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Friday Bulletin

Learn to love, love to learn

20th September 2019

I was in my office last week and overheard a conversation between two children from Badger Class.

"I can't find my water bottle", "Would you like me to help you look for it?", "Yes please, thank you for offering to help?" What a lovely interaction. It made me so proud.

Last week, I taught the new children in Hedgehog class for the first time and as I was getting to know them, I asked what the best thing about coming to school. Nearly all the children said it was the new friendships they had made. They weren't too keen on telling me their own names but letting me know their ages was very important to them. This was followed by "I have made a new friend called * and he is 7 years old" or "I have made new friends with some of the really big children and I love going on the big playground". Again, evidence of the supportive ethos at our school. I am so honoured to be the headteacher of such a wonderful school!

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

FOPS

Find us on Facebook - Purley Church of England Primary School (@PurleyPrimarySchool)

SOCIAL NIGHT AND AGM

We'd love you to come and have a drink or two on us, meet other parents and find out more about what we do, how we spend the money and help make your school even better.

Everyone is welcome.

Thursday 3rd October, 7.30 pm

Purley Sports and Social Club, Gooscroft Lane

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 are on sale NOW! 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!

A big thank you to all those who have already come forward and offered to help.

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

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective Worship this week, we covered the first of the Beatitudes. We heard the story of

Xerxes and Queen Vashti who ruled in Persia. Vashit and Xerxes are very proud and came to sad ends. "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of God" was played out in reverse. Pride came before a fall. *Mrs Stables, Foundation Governor*

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



On Monday, Year 1 Badgers were very excited to be returning to the woodland. Luckily, it was just as exciting as it was before the summer and children were eager to go exploring but before they did, the children remembered all the things they needed to do to stay safe and have fun. They walked around the boundary looking for the red string and remembered not to climb high in the trees in case we couldn't reach them if they got stuck!

The children had a warm up game of "find the pirate", using vocabulary to describe direction and movement which have been learning about in school – check if they can still show you their right or left hand! Some may recall the compass directions too. *Mrs Hodsdon*



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

The consent form was sent home this week via your child's bookbag.

CLUBS

A form has been sent via parentmail today.

Choir will restart on Monday September 23rd (3.00-4.00 pm) – Year 3 to Year 6. New members from KS2 are welcome to join. Please come along on Monday.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



This week the children have been making the most of the autumn sunshine, making up games with hoops, building castles and houses, and creating a delicious variety of food in the sand kitchen. We have been looking at patterns and the children are beginning to continue and create repeating patterns using colours, shapes, and natural resources. After sharing the Creation Story, they had great fun making wave patterns as they mixed paint with their fingers and printed it to represent the seas that God had created.

Next week we will be finding out about hedgehogs, and thinking about how we change as we grow. We would be grateful if each child could bring in a baby photo of themselves to support this learning. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger Class have been researching pirate myths and writing facts. They have learnt how to search for pirate information and activities on Espresso and this is an online resource that can be also used at home to extend their learning. Please visit <https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/> and log into Espresso with username: student4718, password: onetwo

In Geography, we have made some pirate maps and started to think about how a key is used to show what different images/symbols represent. In Science, we have explored underwater food chains and represented some of these as a 3D paper chain for our friends to see. We have created a class Pirate Rap and had a go at writing some of our own, thinking about repetition and rhythm.

In Maths, Year 1 have been counting sets of objects up to 20 and Year 2 have been estimating and then counting by grouping into sets of 5 and 10. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



Owl Class has really taken flight this week, new friendships are being formed, collaborative learning skills are being explored and new routines are

becoming easier. It has been a pleasure to watch all the Little Owls settle in so well and mix with the Big Owls so quickly.

In English, we have been exploring the noun "dark". Thinking why we like or dislike it and exploring powerful adjectives to describe it. The children will be using their ideas to write a letter to Plop, the owl who was afraid of the dark, to give him courage to go hunting with his parents in the dark. Continuing with owls and working with learning partners and the support of Dr Researcher, the children have been using iPads and non-fiction books to research facts about owls. Next week, we will start to create our own non-fiction books on owls. In Maths, all children are working on number bonds, place value and mental addition. Tag Rugby is our sport focus for this term, the children enjoyed practising their dodging, throwing and catching skills during PE this week.

