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Friday Bulletin

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What fun! Thank you to all who have supported their children in any way with the Scarecrow project. It was a whole community school project and there was great excitement throughout the school. It was such a pleasure to have so many of you in school and witness your interactions with your children and their joy at having you here. We hope you had fun too! We would welcome any feedback, be it positive or even better if..... Why not drop us an e mail. The scarecrows will be on display until Tuesday 17th October. If you wish to take them home, please do so. Any remaining on Wednesday will be disposed of.



Remember, remember, Sunday 5th November!

Fireworks Fiesta 2017

Tickets for the Thameside Fireworks Fiesta on Bonfire Night are now on sale! Check out the website

www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.org and get your tickets early!

Adult - £6:00

Child - £2:50

Family - £15:00 (2 Adults & Up To 4 Kids)

Tickets can also be bought at the Post Office and the local shop on Colyton Way. They will also be available in the playground after school.

Last year's display was spectacular and Illusion Fireworks have promised us the same again! It will be a great evening with tasty food, a bar selling soft and alcoholic drinks including mulled wine, a chocolate tombola and stalls selling glow novelties.

Help & Support

We are very fortunate that a number of people from within the community are signed up to help us at the event. However, a rota

will be going up immediately after half term to rope in some more volunteers.

Early next week, we will be looking for volunteers to help distribute firework flyers around the local area - please let us know if you can help.

If anyone has a **pop-up gazebo** that we could borrow for the day of the fireworks, please do make yourselves known to us or let Mrs Ham know!

We also need **donations for the Chocolate Tombola** such as multi-packs of chocolates, boxes of chocolates and chocolate bars! There will be a box at school.

Please do come along and support the event, all proceeds will go towards the school, to help to enrich the education of our children. We cannot run these events without your help and support - thank you!

Calling all Chocoholics

A parentmail went out last week. Please do take a look at the brochure (see link below or hard copies are available in the school office) which has a range of items for less than £1 and also includes Christmas items. It's never too early to get started! You'll find stocking fillers, table favours, tree decorations plus beautiful hand crafted chocolates. All delicious!

<https://issuu.com/chocoholicsuk/docs/winter2017catalogue>

If you would like to place an order, please complete the form and send to Mrs Ham by **20th October 2017**. Payment must be with the order; either cash, cheque or card. The school will receive a percentage of goods or cash from the orders placed with Chocoholics with the money raised going towards your child's school equipment.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

'If I only had a brain!'



Everyone has a picture come to mind when someone mentions something. We all think of a different sunset, favourite food,

etc. But what about our idols/role models? Reading last week's bulletin, I noted that Friday 13th would be TASC day and the focus included a scarecrow! We shared what we picture when we think of a scarecrow which included the obligatory clip from the Wizard of Oz I shared how the song stuck in my head because my dad, one of my role models was mad on the film. And how the scarecrow stuck in my head for cropping up in a reading from my Sunday School days - Jeremiah 10.5 - have a read!

We took time to unpick who our idols and role models are, or might be, and whether they were good or bad for us. The Bible gives us lots to ponder on with all sorts of characters we can aspire to be like. As a Christian. I try to be more like Jesus, even if some days I'm more like Dorothy's friend, the scarecrow. Who is your role model? Who does your child want to be like?

Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

WOODLAND ADVENTURES



When we arrived at the woodland we discovered there had been visitors! They had drawn a chalk skull and crossbones on the fallen

log and made a stone circle which looked like a fire...we think pirates may have come to see our camp! We were also thrilled to find Mrs Carr waiting for us when we arrived. Despite a little drizzling of rain we enjoyed ourselves: Ollie, Zayneb, Kira and Henry climbed the trees and found a very bouncy branch to swing on. Darcy made a beautiful collection using bark, leaves and feathers. Harry found a collection of snail shells. Isaak

and Macie used the chalk to write their names on a log. Jessica used branches to turn into a scarecrow and Belle found an egg shell. Ollie found a branch to help him grate chalk. Belle and Sienna looked for spiders and some of us used chalk, black card and wool to make spider webs. Mr Adamski helped create a wonderful bug hotel with Layla - we hope some bugs move in by next week! Mrs Carr discussed the birds you might find in the woods and we thought of pigeons, blue tit, robin and woodpeckers. Lastly, we visited a new area with a ball run which was enormous fun, especially as we found that an apple was really good at rolling!
Mrs Hodsdon



SCHOOL LUNCHES

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH – 18/10/17

ISS, our school lunches providers, have redeveloped their website to make it more user friendly for pre-ordering and payments.

One of the new features is a debt-free payment system whereby lunches will not be available to order unless there are funds in the account – this is only relevant to children in Year 3 and up. This is to relieve schools of the burden to chase debts on school lunches accounts. Children in these year groups, who are on receipt of Free School Meals, will be able to carry on ordering as normal.

A letter will be sent via Parentmail confirming the upgrade to the new website. This letter will also be sent by ISS to all parents already registered.

Another letter will be included explaining how to register so you can pre-order your child's meals in advance if you so wish.

