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Friday Bulletin



14th December 2018

This week was the week of our Nativity. Again this year, it was an absolute pleasure to see our youngest pupils performing so confidently. Yes, we could see them performing, much better than in the past. The school purchased a stage, a big thank you to you parents for your contributions and FOPS' organisation of money raising events. It was one of my highlights of the year.

FOPS

Christmas Disco with DJ Jacko!



The children's Christmas Disco will be held at Saint Mary's Church Purley on Wednesday 19th

We are looking forward to seeing all the children in their Christmas party outfits at the Disco next Wednesday evening with DJ Jacko at **St Mary's Church**. We will be serving drinks and hot dogs. As the sessions are quite short, please arrive in good time so that the children don't miss any of the entertainment!

Timings:

5.00-6.15: Foundation (incl FS1), Year 1 & 2
6.30-7.45: Year 3 upwards

Nativity Play

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who have helped to serve hot drinks for the nativity play. We loved the performance and are so proud of all the children! For those of you who ordered a DVD, we will be sure to get the copies to you before the end of term.

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



Today was our last woodland adventure until next year so we decided to revisit the other base. We walked through the dark woody path which was lined with trees that were decorated with twinkly lights - it looked very magical. After exploring the camp, we had a chocolate coin with our hot chocolate as a

Christmas treat. We then walked back through the twinkly lights path to visit Basildon House. We saw three very tall decorated Christmas trees - one of them took 17 years to grow! We noticed that one of them was decorated with poppies which we knew was to remember soldiers who died in war.

Lastly, we had a peek in the library where Christmas trees were made from stacking books and there were paper chains, bowls of baubles, candles and green plants. It all looked beautiful and helped get us in the mood to perform our school play which has a magical Christmas tree!

Mrs Hodsdon



FESTIVE NON-UNIFORM DAY



On Tuesday 18th December which is the day of our Christmas lunch, we will have a **Christmas themed non-uniform day**. You don't need to buy a new jumper, you can simply decorate one with tinsel etc. In return, we would ask for a donation of at least £1 towards Save the Children Charity and the Children's Society.

CHOIR NEWS

Last week the choir sang at St Mary's church at the "Singing for the brain" Christmas lunch. They sang like angels and behaved beautifully, interacting well with their audience. I was very proud of them.

Next Monday (17th Dec) you are invited to a mini concert at 3:15 and the session will finish at 3:30. Choir practices will restart on January 14th.

END OF TERM

Reminder – the children will finish school at **1.15 pm** on Thursday 20th December. They will have lunch as usual at school on that day.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



The children will take part in a Christingle Service on Thursday 20th December at St Mary's. **This service is for pupils only.**

Could you please ensure that your child has a coat and that all long hair is tied back.

WBC ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION

West Berkshire Council is seeking your views on proposed changes to admission arrangements for West Berkshire schools for 2020/21.

If you would like to take part in this consultation, please use the link below:

www.westberks.gov.uk/admissions20

SANTA RUN

On Sunday a number of pupils and their families took part in the annual Santa Run. Apart from a

brief shower, the runners enjoyed a pleasant run in the sunshine through Reading. Everyone had a great time dressed as Santas and elves. Well done to all the children and adults who took part in the 1K and 5K events.



HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week the children have been finding out what happens to our letters when they are posted. They enjoyed walking to the shop to buy stamps and posting their lovingly made Christmas cards – they hope you enjoy receiving them! The children were very excited and nervous to perform the Christmas play to the school and families, and they felt justifiably proud of their dancing and singing. They have been sharing many different Christmas themed stories and discussing how they are similar or different, whilst in maths the children have been finding ways of making 7. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Having worked so hard learning lines and dance routines, Badger class put on a fantastic show for their parents telling the Christmas story. They were confident and a joy to watch. Well done to all of them and thank you parents for your support providing such lovely costumes.

In class, they have been busy writing letters to a snowman, making Christmas cards and doing Christmas mosaic additions.

In science, they worked with their learning partner to explore different fabrics and find which one was the stretchiest to make Santa's toy sack. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



This week in Owl class the children have been enthusiastically bringing together the wealth of knowledge they have gained from our topic work this term. The children have started to make factual books about mountains and volcanoes and we have been investigating the volcanic 'Ring of Fire' around the Pacific Ocean using Google Earth. Can you name the tectonic plates within the Ring of Fire? Ask your child how many they can remember!

On Tuesday we were very excited to watch the KS1 pupils perform their Nativity production. We thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were impressed by their confidence on stage.

We have enjoyed sharing and celebrating together the amazing home learning projects. Owl class is now full of erupting volcanoes and Christmas decorations! Well done to all the children who have worked so hard on their projects. *Mrs Whyte*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Monday afternoon was very aromatic as Mrs Jones gave our students the task of creating a plastic material to explore an irreversible reaction. The waft of warm milk, mixed with white vinegar was quite heady. The plastics produced are drying out nicely on the shelf.

In Maths this week, year 5 have been revising the range of different methods that can be used to add and subtract efficiently and how to choose the best one for a particular calculation. They have started to apply these to word problems.

The mathematical focus for year 6 has been working with fractions - and in particular, how to multiply fractions and whole numbers.

We have started to read *Wonder* by RJ Palacio in English and have explored different parts of speech used in the opening paragraphs. We are encouraging children not to watch the film - after completing the book, we will have an opportunity to watch it in class and compare aspects of the book with the film.

We have learned about Mayan handicrafts and have created our own mini tapestries on simple card looms. *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Cora for choosing to build words in Independent Learning

Friendship Star: Casey for playing nicely in the sand with the younger children

Paragon: Phoebe Tovey

Badger Class

Star of the week: Daniel for working hard on his phonics

Friendship Star: Layla for being a kind member of the class

Paragon: Ayman

Woodland Star: Ella for excellent attitude and behaviour

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Sergio for his thoughtful contribution to discussions in all lessons and his detailed work in his mountains fact book.

Friendship Stars: Jamie for supporting a friend with reading and solving word problems in maths.

Paragon: Ben S

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Anya for outstanding maths and great use of scientific vocabulary

Friendship Star: Lola G for supporting other children's learning

Paragon: Cypher



DIARY DATES

18/12/18	ISS Christmas Lunch & Christmas themed non-uniform day
19/12/18	FOPS Christmas Party @ St Mary's Foundation 1/2 and KS1: 5:00-6:15 KS2: 6:30-7:45
20/12/18	Christingle Service at St Mary's. Children only
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
13/02/19	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00 pm
14/02/19	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00 pm
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
08/03/19	FOPS Quiz
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
29/06/19	Summer Fair
24/07/19	End of Academic Year, 1.15 p.m

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

Sunday 16 December Family Carol Service

9.30 am, St. Mary's Church
An informal carol service for the whole family.

Carols by Candlelight

6.00 pm, St. Mary's Church
A candlelit service of traditional Bible readings and carols, followed by fresh coffee, mulled wine and mince pies.

Christmas Eve Crib Service

4.30 pm, St. Mary's Church
A lively service telling the Christmas story for the whole family.

Midnight Communion

11.00 pm, St. Mary's Church
A traditional service of Holy Communion.

Christmas Day Christmas Celebration

10.30 am, St. Mary's Church
A Christmas celebration for all-ages, includes Holy Communion.

Join us this Christmas

Christians celebrate Christmas because they believe it marks a pivotal point in history – God coming to earth and being born as a baby. His life, death and resurrection mean everything to us, because they change everything.

Come to St. Mary's this Christmas and discover how Jesus changes everything.

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