



Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin

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Self-Control
Honesty
Excellence
Respect
Responsibility
Courteous

There are so many opportunities in life to support the development of your children’s character. There have been two news items that have really struck me this week. The first was the Serena Williams controversy. Have you discussed this with your child? Did she have a point? Did the umpire do the right thing? Did the punishment fit the crime? The second story was Kirsty Allsop breaking her child’s electronic device. Will you have a family discussion about this?

Does your child have to face the consequences when they have transgressed? What sort of consequences? Verbal, cooling off, withdrawal of privileges or confiscation? It should be fair whatever you do, for them to respect you. When all is calm, reassure them that it is their behaviour you disapprove of, not them. Your love is unchanged. Better still just praise them when all is well - this always leads to the child having the attention for being good, something that all children crave.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In Collective Worship this week we looked in the Bible at the amazing story of Saul’s conversion. Saul hated people who followed Jesus. He hunted them down and had them put in prison. He even tried to have them killed. One day on a journey to Damascus something incredible happened. A bright light from heaven flashed around him and Saul heard Jesus speak to him. It completely changed his life and he became a Christian. He now went around telling people all about Jesus the Son of God and how they could follow him. All who heard him were amazed. He even changed his name and became known as Paul. The apostle Paul wrote many letters and these can be read in the Bible today. *Rev Archer*

the school by dedicating a brick with your child or family name. Each brick will be individually engraved with your child or family name and permanently displayed within the School for generations to come. Proceeds from each brick purchased will also make a valuable contribution towards school equipment. Each brick costs £40.00 for up to 2 lines, or £50.00 for 3 lines. Order forms are available from the office. Who will you dedicate your brick to?

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Without the help and support of parents, grandparents, carers and local volunteers, we cannot continue to raise the much-needed funds to enrich the education of our children at Purley School.

With parents stepping down from the FOPS (Friends of Purley School) Committee, we are looking for new Committee members. At our AGM on Thursday 4th October we will be, amongst other things, electing the Committee for the forthcoming academic year. If you are interested in joining the FOPS Committee or are able to give some time to be on an event sub-committee (for example, the School Fete Sub-Committee) or just want to know a little bit more about it, please contact Nicky Gibbens or Amelia

FOPS

DEDICATE A BRICK



We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to make a permanent mark on

Bell or ask Mrs Ham and she'll point you in our direction!

CHOIR AND YEAR 2

I have had requests for Year 2 children to join the choir. This is always a tricky balancing act as there are many words to learn and it is quite a commitment. Some children are ready but others find it daunting and can put them off joining the choir when a little more mature, which would be such a shame. Ideally children need to be KS2 but if you think your child can commit, they are welcome to attend. Should they find it too much, please encourage them to come and talk to me and not just drop out.

Choir starts Monday 17th Sept 3-4pm

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



Monday morning was such an exciting time because we made a welcome return to the woodland at Basildon Park. We discovered some changes since we were last there so we went on a walk to find out what was new. We discovered a musical instrument made of wood, stepping stones, balancing logs and a huge ruler which we used to measure ourselves. We were disappointed to find the dens had disappeared but fortunately we found some more had been made in a different area. We were able to practice road safety as we discovered new paths and roads and everyone remembered "to Stop. Look. Listen and Think!" Next week we are going to walk a bit further to find the other new areas. I would like to mention how sensible and well behaved the children were which helped to make the morning a brilliant beginning to our woodland adventures this year.

Mrs Hodsdon



NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION Foundation, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Please ensure that all forms are returned by **Monday 17th September** at the latest. Thank you.

ISS - VACANCY

Our school dinner suppliers are currently looking for a new member of staff to bring the school dinners which are cooked in Pangbourne to our school. Applicant will need to have own car with business insurance. The vacancy is for 16 hours/week. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Elaine Dupas, Area Manager, 07765 241792.

CLUBS

A list of clubs for Year 1 to Year 6 was sent via parentmail yesterday. Please make sure that you reply by **Tuesday** next week.

Gym Club (KS2): we've been advised that there are some spaces left. The club is on Tuesdays, 3.00 till 4.00 pm. If your child is interested, please contact Virtue Gymnastics direct – kara@virtuegymnastics.co.uk

HEDGEHOG CLASS



We have enjoyed welcoming the new Foundation One and Two children to Hedgehog class! All of the children have been exploring the indoor and outdoor areas and learning how to use each area safely. They have had great fun playing lots of 'getting to know you' games and learning each other's names. The children have been using a variety of resources to create representations of their faces, such as the 2paintapic programme on the interactive whiteboard, painting, drawing, and using a selection of items on cork tiles. They have been singing lots of number rhymes and sharing stories about starting school...who knew dinosaurs went to school too?!

Next week we will be practising taking turns to speak and listen as we share our news, and finding out about how our world began through the story of Creation. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have all settled back into the routines of school and are enjoying their new topic - "Take aways." We collected some data as to what their favourite take away food was and discussed where in the world that food came from. We have looked at how fish and chips are made and wrote thank you prayers to the fishermen for catching the fresh fish for us.

In Geography, we looked at atlases and named the seas that surround the UK.

As part of our science learning, we have been exploring the effect of exercise on our bodies and how exercise is important to help us keep healthy.

In Maths, we have been looking at place value and where numbers sit in the number system. Y1 have worked with numbers up to 20 and Y2 with numbers up to 100.

For our art work next week we need to collect in some plastic 2L milk bottles. If possible could you please send one in with your child - Thank you
Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



It has been lovely to welcome new faces into Owl class. The Big Owls have done a wonderful job helping them to settle in and get used to new routines. As discussed at the Greet the Teacher evening, the transition from KS1 to KS2 can be difficult as exceptions from the children grow. This is not just academically but developing them as a person too.

