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Friday Bulletin

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"Manners maketh man". Where have you heard that recently? If you are a fan of the Kingsman films, as I am, you will definitely have heard it there. The proverb however, dates back to the 14th century. Today, this expression broadly means that your mannerisms and characteristics make you who you are, people are judged by their manners and conduct. I was delighted when some Headteachers visited the school recently, they commented on our well-mannered children. We work hard at the school to promote good manners,

for example, holding the door open for others, using our ps and qs as well as table manners which we focus on during Delightful Diners. It is obvious that many of you also promote good manners at home. On the news this week, parental good examples were discussed. Do you remember to use you ps and qs if you have and talk to Alexa? As a parent, I was always so proud when my own children's manners were complimented on as I am sure you are when the same happens to you. So please accept the compliment on bringing up such well-mannered children.



Remember, remember, Sunday 4th November!

The **Thameside Fireworks Fiesta** will be going off with a bang again this year! It promises to be another fantastic not-to-be-missed event for all the family with tasty hot food outlets, music, a licensed bar and glow novelties. Gates will open at 5.30 pm, with the Fireworks kicking off at 7.00 pm. Weather permitting, free parking will be provided in the field adjacent to the end of Mapledurham Drive.

Once again proceeds are in aid of the school. Tickets will be on sale from beginning of October but in the meantime, save the date! We've kept last year's prices and tickets will be bookable in advance at the discounted rate.

Advance prices – Family ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children) - £15, Adult - £6, child - £2.50.

If you decide to buy at the gate, tickets are £25 for a Family ticket, Adult - £9, Child - £4.

Help needed! It's a big event and we need volunteers to help set up, run stalls and clear away. A board will be put up outside the week before half term, but please do let us know if you are able to help in the run up to the event or on the day!

We look forward to seeing you there!

FOPS UPDATE

Last night FOPS held its Annual General Meeting - thank you to those who were able to attend. The annual accounts for the last financial year were approved and the committee for the forthcoming year was elected. We would like to thank those long standing officers, Nicky Gibbens (Chair) and Amelia Bell (Secretary) who are sadly moving off the committee this year. They both have been at the helm of FOPS for 6 years and have done a fantastic job. We are delighted to welcome some new members on board. Your committee for the year is:

Chair: Danni Tovey
Treasurer: Charlotte Allum
Vice-Treasurer: Claire Hawkins
Secretary: Samantha Ham

General Members: Michelle Allsopp; Karolina Parker; Chloe Tigwell; Sarah Manning; Nicky Gibbens; Sarah Sinclair.

Teacher Representative: Mrs Pickering

The planning for our next big event is now underway. Tickets for the Thameside Fireworks Fiesta, taking place on **Sunday 4th November** down at the lock, will be going on sale soon. Please do come along as it promises to be another spectacular event! If you are able to help out at the event or have ideas you would like to share with us, please do let us know.
FOPS team

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL

This week in Woodland we began with a game of hide and seek which was great fun - we are finding even better places to hide! Next, we went for a walk to find all the other activities the Woodland Wardens have created. We revisited some of our favourites and found a few more. Our favourite was an area where there were lots of sensory objects such as beautiful pebbles, CD mobiles and a board covered with switches and electrical objects.

The walk was quite tiring and we were happy to return to our base to have some hot chocolate, a snack and a quick free playtime. There was lots of cooperation, turn taking and making sure we all stayed safe today - great behaviour too!
Mrs Hodsdon



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Today, the successful candidates for the school council were announced in celebration assembly.

Congratulations to:

Year 1: Annabelle and Jax
Year 2: Lukas and Zayneb
Year 3: Hiba and Abraham
Year 4: Casey and Syd
Year 5: Kira and Louie
Year 6: Grace and Corey

The first council meeting will be on Wednesday 10th October.

SCHOOL HOUSES

This week, children across the school voted for their house captains. Year 6 representatives each made a case for their leadership and everyone then voted for the house captain of their choice. We have four houses at Purley Primary School: Earthy Bear, Airy Heron, Fiery Fox and Watery Otter. We wish each house the very best, as they begin the battle for supremacy by earning house-points, completing reading challenges, demonstrating outstanding behaviour and engaging with house competitions.