We would strongly urge all parents to start paying for the meals online as any

cash/cheque sent in to school may not be added by ISS straight away.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



As mentioned in the diary dates, our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 20th October at 9.30 at St Mary's Church. The children will need to come in to school as per usual and will walk to the church accompanied by members of staff. Parents are invited to come along and attend this service. The church will be serving teas and coffees.

ReadiFood



For Harvest, the school will be collecting food on behalf of Reading Food Bank. They provide food parcels for those in need. There will be a collection box in the playground w/c 16th October.

Please see below a list of food needed:

Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Ready Meals
Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Small Bags of Rice
Tinned Fruit

HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week our wonderful, outdoor kitchen has been busy with the Hungry Caterpillar Café opening for business. The children have been industriously taking orders and waiting on tables, along with independently writing lists of ingredients for their idea of a tasty soup! They have also been busy collecting the fallen leaves and bagging them so that they can observe the changes that occur over the coming year.

Next week, we will continue to think about harvest and autumn, and in Maths, we will use our knowledge of making 6, and to look at addition and subtraction number sentences. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Something exciting happened in Badger class this weekWe received a message in a bottle

from Captain Plank!! He needed our help because Blackbeard had sunk his ship and left him marooned. He wanted us to make him a new boat in order to rescue his treasure. In order to do this well, we needed to set up a fair test to find out about waterproof materials and investigate floating and sinking. The children had great fun, worked well with their learning partners and the finished boats were very successful. Thank you for the fabulous range of materials provided from home. Captain Plank was extremely grateful! Next week we will be enjoying pirate poems. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



Wow, what a lot we have found out about owls this term. The children have almost finished making their own book all about owls which are full of fascinating facts and detailed diagrams. Next week, we will be adding our glossary, blurb and front covers. In Maths, the Cubes have been investigating the 3 times tables and the multiplication and division facts that can be derived from it, together with halving and doubling. The Spheres have been looking at the formal written method for multiplication starting with the grid method approach. On Monday, Chris from Prince William Award set some team work challenges for the children in the school grounds which I believe were very tricky but as all good Purley children do, they persevered and tried their best. Our sewing projects are starting to take shape and some children are now nearly finished. If anyone would like to join us next Wednesday after 1.30 your help would be really appreciated, especially threading needles!

Mrs Pickering

WOODPECKER CLASS



We have been continuing to learn about seismic activity under the sea and the potentially catastrophic after-effects of shifting tectonic plates on the sea bed. Although these under-sea earthquakes can cause seemingly minor ripples at first, we have learnt how the shift in water intensifies, and how these ripples form tsunamis. However, I want all children to know that the UK is a very safe place to live and that these earthquakes, volcanos, tornados and tsunamis do not affect us in Britain.

In Science, children considered the adaptations necessary for a species to survive in desert conditions and some very creative creatures were evolved by the class.

Magnificent Mathematicians have been working on multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. Mighty and Mega Mathematician have been solving problems involving time: analogue, digital, 24-hour clocks and clocks with Roman Numerals. Homework involves solving problems of time difference and students have been taught to this with time jumps. For example: Johnny's train departs at 14:35 and arrives at his destination at 15:05. How long was his journey? We have encouraged students to create jumps to help solve the problem.



And then add the jumps up to reach the answer of 30 minutes.

In English, we have been roving journalists and have written newspaper articles about the disappearing buildings across Europe.

Next week, we will be starting a new writing investigation: Goldilocks – guilty or innocent?
Mrs Archer

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Ayman for good listening on the carpet

Friendship Star: Lilly May for getting along with everybody

Paragon: Jax

Badger Class

Star of the week: Davontay for completing a fantastic piece of homework

Friendship Star: Iqra for being a kind friend

Paragon: Syd

Woodland Star: Darcy for creating a beautiful collection of bark, leaves and feathers.

Owl Class

Star of the week: Cypher for his amazing sewing and being able to evaluate what needs doing next and how to do it.

Friendship Star: Sergio for support a friend with lining up and during collective worship.

Paragon: Olly

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Evie for using power vocabulary in her writing (facetious and vexatious)

Friendship Star: Ryan for always showing compassion and kindness when other children are sad or feeling left out.

Paragon: Natalya

Delightful Diners: Lilliana, Sydney H, Elsie, Ellie, Mia, Bailey, Elliott, Jaihden

DIARY DATES

18/10/17	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00
19/10/17	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00
20/10/17	Harvest Festival at St Mary's (9.30 am) – parents invited to attend
20/10/17	End of Autumn Term 1, 3.00pm
23/10/17-27/10/17	Half Term
05/11/17	Fireworks Fiesta!
23/11/17	Individual School Photos
27/11/17	Theatre Trip pm
13/12/17	Children Christmas Lunch
14/12/17	Nativity play to parents (Hedgehog/Badger Class), 9.30
15/12/17	
20/12/17	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15pm
21/12/17 - 03/01/18	Christmas Break
09/02/18	End of Spring Term 1, 3.00pm
12/02/18 - 16/02/18	Half Term
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

