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Friday Bulletin

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A big thank you to FOPS for organising and running the Fireworks Fiesta. I hope you enjoyed the event. Do you think that you could help next year? This big event was run by just a handful of parents and staff and every child at the school will benefit from the much needed funds they have raised. Many hands make light work they say, so why not be one of those many hands.

FOPS

Christmas Disco with DJ Jacko!

The children's Christmas Disco which will be held at Purley Memorial Hall, Glebe Road on Tuesday 19th December. We're even hoping that Father Christmas has some time in his busy diary to pop in!

Timings:

6.30pm - 7.30pm - Foundation, Year 1 & 2
7.45pm - 8.45pm - Year 3 upwards

Entry is £4 per child and includes a drink, snack and gift. Please complete the attached form and return to school as soon as possible (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 in early December! We will once again be offering the children the opportunity to purchase gifts for their own family members. There will be a selection of small, affordable gifts to choose from ranging in price from £1.50 - £3.00. The children will bring the gifts home already wrapped and labelled.

Santa Run

The Santa Run is taking place on Sunday 3rd December in Reading. If you are interested in taking part and joining others from Purley as well as raising a bit of money please contact

Charlotte Allum or Sarah Chohan for more details.

Facebook: Don't forget to check/like our Facebook page - Purley Church of England Primary School. It's a great way to keep up to date with events.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are constantly looking for the help and support of parents, grandparents, carers and local volunteers, to continue to help us organise exciting events which in turn enables us to raise the much-needed funds to enrich the education of our children at Purley School.

We would welcome new members onto the FOPS (Friends of Purley School) Committee but you don't have to be on the Committee to help! It doesn't matter how big or small your contribution is - whether it's making a cake, doing a bit of shopping, joining an organising sub-committee or serving refreshments at an event, everything helps.

If you are interested in joining the FOPS Committee or can help out now and then please let us know so we can contact you when we are organising the next event.

Do please talk to Nicky Gibbens, Amelia Bell or Charlotte Allum if you want to know a little bit more about what's going on or ask Mrs Ham and she'll point you in our direction!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In this week's Collective Worship we are continuing to look at the example of the first Christians. We read about one of Jesus disciples, named Tabitha, who was well known for all the good things she did for others. In a dramatic turn in her life, she becomes sick and dies. Another disciple Peter prays for her and she is amazingly healed and comes back to life. We thought about examples of people who do good today. We also talked about the power of God's Holy Spirit to bring about miracles in Jesus time, and who continues to do so in people today.

Rev Archer

WOODLAND ADVENTURES



As it was a chilly morning we began our session with a walk. We were looking and listening for signs of animals. We went up a muddy, slippery hill and then found an area where we think badgers might live - we could see two holes which looked like burrows. We identified fern plants and blackberry bushes, oak trees and fungi. We stopped half way to have a rest on a log that had been made into a seat. After we returned from the walk, we spent time digging, climbing, balancing and exploring. Ollie, Lukas and Mason used the trowels to dig for worms. Julia and Zayneb used logs and sticks to play making hot chocolate; Harry stripped bark from branches to make camouflage; Belle continued to create a cosy home; Ciara played being a snow leopard and Jessica played being a puppy - both were very good at balancing on the fallen logs; Isaak, Macie, Sienna and Henry had a fun time using the larger ball run area and Layla and Darcy showed how good they are at balancing on logs. It didn't seem long before we before we had to stop for a welcome hot chocolate. Our time went very quickly and we all had a fun start to the week! *Mrs Hodsdon*



CLUBS

The following clubs will take place for the last time next week:

Monday – Cooking and Netball

Tuesday – Football, Recorder and Drawing

Wednesday – Mindfulness

Thursday – Running

Gym club is finishing on Tuesday 28th November.

Choir and Chess clubs are ongoing.

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT



All orders and payments are to be returned to school by **Monday 20th November** at the latest.

INFORMATION EVENINGS

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 30th Nov, 7:00-7:30:

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

Thursday 11th January, 7:00-7:30:

Comprehension Workshops (separate workshops for FS-Y2 and Y3-Y6)

Thursday 11th January 7:30-8:00:

Comprehension Workshops repeated separate workshops for FS-Y2 and Y3-Y6

Wednesday 24th January, 7:00-8:00:

Maths Information evening

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photographer will be set up from 8.30 on Thursday 23rd November in the hall to take photos of non-school siblings (ie siblings that are at another school or nursery/home). Children who have siblings in school will have their photos

taken together and separately too during the morning session.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Thank you for returning the envelopes. Even if your child doesn't want to have the Christmas meal, could you please return the envelope and tick the 'I will not be having Christmas Lunch'. Deadline is 1st December. Thank you.

