

Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin

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Autumn term is the time I show prospective parents around the school. It is such a pleasure to share with others how successful our school is. In September, we opened our doors to FS1 (3-4 year olds) for the first time and it is a joy to see what confident little people these are becoming and hear their joyful laughter outside my office window. Opening the school to this younger age group has also enabled us to enhance the Early Years provision at the school. The closing date for FS2 is January 15th through the Local Authority and the closing date for FS1 is March 1st, through the school. Please share this information with anyone you think may be interested.

FOPS

Christmas Disco with DJ Jacko!

Tickets are now on sale for the children's Christmas Disco 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 last week on Parentmail but hard copy forms are available from the office, if you pop in to see Mrs Ham!

To help us with planning for numbers, please do return the form to school as soon as you are able (cheques made payable to FOPS) and at the latest by **Friday 8th December**. 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

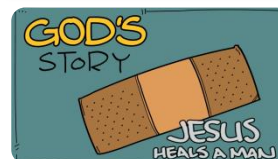
child into school with the money in a named envelope or purse. The children will then make their purchase and bring the gifts home already wrapped and labelled
Happy shopping!

Santa Run

The Reading Santa Run, organised by the Rotary Club, is taking place on Sunday 3rd December in Reading (starting at Forbury Gardens). At 9am there is a 1km Mini Santa Run (£9.50) and the 5km Santa Run starts at 9.30am (£17.50). The entry fee includes a medal and Santa costume!

If you are interested in taking part and joining others from Purley, as well as raising a bit of money for the school, please contact Charlotte Allum for more information. Or visit www.readingsantarun.co.uk for more details.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In Collective Worship this week we continued looking at what the first Christians did. One of the wonderful things about Jesus was that he cared about people others didn't want to help. When Jesus went back to heaven, his friends decided that they would try and help people too. And this is exactly what two of Jesus disciples did - Peter and John - when they prayed for the power of Jesus to make a man better who had

been ignored by people for many years, and he did! We thought about how Christians care for those who are in need today, such as running food banks, and serving as Street Pastors.

Rev Archer

WOODLAND ADVENTURES



As this was our last woodland adventure for a while we really made the most of our time...the children enjoyed using the brooms and trowels to dig and sweep; some children re-visited the ball run with Mrs Fisher, many of us enjoyed playing games with Mr Adamski and two enthusiastic children joined Mrs Carr for a walk where they discovered bright red leaves.

Our personal highlights today were: Jessica using twigs as antlers to become a reindeer; Harry filling his party cup with bright red leaves; Macie and Henry digging out the brick and using it as a treasure chest; Lukas finding and moving the best branches for his den; Ollie and Ciara playing imaginary games in the new den; Zayneb and Layla using wooden tools to make apple crumble from bark shavings; Belle improving her home area, making space for Henry to join her; Sienna and Julia using a broom to make paths and clear areas for the new den; Mason selecting branches for his imaginary games and Darcy finding a stone that looked like half a potato!

We also enjoyed having a break with hot chocolate and a cookie...Monday mornings won't be the same for a while but we look forward to beginning again after February half term. I also want to say a huge thank you to our helpers who have helped to make our woodland adventures such fun! *Mrs Hodsdon*



THEATRE TRIP - REMINDER

The children are going to the Watermill Theatre on Monday afternoon to watch the Borrowers. They will leave Purley at 1.00pm and return at approximately 5.15/5.30 pm depending on traffic. If there are substantial delays, you will receive a text. The children will have lunch as normal.

Please make sure that you don't obstruct Purley Village (along the field and near the school) as there will be two large coaches needing to get through to park outside the school. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Proofs/order forms have been put in your child's bookbag. Could you please return all orders by **Thursday 30th November** at the latest. Thank you.

CHILDREN IN NEED



**BBC
Children
in Need**

It was lovely to see so many children supporting Children in Need. We have raised £112.

Thank you for your support.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER



This is your last chance to send in your child's Christmas lunch order. If your child is not taking part, don't forget to send in a packed lunch.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING LESSONS



Next week will be the last lesson for this term. The children have done very well and have all grown in confidence. Spring term lessons will start on Monday 15th January 2018.

CHRISTMAS MARKET IN PURLEY'S 18TH CENTURY BARN



Whatever you do, don't miss Purley's magical Christmas Market which returns by popular demand this coming **Sunday, 26 November**, between 11am and 3pm, in the atmospheric setting of the eighteenth century barn at Goosecroft.

This year it's even bigger and better, so ideal for finding those quality and one-off Christmas gifts. Packed with stalls selling amongst other things: presents, handmade crafts, books, accessories, jewellery, textiles, paintings, cards, confectionery, wine, Christmas decorations, home baking and children's toys.

Father Christmas will be there and you can also enjoy refreshments, mulled wine, a grand raffle and the Pangbourne Silver Band.