Thank you to all the parents who came to Greet the Teacher evening. I hope you found it informative. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



This week in Woodpecker Class, the children made first contact with their new JDO partners. Some connections were made easily, some were more difficult due to technical issues but it is important to persist anyway, because our global collaboration helps children appreciate the value of communication and how we can all work together to achieve a common goal. We were also really pleased to communicate with parents this week at our Greet the Teacher evening. A big thank you to everyone who came. Building our relationships and working together will help make sure that the children in Woodpecker Class achieve their full potential this year.

In Maths, Year 6 children have been working on mental and written strategies for addition, working with large (5-digit) and decimals. Year 5 children have been working on addition and subtraction of 3- and 4- digit numbers. Meanwhile in Science, we have extended our understanding of how animals are classified and sorted into groups with similar characteristics and next week, we will begin to look at similarities and differences between different types of plants.

In ERIC, we have have continued to read the Just So Stories, finding out about the Beginnings of the Armadillos and the Crab who Played with the Sea. During English lessons, the children have practised how to create extended sentences using relative clauses, very much in the style of Rudyard Kipling. They will use this skill next week when they go on to write their own Just So Stories. *Mrs Archer and Mrs Jones*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Badger Class

Star of the week: Ayman for being such a writing champ

Friendship Star: Cora for showing love to others

Paragon: Cora

Woodland Star: Poppy for being adventurous in the woods

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Julia for taking guidance from Mrs Resilience and persevering with her maths. When it finally clicked, it was wonderful to see her face light up and her have the confidence to support her friend.

Friendship Star: Henry for being a polite and helpful member of the class and always bringing a smile to everyone's face.

Paragon: Syd

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Ben for outstanding home learning

Friendship Star: Cypher for being supportive and not retaliating when provoked

Paragon: Louie

Delightful diners: Freya, Cora, Theodore, Lewis, Lukas R, Henry, Lola, Kira K

Reminders

Hedgehog Class: bring baby photo in next week

FS2 to Year 6: return Nasal Flu Consent Form by Friday 26th September

DIARY DATES

03/10/19	FOPS AGM, Purley Social Club, 7.30
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	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, 9.30 – parents invited
24/10/19	End of Autumn Term 1
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



MATHS

Brush-up on your basic Maths skills and gain a better understanding of mathematical techniques and concepts. These 10 week courses are completely free of charge and contain a short nationally recognised qualification. Open to all West Berkshire residents aged 19+.

The following topics will be covered:

- Using Addition and Subtraction
- Dividing Whole Numbers
- Multiplying Whole Numbers
- Money: Adding and Subtracting
- Understanding and Using Decimals

FREE COURSES

ENGLISH

The course is designed for native/fluent speakers of English to improve their reading and writing skills. These 10 week courses are completely free of charge and contain a short nationally recognised qualification. Open to all West Berkshire residents aged 19+.

The following topics will be covered:

- Developing Reading Skills
- Using Punctuation
- Grammar and Punctuation in Practical Use
- Reading Comprehension
- Writing Composition Skills

FREE COURSES

Village Concerts

West Berkshire

www.villageconcerts.eu



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

St. Mary's Purley invite you to our

FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 10AM-4PM

A fun packed day for all the family including

- ★ Bungee Run
- ★ Inflatable Castle
- ★ Candy Floss Machine
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Limbo Pole
- ★ Photo Booth
- ★ Giant Jenga
- ★ Burger Van
- ★ Ice Cream

NO ENTRANCE CHARGE
1 voucher per child for free ice cream*

* Ice cream vouchers are subject to limited availability.
Primary aged children to be accompanied by parent/carer.



This year's Royal County of Berkshire Show will be held from 8.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September at Newbury Showground.

<https://www.newburyshowground.co.uk/show-pages/Visitor-Information>