PS: please note that cost of normal school dinner is now £2.30. Christmas Meal is £2.65 for KS2 children unless in receipt of Free School Meal.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

A big thank you to all parents, relatives and friends for all the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers you collected for the school earlier this year. Our order has arrived and the children are delighted with the new equipment! Your efforts collecting the vouchers are very much appreciated! *Mrs Whyte.*



HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week the children have been exploring colour mixing using paints in primary colours, and thinking about how some of the colours make them feel. Yellow was considered to be the best happy colour, and blue would seem to be a fabulous colour for bedrooms as it made them feel sleepy! In Maths, they experimented with containers of different sizes and shapes to find the one which held the most water, whilst in PE the children have been challenging themselves to balance, stretch and move whilst sitting on their bottoms. Next week we will be basing our learning around *The Borrowers* in preparation for our school trip.

Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



This week in Badger class, we have enjoyed listening to the story "Handa's surprise." We looked at how questions and the use of repetition ran through the story and explored writing our own questions. We then added adjectives to describe the different African animals and fruits and make our own writing more exciting to read. In Maths, Y1 have started to explore the properties of 2D shapes and how to sort them in different ways. Y2 have started to look at how we measure different lengths carefully using centimetre rulers. We compared different lengths using the greater than/smaller than signs. The children have all gone home with their new username and log in passwords for Abacus maths homework and are all very excited to get started. Please help them to log on and get started with enjoying and practising the topics we are working on in school.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



Wow! What fantastic letters all the children wrote, last Friday, as if they were in the WW1 trenches. They captured all the emotions and used their senses to inform what they could see and hear. This week we have moved on to *The Borrowers* with a focus on speech in a narrative and how to use inverted commas. The children have watched the film and written a synopsis of the story. In Maths, the Cubes have been consolidating our learning of finding fractions of a shape and an amount. The Spheres have also been working with fractions looking at equivalents! In History the children have started to research Huntley and Palmer, who they were and what they did. There was lots of fun in science looking at and photographing our teeth!

Mrs Pickering

WOODPECKER CLASS



This week, we have been learning about the Black Death and the extraordinarily gruesome symptoms experienced by plague victims. We enjoyed a particularly vivid demonstration of the buboes (huge boils) which grew in patients' armpits, necks and groins. These often grew to the size of a tennis ball and

we used a jam doughnut infused with custard. As it was squeezed, we watched the jam and custard ooze everywhere - we likened the jam to the patients' blood and the custard was pus. We learned about plague doctors and how ignorance of how the disease was carried exacerbated the spread of the plague - wiping out over a third of the population of Europe.

In English, final evidence reports have been written with regard to the trial of Goldilocks and all children are developing some strong formal writing skills.

Our Maths work has involved fractions: consolidating knowledge of numerators, denominators and what a fraction actually represents; learning how to create equivalent fractions; manipulating fractions so they can be compared and ordered; and learning about improper fractions and mixed numbers.

In Science, we have been considering different food groups and everyone enjoyed looking at food labels for pasta, tinned tomatoes, tinned sweetcorn, tuna, cheese, milk, biscuits, cake and salami. Many were shocked to discover the fat content of the cheese and the salami was greater than that of the biscuits and cake.

Mrs Archer

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Oscar for joining in with our number games and songs

Friendship Star: Arlo for supporting another child with their learning

Paragon: Brandon

Badger Class

Star of the week: Ciara for working hard with her reading and phonics

Friendship Star: Sydney for being so appreciative towards those around him, both adults and children.

Paragon: Elsie

Woodland Star: Sienna for enjoying the ball run, making it fun for her group.

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Abraham for his amazing letter from the trenches.

Friendship Star: Oscar for always looking out for his friends

Paragon: Iona

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Leo for outstanding work about the plague

Friendship Star: Teagan for excellent team work in class

Paragon: Alice

Delightful diners: Jax, Brandon, Casey A, Belle, Ethan, Lucas, Niamh and Alice Barber.

DIARY DATES

23/11/17	Individual School Photos
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 (Hedgehog/Badger Class), 9.30 am
15/12/17	
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