



Purley Church of England (VC) Primary School

"Let all that you do be done in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

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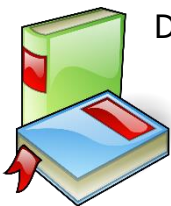
Dear Parents,

Only two weeks to go until we can all have a breather! Currently plans for September are still very sketchy but we will plan for a "normal" return to school until we are told differently. There have been a few plans leaked through journalists and apparently final arrangement will be confirmed on August 11th.



In order to prepare the school and discuss plans with staff, the school will be closed to all pupils, apart from Key Worker children on July 17th. If you are a key worker and still really need childcare on this day, please confirm with the school office. As the 16th will be that last day for the Year 6s, we would like to invite the Y6 girls to school at 2:30 on that day so that we can say goodbye to them and wish them well.

Next week will be sports week. All who take part will receive a medal. Postman Pickering will be delivering them. There will be a timetable to follow. Different sport coaches have recorded some activities as well as the teachers organising some sports related task. Have fun.



During the summer, many of our children take part in the Reading Challenge organised by the library. This year's arrangements will be slightly different. More details are at the end of this newsletter. We do hope as many as possible join the challenge so that we maintain our record of being a school that participates well.

We would like to congratulate Mrs Jones on securing a post at Theale Primary School for September, where she will undertake her NQT year. We wish her every success.

Mrs Voisey, who was lent to us by a local school, is returning to her own school where she will be a phase leader. We would like to thank her for stepping in and supporting the school.

In order to provide stability in Woodpecker class, we needed to appoint a new teacher. Year 5s were back in school this week and they helped us with interviewing the candidates. They were quite insightful and agreed with the interviewing panel. Mrs Pam Hicks, an experienced Year 6 teacher, will be joining us from September.

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We have also appointed a new School Business Manager who will replace Mrs Lees. Mrs Eve Hubert will be joining us from September. Mrs Lees will be a hard act to follow and we wish her well in her new post.

We still have a vacancy for a cleaner. More details are on our website.
<https://www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=17>



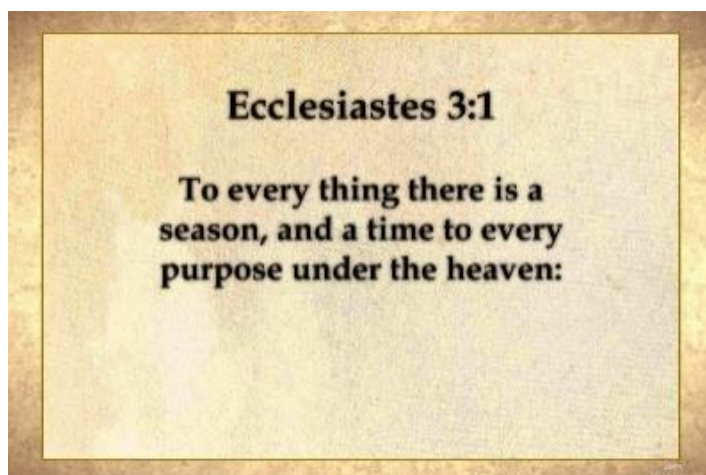
Another change in September, is that the school will be moving its school lunches provision from ISS to The Pantry. We are excited by what they have to offer and look forward to sampling their meals. If you are owed money by ISS or you owe them money, please follow this up as soon as possible.

This week would have been the results window for the Year 4 times tables test. They are expected to know their tables up to 12X12 with instant recall. If your child is in year 3, learning these over the holidays will help them in Year 4. If your child will be in Years 5 and 6, they should already know them!



If you would like to know more on the expectations for your child's maths instant recall in every year group, have a look at the KIRFS on our website.
<https://www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Maths&pid=52>

Karen Fakes



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"I FEEL THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE IS EXTRA IMPORTANT THIS YEAR! HOW SENSIBLE TO HAVE A SILLY THEME. WE'VE ALL HAD TO DEAL WITH SERIOUS AND SCARY ISSUES, SO IT'S TIME FOR A BIT OF FUN. THERE ARE SO MANY COMICAL AND CRAZY CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO CHEER US ALL UP. LET'S GET READING AND GET HAPPY!"

JACQUELINE WILSON



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SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'.

Each year the Challenge, delivered with the support of public libraries, motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence.

With the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Challenge will launch as a digital activity to keep children reading over the summer and support parents and carers with children already at home. The Challenge will run from June to September.

The digital Challenge will be free to access, featuring games, quizzes and digital and downloadable activities to encourage children and their families to take part in reading related activities at home. Although library buildings are closed, libraries will also continue to deliver the Challenge through virtual services and e-lending platforms.

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!

Here you can find information about your child taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge and about using this website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>



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