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Friday Bulletin

Learn to love, love to learn

13th September 2019

"Learn to love, love to learn" based on the scripture "Let all that you do be done in Love"
(1 Corinthians 14).

As promised I expand on our vision with our mission statement.

Our mission at Purley CE Primary School is to ensure everyone is nurtured as individuals to shine brightly with confidence to be the best version of themselves. We will do this by focussing on our values of love, courage and wisdom.

I truly believe that the school works tirelessly to fulfil our mission.



Has your child mentioned the teddies that have appeared in the classroom? (Hedgehog class, there will be a delay). Not only do we strive to impart knowledge to our pupils but also to provide them with the skills they will need to continue to learn and become successful adults.

Under the value of love we have - Mr Collaborator
Under the value of courage - Mrs Resilience and Mr Risk taker
And under the value of wisdom - Dr Researcher and Reverend Reflector

Ask your children what it all means!

FOPS

THAMESIDE FIREWORKS HELPERS

The Thameside Fireworks Fiesta will be going off with a bang again this year, on Sunday 3rd November! It promises to be another fantastic not-to-be-missed event for all the family and once again proceeds are in aid of the school.

Tickets will be on sale soon. In the meantime please have a look at the fantastic new website that Emma has kindly created:
www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.co.uk

It's a big event and the subcommittee will be arranging to meet a couple of times to arrange all the details. We'd love to welcome more of you onto the subcommittee for this event – this includes those who aren't FOPS members. If you can spare a little of your time to help arrange this fantastic event, please contact Danni,

Charlotte or Samantha or ask Mrs Ham in the office and she'll point you in our direction!

You can also contact the committee via email: askfops@gmail.com we are always keen for new ideas, committee members or feedback.

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 3rd 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

subcommittee (for example, the School Fete Subcommittee) or just want to know a little bit more about it, please contact Danni Tovey, Charlotte Allum or ask Mrs Ham in the office and she'll point you in our direction!

HOMEMADE IN PURLEY

We are on the lookout for a parent or member of the local community who might be able to take on some wood work.

The school needs a small wooden table that ideally needs to be "homemade in Purley". The school is often praised for its community involvement and we hope team work will help us once again.

Please put your thinking caps on for if you know someone within the community who might be able to help – even if you aren't so handy yourself.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In this week's Collective Worship we began looking in the Bible at Jesus' famous teaching known as the "Sermon on the Mount" (you can find it in Matthew 5-7). In particular we were thinking about Jesus' teaching about the Beatitudes and what it means to be blessed by God.

These beatitudes are to be the attitudes of people who follow Jesus. To help us remember this we said that they are what our ATTITUDES should BE rather than the opposite, ME ATTITUDES, which are what we have when we choose to make ourselves and what we want more important than God.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

Information was sent via your child's bookbag on Monday. Deadline to submit nomination is Monday 16th September at 3.00 pm

GREET THE TEACHER



On the evening of **September 19th**, there will be an opportunity to greet the teacher and for the teacher to meet up with you. We would love as many of you as possible to attend even if your child has not changed teachers.

Talks will last for 20 minutes apart from an extended talk for Year 6. We often have responses on surveys that parents are not sure on how to support their children..... this is your opportunity to find out more!

Badger Class - 5.45

Owl Class - 6.15

Woodpecker Class - 6.45

Hedgehog parents have already met Mrs Burton through the home visits.

NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION Foundation, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

The immunisation programme will take place on Thursday 16th October. A consent form will be sent out via your child's bookbag in the next few weeks. A parent information pack is attached to this newsletter.

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



The Year 1 children will start Woodland School next Monday. A letter has been sent via parentmail.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING



The Year 2 will start swimming lessons at the Oratory Pool next Monday. A letter has been sent out via parentmail confirming all details.

CLUBS

We're still working on our list of clubs.

Gym Club (Year 1 to Year 6): we've been advised that there are 4 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

Choir will restart on Monday September 23rd (3.00-4.00 pm).

SPORTS CHAMPIONS

Last weekend was an amazing time for some of Purley's sporting pupils.

Henry, Year 3, achieved 3rd place in a 2 mile paddle up the River Thames, securing 3rd place in the under 12s category, he was also the youngest competitor in the competition. Huge congratulations to Henry.

