



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,

Happy holidays!

As this is most probably the last newsletter for this academic year, I would like to wish you a happy holiday. It isn't quite the same as usual if your children have been at home for most of the last few months!



Before you shut off from school, **please read this letter very carefully** so that you are aware what needs to be in place in readiness from September.

I would like to thank you for the support you have given the school and your many compliments on the provision provided. I think it is a testament to the school and to you that we have one of the highest attendance rates in the country during this pandemic. Thank you for trusting us with your precious children. The quality of the work submitted online has made us all very happy and will be of great benefit to your children, not only when they return, but for years to come.

I have been particularly impressed lately by the children in Woodpecker class who rose to challenge of writing a story in 24 words challenge. Have a go, it is not easy!



One day (well night) the moon looked massive! I ran hastily to my room, grabbed my telescope and looked... The moon was a balloon! (Alice)

One glorious day, Woody arrived - with fur black like coal and mischievous eyes. Fun loving, active and playful - slotting in. Our family is complete. (Jacob)

I became a famous astronaut. In a science fair my balloon - shaped like the moon- was filled with gas. I floated; reached space; returned. (Jessica)

One day an astronaut was, surprisingly, tied to the moon. His friends came and then they, unharmed, pulled him back into the space station. (Ben)

Learn to love, love to learn

West Berkshire Wellbeing
Health and Wellbeing
in Schools award



One day I wanted to make a cup of tea but the milk had died I sulked back to the couch without my delicious drink. (Louis)



Sports week has again this year, been very successful. Thank you for your positive feedback in words and photos. The children at school have been very enthusiastic.

If you're interested in adult Combat 8 classes please use the link below:
www.bookwhen.com/workoutswithd

It has been an eventful year and as detailed in previous newsletters there will be a few changes in September. Another quite significant change is that we won't have Mrs Ham in the office. After successfully supporting in growing Purley school from an infant school to a primary school, she is now moving on to support the growing of another even bigger school! Mrs Ham has so ably supported pupils, staff and parents alike and I'm sure so many of you will have stories of how she has supported in so many ways.



We have taken this opportunity to restructure a little of the staffing at school. This will hopefully safeguard more of the existing jobs at the school with an ever shrinking budget. Mrs Street, (Owl class Teaching Assistant) who has previous office experience, has successfully applied for the post of school administrator. It will be of great benefit to have someone in post who already knows the school and its values.

This week, Mrs Ham has been busy organising the distribution of the children's school reports to parents. This year we are distributing these electronically. They are not to the same detail as previous years and they are of course indicating your child's performance at school up until lockdown. Some children will have maintained their progress, others may have fallen behind but equally some will have accelerated progress with their dedication and parental support.



Now I will get on to the arrangements for the children for September. There will be a one way system at the school, reversed to what has been happening during recent months. Details at the end of the newsletter.

Each individual class will enter the school building through its own classroom door. We will limit children's movement around the school as much as possible.

Parents will only be able to enter the school with an appointment so please contact via e mail or telephone.

As a small school we will become one bubble but we will be very mindful of also keeping to class bubbles as much as possible. There will be no Key Worker Bubble. There will be no whole school Collective worship and playtimes etc will be staggered.

If you are going away abroad this summer, please be mindful of quarantine expectations on arrival back in the UK. Children need to attend school from Sept 2nd. Attendance monitoring will resume, with children expected to be at school. Fines will be issued for non-attendance. Please contact me if there are exceptional circumstances why your child may not be attending.





In September, it has been recommended for all children to bring their own pencil cases into school and for them to be left in school. Pencil cases need to fit into a child's drawer and needs to be the transparent ones. They will need a pencil, rubber, glue stick, pencil sharpener and colouring pencils. They will also need personal headphone buds (Y1-Y6) to use with the technology. If you are in receipt of free school meals (or have received free school meals at any point in the last 6 years) and need support in purchasing these items, please contact the school as soon as possible. It is advisable to avoid novelty pencils that make it difficult for the children to write neatly. The pencil case needs to be named.

Other school equipment will be set aside for each class or, if absolutely necessary, cleaned thoroughly between different class bubbles.

School uniform needs to be worn from September. Supplier contact details below:
Email: lc@smartimpressions.group, Mobile: 07572 192043
www.smartimpressions.group/contract/PurleyPrimary (website will be live shortly)



We will cover as much of the normal curriculum as possible to ensure an exciting and broad education for our children.

Wrap around care, Breakfast and Nutkin club, will restart in September. Booking will be through the usual system (COB)



Should there be a local lockdown in the future, online learning will continue. It will be expected for **every** child to engage in the school provided online learning. When children return in September we will be discussing this with the children and gather information on what the advantages and disadvantages are.

Currently it is expected that the usual assessments will take place next year.

Year 6 SATS week beginning 10th May 2021,
Year 2 SATs, through the month of May,
Y1 phonics week beginning 7th June
Year 4 times tables test through the month of June.
Year 2 may also have the phonics test they missed this year.
As usual FS will be assessed throughout the year using baseline assessments.



Hopefully by Summer 2021, there will be even more normality. Currently we have a **provisional** booking for the Year 6 residential to Sealyham, leaving on Sunday June 13th. Details will be sent to the current Year 5 parents before the end of term.

All arrangements will be constantly reviewed.

Thursday will be the last day for our Year 6s before the leave us for secondary school. I am sure they will shine and make us proud in their respective schools. We have children going to Denefield, Langtree, Abbey Girls School and Reading Boys.



A quick reminder that the school will close to everyone on **Friday 17th July** apart for childcare that is absolutely necessary for key worker children.



We understand that some of you and your children will be anxious about returning in September, after some months out of school. Please be reassured that we are taking exceptional measures to make our schools as safe as can be. We will be providing additional emotional and wellbeing support for all pupils, and will also be providing additional opportunities to support learning where this is required. Although very many of our pupils have worked hard using our remote learning resources provided by our dedicated teachers, we are fully aware that learning has been lost. We are all determined that your children will absolutely not be 'a lost generation' and we're adapting our curriculum to make sure that they get the learning and knowledge that they need to achieve success in the future.

Finally, I do hope that no changes will be needed before September!

Karen Fakes 10/7/2020

Year Group	Entry time	Exit time
Woodpecker Class	8.50 – No parents on site	3.15 – No parents on site
Owl Class	8.50 – Parents on site if necessary	3.15 – Parents on site if necessary
Year 2	9.00	3.10
Year 1	9.05	3.05
FS (from w/c 7 th Sept)	9.15	3.00



**One way system reminder:
entry to the school site will be via front gate
and exit via back gate (Lister Close) – both morning and
afternoon**

Term Dates 2020-2021	
Term 1	Wednesday 2 nd September 2020 – Thursday 22 nd October 2020
Autumn Break	23/10/20 – 30/10/20
Term 2	Monday 2 nd November 2020 – Friday 18 th December 2020
Christmas Holiday	21/12/20 – 04/01/21
Term 3	Tuesday 5 th January 2021 – Friday 12 th February 2021
Spring Break	15/02/21 – 19/02/21
Term 4	Monday 22 nd February 2021 – Wednesday 31 st March 2021
Easter Holiday	01/04/21 – 16/04/21
Term 5	Monday 19 th April 2021 – Friday 28 th May 2021
Summer Break	31/05/21 – 04/06/21
Term 6	Monday 7 th June 2021 – Tuesday 20 th July 2021