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>
25/05/18	End of Summer Term 1, <b>3.00pm</b>
<b>28/05/18 - 01/06/18</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
20/07/18	End of Academic Year, <b>1.15pm</b>