Tiana, Year 6, travelled to Wales, with Virtue school of gymnastics' aerobic squad, to the Welsh Nationals. Tiana and her team secured the gold medal! An outstanding achievement as the squad has only been training for a few months. Well done Tiana.

Keep your eyes peeled in future national and international competitions for these two young people, we could have some Olympic stars in the making.



HEDGEHOG CLASS



A big thank you to all the families for preparing our new children for school so well. We have had a lovely week getting to know each other and trying to remember everyone's names. The children are quickly learning our routines and rules, and finding out how to use and share each of our play areas and resources. Making sandy cakes and interesting cups of tea in the outdoor kitchen seems to be a favourite activity already!

Next week we will be looking at patterns, and finding out about how God created our wonderful world.

Please note that the Acrostic Poem competition entry form which was sent home this week is very much an optional activity to do together at home. If anyone would like to enter, please send the completed forms back to class by Friday 11th October. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Our Badgers have all settled back at school and are showing a

keenness to work their hardest. The Y1 are all learning the new routines of being part of Badger Class and our Y2 are being super helpful in showing the younger members the way. We have enjoyed the start of our new topic "Ship Ahoy!" We started with a treasure hunt and following clues around the school led us to a delicious treasure chest full of chocolate coins! We have looked at the points of the compass and how they are used to find locations and give directions. In English we have been researching the life of Pirates and we made our own "Pirate Code" books.

Wednesday is our PE day and we have started to learn Diddi Rugby. This term Friday is going to be our Library day. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



Owl class has a super new parliament of Owls; some big ones and some little ones. All have settled in well and seem to be making new friends and enjoying learning new skills.

Last week, we looked at our new school values and skills and enjoyed lots of activities to help us understand and start to use them. I believe the most favourable challenge of the week was building a marble run. The children worked in teams of 4 and 5 and using materials of their choice created a marble run. We saw some fantastic structures and witnessed some amazing collaboration and reflection skills. Thank you to Mr Collaborator and Rev. Reflector for your help with these!

This week, we have started our topic, "Twit Twoo, Who Are You?" Unfortunately the Owl visit was cancelled but hopefully will be re-scheduled before the October half term. In English, we have started to read *The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark*, by Jill Tomlinson. The children have been exploring the descriptive vocabulary and have used dictionaries and thesauruses to develop their own word choice to enhance their writing. In Maths the focus is number bonds and place value.

I look forward to seeing you next Thursday for our Greet the teacher meeting. I encourage all parents to come along as I will be going over the expectations of children in Lower KS2 with regards to independence, learning both in school and at home. I will also be explaining, reading records, home spelling and topic homework. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



The topic this term in Woodpecker Class is Extreme Earth and children have been learning about the structure of the earth, creating their own mini cross-sections from tennis balls and plasticine. We have also been learning about climate across the world and what factors can affect this.

In English, we have started our study of Rudyard Kipling. After reading 'If', children created 'If' word clouds and their own 'If' poems. These are stored in their Google drive and can be accessed from home so children can share their work with you. We have also been reading Rudyard Kipling's Just So stories and exploring the wonderful language choices in these short stories.

Maths has involved a deeper understanding of place value and rounding numbers to varying levels of difficulty.

In Science, we started off by reminding ourselves of the seven processes that are common to all living organisms (ask your children if they know who Mrs Nerg is). We went on to think about the characteristics of some classes of animals: birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians and insects. Some children extended their learning by starting to research some other groups of animals: echinoderms, annelids, arachnids, crustaceans and molluscs.

We have been delighted to welcome two visitors to the class from Sweden. Annie Bergh and Heidi Uddegkog are educationalists who are keen to explore best practice from other countries and we feel immensely privileged to have hosted them this week. They have given us wonderful feedback from their time in the school having visited all classes. *Mrs Archer*



STARS OF THE WEEK



Badger Class

Star of the week: Oscar for challenging himself and settling down to work quickly and quietly

Friendship Star: Amelia-Mae for always taking care of others

Paragon: Lewis

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Syd for showing resilience in PE.

Friendship Star: Davontay for showing love and wisdom helping the new members of Owl Class.

Paragon: Alfie

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Malakhai for demonstrating wisdom through his outstanding attitude to his learning

Friendship Star: Sergio for showing love by offering to work with a pupil who was struggling and helping him get going with his work.