We have taken a step back in time to the Stone Age period. In English, the children have been history detectives, looking at a text and finding clues to tell them that it's set in the Stone Age era. We have also started to research Stonehenge finding out how and why it was built and had great fun building our own Stonehenge in the classroom! Do you know how many stone were used to construct it and what the different names are? Ask your child I am sure they could tell you!

Both year 3 and year 4 have been working on number bonds in maths. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



A new year, a new year 6 cohort and new additions to Woodpecker class. It always feels strange at the upper end of KS2 when children step up to meet the demands of being the oldest children in the school, the leaders and role models. And yet, within just one week, it is clear that this group are eminently ready to set the standard for Purley Primary School.

This week, our maths work has involved consolidating understanding of place value, of reading, writing and working with multi-digit numbers. Ask your child to read this number: 765,539,901. Next, can they tell you what 1,000,000 more than this number would be? Or 1,000 less? Or a trickier one would be 100 more.

In English, we have been responding to a historical text: how to catch a thief. Children have hot-seated the different characters, considered how the story could develop and written diary entries in the role of different characters. This has involved consolidating understanding of writing in the past tense in the first person.

Our topic this term is Invaders, and our historical focus is the Vikings. *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Harry Clegg for careful counting

Friendship Star: Freya for looking after the younger children

Paragon: Phoebe Tovey

Badger Class

Star of the week: Mason for starting Year 2 really challenging himself

Friendship Star: Zayneb for helping her learning partner to write

Paragon: Lilly-May

Woodland star: Arlo for sensible walking and being helpful - offering to take equipment

Owl Class

Star of the week: Ben S for his fantastic engagement and interest in our new topic.

Friendship Star: Ben R for supporting all the new members of the class with settling in to new routines.

Paragon: Ellie

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Grace, for working incredibly hard and persevering when tasks are challenging

Friendship Star: Evelyn for being a very kind and helpful partner in class

Paragon: Grace

Delightful diners: Ciara, Jessica B, Amy, Toby, Ben S, Mia, Oscar HL, Louis H

Reminders

- **Foundation to Year 5** – please return Nasal Flu Immunisation form by Monday.
- **Badger Class** – please bring empty 2l milk bottle

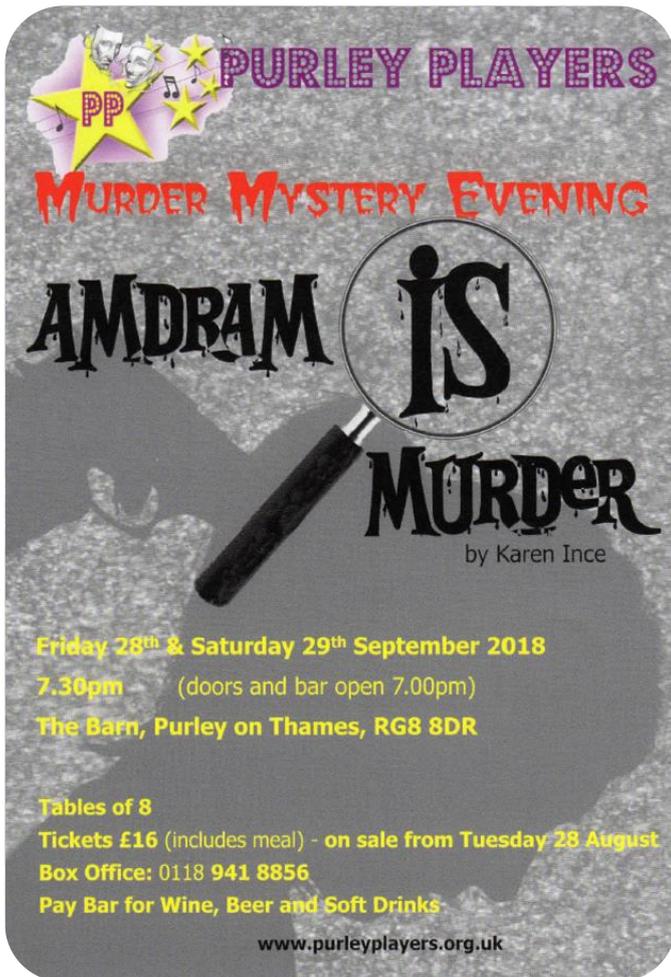
DIARY DATES

28/09/18	Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme Foundation to Year 5
04/10/18	FOPS AGM, 7.30 p.m
17/10/18	Parents Evening, 3.30 p.m to 6.00 p.m
18/10/18	Parents Evening, 6.00 p.m to 8.00 p.m
19/10/18	Harvest Festival at St Mary's, 9.30 a.m
22/10/18- 29/10/18	Half Term
01/11/18	Individual school photos
04/11/18	Thameside Fireworks Fiesta
21/12/18- 04/01/19	Christmas Break
18/02/19- 22/02/19	February Half Term
08/04/19- 23/04/19	Easter Break
24/05/19- 31/05/19	May Half Term
24/07/19	End of Academic Year

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

Community Page



A **Family Fun Day** is being held at Goosecroft on **Sunday 16 September**. There will be events in the Barn, on the playing fields and in the Sports and Social Club, as well as stalls raising money for community projects, and fun activities organised by local sports clubs. There will be refreshments available throughout, and the Sports and Social Club will be running a quiz in the evening. Please see <http://purleysportsandsocialclub.co.uk/event/pssc-funday> if you'd like to know more.

Royal County of Berkshire Show at Newbury Showground

DATES: 15th and 16th September 2018

OPENING TIMES: 8am to 6pm both days

ADDRESS: Newbury Showground, Priors Court Road, Hermitage, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG18 9QZ

<https://www.berkshireshow.co.uk/show-pages/Visitor-Information>

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