The event is organised by the Friends of Purley Barn with proceeds going to raise funds for this historic venue. Entry and parking is free. Good access for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

PHONICS INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 30th November, 7.00-7.30

Phonics for early readers (primarily FS, Year 1 and Year 2)

A form has been sent via Parentmail for you to confirm your attendance.

HEDGEHOG AND BADGER NATIVITY PLAY



The first performance will be on **Thursday 14th December at 9.30 am** in the school hall. You may bring younger siblings to this show. The second performance will be on **Friday 15th 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 20th December. They will have lunch as usual at school on that day.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week the children have been watching *The Borrowers* in preparation for our theatre trip next week, and have been inspired to look at different uses for everyday junk. As the nativity play rehearsals begin, the children have been learning about the importance of the central roles in the story, and they helped to transform our house outside into a stable. In maths they have been estimating how many objects they can see in a jar, deciding whether there are more or less than five or more than 10 before counting carefully to check. Outside, the children explored ways of transporting a cork along a length of pipe using a range of equipment and, of course, water!

Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



Badger class planned and then wrote their own stories about a surprise birthday party. They tried hard to remember all of their writing targets and their stories included adjectives, time words and different conjunctions to join up their sentences. They were able to assess their own work and then enjoyed sharing their stories with their friends in the class. In geography this week we looked at Google Earth and located where Purley was in the UK. We have been learning and writing out our addresses in our best handwriting. Next week we will be posting invitations for our Christmas performance. Please would you all provide a stamped addressed envelope in order for your child to post their invitation home. In maths Y1

have continued to explore 2d shapes and sort them in different ways. Y2 have continued to explore measuring using cm rulers and ordering different lengths. Many of your children will have gone home with some words to learn for our Christmas play. Please support them in learning these lines and saying them clearly and loudly. Thank you. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



Owl Class have had a very busy week. We have been finding out what life would be like if we were only five inches tall living like a Borrower. We have also been learning how to punctuate dialogue correctly. In Maths, Spheres have been working with decimals. We have been converting between fractions and decimals. Cubes have been learning about money, using coins to make a range of different amounts. They have identified the place value of the pounds (hundreds), tens and ones in different amounts of money and used these to help them add and subtract.

The Science lesson this week was particularly good fun as the children modelled the processes occurring in different parts of the digestive system. The children crunched up cream crackers and added "saliva" to soften them in their models of the mouth, then broke them down further and mixed them up with "gastric juices" in a plastic bag representing the stomach. They saw how long the small intestine is, and then (in a very messy demonstration!) learned that water is absorbed in the large intestine, before the waste that the body cannot use is eliminated from the body. *Mrs Jones/Mrs Street*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker class have been learning about incarnation in RE – the notion that God became man. We have been learning about the birth of the Christian faith, looking at the reasons why Christians believe Jesus was God – and why most Jewish people (who are familiar with the same prophecies) do not believe that Jesus was God. Children will be considering the Christmas period from the perspective of a Christian who believes the birth of Jesus to be the defining reason for Christmas – and from the non-Christian who may celebrate Christmas for other reasons.

In English, we have turned our attention to the Three Little Pigs – were they right to set a trap for Mr B Bad Wolf?

Using the clever advert from the Guardian <https://www.theguardian.com/media/video/2012/feb/29/open-journalism-three-little-pigs-advert>, we will be reporting as journalists on the arrest of the three little pigs. This has also given rise to our PSHE discussions where we have considered the tricky issue of violence in defence of ourselves. Is it ever right whether in the playground or when defending a home and family or even a country?

Our mathematical focus this week has been calculating area, perimeter and volume.

Year 6 children have English homework set for them on SPAG.com and year 5 children will have work consolidating class teaching.

Mrs Archer

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Sydney for great phonics work.

Friendship Star: Annabelle for being a kind friend to everyone.

Paragon: Ayman

Badger Class

Star of the week: Lukas for persevering with his writing.

Friendship Star: Julia for always having a happy smile.

Paragon: Davontay

Woodland Star: Ciara for helping her team to make a new den.

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Iona for amazing scientific knowledge of teeth and the digestive system.

Friendship Star: Lola for being particularly helpful to others during our topic lesson when we were using google sheets.

Paragon: Maegan

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Hayden for working so very hard this week.

Friendship Star: Emily for being so caring and supportive to other children in the class.

Paragon: Leo

DIARY DATES

27/11/17	Theatre Trip pm
30/11/17	Phonics for Early Readers (7.00-7.30)
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 Memorial Hall 6.30pm - 7.30pm - Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 7.45pm - 8.45pm - Year 3 upwards
20/12/17	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15pm
21/12/17 - 03/01/18	Christmas Break
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, 3.00pm
12/02/18 - 16/02/18	Half Term
13/03/18	Choir performing at the Anvil
29/03/18	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm
30/03/18 - 16/04/18	Easter Break
25/05/18	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00pm
28/05/18 - 01/06/18	Half Term
20/07/18	End of Academic Year, 1.15pm

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

Karen Fakes (Headteacher)

Learn to Love, Love to Learn