Paragon: Ethan

Delightful diners: Poppy, Esme, Ayman, Daniel, Ben S, Samuel (Y4), Abi, Amy

DIARY DATES

19/09/19	Greet the Teacher Badger – 5.45 Owl – 6.15 Woodpecker – 6.45
03/10/19	FOPS AGM, Purley Social Club, 7.45
10/10/19	Eye test for Foundation Children
16/10/19	Flu immunisation programme
17/10/19	Foundation Stage 2 children school trip – Ella's Kitchen
23/10/19	Parents Evening: 6.00-8.00
24/10/19	Parents Evening: 3.30-6.00
24/10/19	End of Autumn Term 1
24/10/19	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, 9.30 – parents invited
25/10/19 01/11/19	HALF TERM
03/11/19	Firework Fiesta
04/11/19	Start of Autumn Term 2
07/11/19	Individual School Photos
26/11/19	KS1/KS2 Theatre Visit, Watermill pm
12/12/19	KS1 Nativity, 9.45
13/12/19	KS1 Nativity, 9.45
17/12/19	ISS Christmas Lunch

19/12/19	FOPS Christmas Party
20/12/19	Carol Service at St Mary's – children only
20/12/19	End of Autumn Term 2
21/12/19 03/01/20	CHRISTMAS BREAK
06/01/20	Start of Spring Term 1
14/02/20	End of Spring Term 1
17/02/20 21/02/20	HALF TERM
24/02/20	Start of Spring Term 1
03/04/20	End of Spring Term 1
06/04/20 20/04/20	EASTER BREAK
21/04/20	Start of Summer 1
22/05/20	End of Summer 1
26/05/20 29/05/20	HALF TERM
01/06/20	Start of Summer 2
17/07/20	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),
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Community Page

BERKSHIRE CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

International prize winning musicians gather to share their love of music through world class concerts and local outreach projects.

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER

Bradfield College Concert Hall at 7.30pm

Beethoven: Clarinet Trio in B flat major - op. 11 and
Schubert: String Quartet No.14 in D minor - "Death and the Maiden"

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER

Windsor Parish Church at 7.30pm

Beethoven: Clarinet Trio in E flat major - op. 38 and
Brahms: Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op. 115

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER

St Nicolas Church, Newbury at 7.30pm

Brahms: Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op. 115 and
Schubert: String Quartet No.14 in D minor - "Death and the Maiden"

Tickets at: www.berkshirechambermusicfestival.com
and on the door

For enquiries call: 07753 120341

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West Berkshire

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Acoustic Singer Songwriter



Kitty Macfarlane

Saturday 2nd November 2019

7pm Doors & Bar, 8pm Music

St Marys Church Hall,

Purley on Thames RG8 8BJ

Kitty Macfarlane's music is rich with visual imagery and written with an eco-eye. Her songs are bound by the underlying theme of mankind's relationship with the wild. Cerebral, honest and topical, her beautiful songs are thought-provoking and evocative compositions with wonderfully crafted soundscapes.

With her debut album Namer of Clouds being one of The Guardian's Best Folk Albums of 2018, and having seen airplay across BBC Radio 2, 3, 4 and 6 Music, Kitty Macfarlane's performance is not to be missed!

Tickets: Earlybird Adult £10, Youth £8; Full-price Adult £12, Youth £10

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Open Morning:

Saturday 21 September 2019
09:00 - 12:00

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09:00 **Arrival and Registration**
Meet current pupils and staff
and pick up a goodie bag.

09:45 – 11:15 **Headmaster's Talk
& College Tours**

11:15 **Sixth Form Entry Forum**
Discuss Sixth Form at
Pangbourne with staff and
students.

There will be refreshments
available for all and a
chance to talk to academic,
co-curricular and pastoral
staff.



Children's Clothes Swap

Pangbourne and Whitchurch Sustainability Group (PAWS) are running a Children's Clothes Swap event this Saturday (14th September) from 10 - 12 in Pangbourne Village Hall.

No tickets required, just turn up on the day with any good quality children's clothes your children have grown out of (grouped by size and gender) ready to swap.

Purley Farmers' and Craft Market

The next Farmers' and Craft Markets will be held in the Barn at Goosecroft on from 8.00am to noon on Saturday 14 September. This month, as well as the usual markets, there will also be a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

For more information see www.tvfm.org.uk/purley-on-thames/