Elizabeth: Earthy Bear
Jasmine: Airy Heron
Evie: Watery Otter
Emily: Fiery Fox

FIRST AID COURSE



A local company based in Whitchurch Hill has contacted the school offering a parent first aid introduction course to be held at the school.

The course is 2 hours long. The cost is £25 per person, £5 of which will be donated to the school.

If you're interested, please email Mrs Ham, office@purley.w-berks.sch.uk

PARENTS EVENING

A notification was sent this morning via Parentmail inviting you to book your parents evening meeting with your child's teacher. Dates

are Wednesday 17th October (3.30-6.00) and Thursday 18th October (6.00-8.00). Please make sure that you allow for 10 minutes prior to your meeting to see your child's tray with all their work. Below is a link with further advice about how to make the bookings.

<http://parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/applications/parents-evening-manager/>

If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Ham.

MESSAGE FROM PURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Purley marks the Armistice Centenary



To mark the Armistice Centenary, some special events are being planned in Purley on Thames. The programme of activities offers a range of ways in which Purley residents can take part.

A programme will be delivered to each household in Purley on Thames by early October and additional details will be available on a supporting webpage on the Parish Council website.

A poignant Memorial Trail (self-guided with instructions) will lead residents through the village. Other events are planned over the half-term week, from the 19th October, and will be followed by the largest event, 'Purley Remembers the First World War', to be held in the Barn on the 3rd and 4th of November. This will include talks, exhibition, workshops, stands and a display of poppies made by local groups, schools and people.

On Armistice Day, 11th November, a Service of Remembrance will take place at 10.30am in the Memorial Hall. In the evening, Purley will join the National Tribute by gathering at St Mary's Church from 6.30pm as Purley hears The Last Post at 6.55pm, lights a Beacon and rings the church bells for peace.

If you missed out on a programme, if contact the Parish Office 0118 9844507. For more details, please see the webpage www.purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk/armistice-centenary-events/

Christine Lamb
Clerk to Purley on Thames Parish Council

HARVEST FESTIVAL



As mentioned in the diary dates, our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 19th 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 children will be in the main part of the church with parents at the side.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



Thank you to everyone who sent in the baby photos! The children really enjoyed looking at them and talking about how much they have changed. Our future looks bright as many of the children are planning on becoming airline pilots or doctors when they grow up! Whilst thinking about autumn this week, the children found out that many animals choose to hibernate when the weather gets cold, and they noticed that farmers are really busy at this time of year with the harvest. After reading *Oliver's Vegetables*, the children picked the pears from our tree and worked together to bake and taste a pear crumble. Delicious!

Next week in maths we will be finding different ways of making 5, and we will be sharing stories with a harvest theme. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class were very excited this week to create their own take away pizza in our classroom pizza parlour! They carefully followed a recipe and as a class, we discussed how instructions were written and set out. The children then had a go at writing their own instructions, thinking carefully about the correct order and layout. We also had fun making eye catching posers to advertise their pizzas. Thank you to Pizza Express for their generous donation of pizza boxes.

In Science, the children have been collecting data about their favourite foods and representing their findings in block graphs.

As part of their maths learning Y1 have continued to explore number bonds up to 10 and

Y2 have been learning their multiple of 10 bonds to 100. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

STARS OF THE WEEK



OWL CLASS



This week we have been thinking about how we know what life was like in the Stone Age without the world of technology and social media. How do we know what they ate, how they hunted etc? The children have explored the wonderful Chauvet Caves in France and considered how these images give us some information. You may like to explore them with them. They have enjoyed created some of their own cave paintings and making their own painting tools. In English, we have been preparing the middle section of our Stone Age adventure story, we should be ready to write the final product next week. In Maths, we have introduced the children to timetables rockstars. This is a new learning platform to support the learning of timetables. Log in details have been sent home this week and we do expect children to be practising regularly. *Mrs Pickering*

Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Harry C for recognising who the babies were in all of the photos!

Friendship Star: Esme for sharing

Paragon: Cora

Badger Class

Star of the week: Jessica for being a maths camp with number bonds.

