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Friday Bulletin

Learn to love, love to learn

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We are living through very turbulent times in this country and more and more Brexit related e mails are dropping into my in box. The local authority are strategically planning for a range of practical issues such as medical and food shortages and we are being asked to think about the impact on any pupils and employees. The Diocese have also sent 'The Christian Response to Brexit' from The Bishop of Oxford ; the current situation, he says, is a reminder to Christians to

think beyond politics, go back to Christian Values, strengthen the spirit of community and support wellbeing for all.

I am pleased to say that the pupils at Purley School are seen to live out Christian values of love, courage and wisdom daily. We have very little control over what may be happening around us; all we can try to do is to choose how we respond.

Brexit advice from the LA and the Bishops response are attached.

FOPS

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REMEMBER, REMEMBER, SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

The Thameside Fireworks Fiesta will be going off with a bang again this year! It promises to be another fantastic not-to-be-missed event for all the family with tasty hot food outlets, music, a licensed bar and glow novelties. Gates will open at 5.30 pm, with the Fireworks kicking off at 7.00 pm.

There will be additional bus service to and from the event on Reading Busses number 16.

17:22 from Reading to Purley
 19:57 from Purley

Once again proceeds are in aid of the school.

Tickets are on sale NOW! They are available from the school office, the shop on Colyton Way, Barn Owls day nursery and of course online:

Please have a look at the fantastic new website that Emma has kindly created: www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.co.uk

Buy in advance for big discounts!

Advance prices – Family ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children) - £15, Adult - £6, child - £3.00.

If you decide to buy at the gate, tickets are £25 for a Family ticket, Adult - £9, Child - £4.50

Tickets are also on sale at the Purley Farmers Market this Saturday 12th October. 8:30 – 12 noon.

There will also be a stand in the playground on Wednesday 16th, Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October with tickets for sale.

Help needed! It's a big event and we need volunteers to help set up, run stalls (**including food stall**) and clear away. Please do let us know if you are able to help in the run up to the event or on the day!

We look forward to seeing you there!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week's Beatitude is Matthew Chapter 5 verse 6 is about doing the right thing. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

We are finding out how to change a "me-attitude" to a "be-attitude." Ask the children how we can do this.

The story is about dirty feet. First century Palestine was hot and dusty. It was hospitable to wash people's feet. If you were rich, a servant would do this. Jesus washes his disciple feet. This is an example of a beatitude; showing care and concern for others. Kindness often has its own rewards. *Mrs Stables, Foundation Governor*

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



In the woodlands this week, we noticed that the woods are changing. It was damp, colder and lots more leaves were on the ground. We collected leaves to take them back to school as Mrs Burton needed some for her art club. Children noticed how the leaves had changed colour and that many had both green and brown parts. We discussed the changing seasons and what we might see happening in the Autumn.

Jacob, Diyor, Rafa, Casey and Harry C made a shelter that the whole class could use if it suddenly rained. They did a great job, gathering logs and leaves to make it comfortable. Esme joined the group after working out the password and Casey used a branch to chop more logs to make a fire. Cora, Phoebe, Margaux, Phoebe and Freya also worked hard to collect lots of interesting leaves for Mrs Burton, although Margaux decided not to put a holly leaf in in case it pricked someone because she noticed it had very hard, sharp edges. Samuel made tracks in the leaves for Harry V to follow. Poppy, Zara and Diyor made some planes, helping each other to fold the paper carefully. Many children sat and sketched the trees around them and Freya decided to make a poster showing the school values of Love, Courage and Wisdom because "it was quite cool learning about the values in Collective and when we do our prayers I think about them...". It is in our reflection area now so that we can all see it -- thank you Freya!
Mrs Hodsdon



PARENTS EVENING

Don't forget to book your parents evening appointment.

Dates are Wednesday 23rd October (6.00-8.00) and Thursday 24th October (3.30-6.00). Please make sure that you allow for 10 minutes prior to your meeting to see your child's tray with all their work. Below is a link with further advice about how to make the bookings.