Friendship Star: Ciara for teaching her friends a great playtime game - finger hockey

Paragon: Jax

Woodland star: Daniel for keeping up even though he found it a long walk!

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Frankie for persevering when things got tricky in Maths

Friendship Star: Sergio for guiding others to make right choices and supporting them in the classroom

Paragon: Jaidhen B

WOODPECKER CLASS



Our budding authors have created an anthology of gripping tales. Something has gone missing and Woodpecker Class have their detective protagonists on the case.

The children have been focusing on incorporating correctly-punctuated speech and excellent noun phrases.

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Alice Bodimeade for pushing herself to achieve top marks in arithmetic

Friendship Star: Oscar for great partner collaboration

Paragon: Ryan

Delightful diners: Harry B, Mason, Alfie C, Davontay, Tiana, Kira, Gracie, Grace.

In Maths, our focus has been converting metric measures. Can your child tackle the following questions: how many mm in 2.5cm? Or for those seeking a greater challenge: how many mm in 35.6km?

We have several slices of bread, in different states of decay, scattered around the classroom. Messy children? No. Sloppy teachers? Perhaps - but not in this instance. A crazy science teacher? Yes! Woodpecker Class are studying the bread daily, to investigate rates at which mould appears under different conditions.

Our topic work has brought us to the time of Viking law in Britain (Danelaw) and we have been considering the impact of the Viking invasions on the already settled Angles and Saxons. *Mrs Archer*

DIARY DATES

15/10/18	FS2 children out – Ella’s Kitchen trip
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 (parents invited to attend)
19/10/18	End of Autumn Term 1, 3.00 p.m
22/10/18-29/10/18	Half Term
30/10/18	Start of Autumn Term 2
01/11/18	Individual school photos
04/11/18	Thameside Fireworks Fiesta
21/11/18	Badger/Owl/Woodpecker Theatre Trip – Robin Hood
18/12/18	ISS Christmas Lunch
20/12/18	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15 p.m
21/12/18-04/01/19	Christmas Break

07/01/19	Start of Spring Term 1
15/02/19	End of Spring Term 1, 3.00 p.m
18/02/19-22/02/19	February Half Term
25/02/19	Start of Spring Term 2
05/04/19	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15 p.m
08/04/19-23/04/19	Easter Break
24/04/19	Start of Summer Term 1
23/05/19	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00 p.m
24/05/19-31/05/19	May Half Term
03/06/19	Start of Summer Term 2
24/07/19	End of Academic Year, 1.15 p.m

Reminders

- **All** – Book parents evening appointment
- **Year 6** – please complete the Swanage trip form on parentmail by Monday 8th October.

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



Mon 22nd to Fri 26th,
9am-3pm,
£25 per day,
£100 for 5 days,
5-12 yrs.

Please book in advance with
LTA licensed Coach: Sam Mills*
07981663907, sammills18@hotmail.com
*Fully Insured & DBS checked.

October Half Term

Tennis & Multi Sport Camps

Please bring:
Pack Lunch,
Tennis Court Trainers,
Grass Field Trainers,
Tennis Racket (please let Sam know if you don't have one),
Waterproofs,
Suncream - you never know!



READING Library Service will be hosting a day of fun, free events at libraries across the town on Saturday 6th October to celebrate the popular 'Fun Palaces' weekend.

Following on from the first Reading Fun Palace Day in 2017, this year families can look forward to a fun filled day of free activities for all ages and help make their local library a Fun Palace – with activities as wide ranging from treasure hunts and origami crafts, to Lego robot construction and slime making!

The duck race is back by popular demand at Reading Central Library at 1.15pm in the Holybrook that flows under the library. Battle Library has a jam-packed day of science themed activities, including bottle rocket craft and a space quiz. At Caversham Library people can meet a local bee keeper and at Palmer Library there will be lots of board games. Tilhurst Library has a WWI themed poppy making session and at Whitley Library there will be a pottery making workshops.

To find out more about Fun Palaces visit
<http://funpalaces.co.uk/about/what-is-a-fun-palace/>

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