<http://parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/applications/parents-evening-manager/>

If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Ham.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



We used the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar to help us learn the days of the week, and we practised using yesterday, today and tomorrow. Jake then found a huge caterpillar in the garden and we looked closely at it using magnifying glasses and researched it on the Interactive Whiteboard. We found out that it would turn into a moth and the children drew pictures of caterpillars and moths. Outside the children worked with partners to create long chalk caterpillars with repeating patterns, and they compared them by measuring with their footsteps.

Next week we will be preparing for our trip to Ella's Kitchen, and hoping for a dry day on Thursday! The FS1 children are looking forward to having the classroom to themselves with Mrs McConnell and Miss Clarke while the FS2 children are out. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class were very excited this week after having received a letter from Pirate Plank! He needed their help to make boats so that he could rescue his treasure. The children set to work quickly and investigated waterproof materials and objects that floated. They thought carefully about their plans and what they would need to make their boat and then worked with enthusiasm to make a sturdy pirate ship. The children all felt proud of their efforts and took photographs of the finished models. Pirate Plank sent a thank you letter to the class and rewarded them all with some yummy treasure!

In Maths, Y2 have been using known number bonds to help work out harder number sentences and Y1 have been counting backwards and finding 1 less than a number to 20.

Well done to all the children who presented themselves to the class to become new members of the school council. They all spoke confidently and took on the role seriously.
Mrs Lyn-Jones

OWL CLASS



Wow, what a hoot we have had in Owl Class this week.

Firstly, I would like to say how amazing all their stories, based on the structure of *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, were. I enjoyed reading each and every one of them. We certainly do have some potential authors amongst us.

The children have had the support of Dr Researcher to help them use both Internet, videos and books to collect a bank of facts about Owls. These will be used to create fact sheets and owl information books. However, I think they have learnt the most from our amazing visit from Sadie and her 4 lovely owls: Pip the Little Owl, Bert the Barn Owl, Charlie the Indian Eagle Owl and not forgetting the stunning Snowy Owl, Geecha. Charlie gave us an amazing flight demonstration swooping over our heads. Geecha was very vocal and everyone got to hold Pip.

In Maths, the Cubes have been using their knowledge of place value to mentally add and subtract a multiple of 10 to a 2 or 3 digit number and some of our mathematicians have been extending this skill to add two 2 digit numbers or a 2 digit number to a 3 digit number. The

Spheres have been investigating fractions of amounts and digital and analogue time.

All children have also been practising their times tables. Can I remind you all that children should be accessing some times-tables practise, preferably via times tables rockstars, for 10mins at least 5 times a week. We will be sending out a log sheet next week for parents to sign as it is becoming evident that not all children are doing this. Prayers has been our focus in RE this term and the children have written some very deep and meaningful prayers, Mrs Fakes was incredibly proud of them.

Finally, I hope you all received the parent mail confirming the arrangements for night walk next Friday, 18th October.

WANTED

Parental help for our DT day on Wednesday, 16th October. Owls and sewing, what could possible go wrong? Needles come unthreaded, thread becomes tangled, wrong pieces sewn together to name just a few. Mrs Street and I will be in a right tangle ourselves without a few extra pairs of hands. Please let me know if you can give us an hour or more of your time!
jpickering@purley.w-berks.sch.uk

Mrs Pickering



WOODPECKER CLASS



Moving from Rudyard Kipling to Oscar Wilde, the children in Woodpecker class are enjoying the language of genius, albeit somewhat frustrated with the unsatisfying plot twist in Wilde's sad short stories. Inspired by such authors, children have started to write their own short stories focusing on incorporating expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases.

DIARY DATES

16/10/19	Flu immunisation programme
17/10/19	Foundation Stage 2 children school trip – Ella's Kitchen
17/10/19	Woodpecker Class Hangout
18/10/19	Owl Class night hike
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, 3.00 pm
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, 1.15 pm
21/12/19 03/01/20	CHRISTIMAS 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 2
03/04/20	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15 pm
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, 1.15 pm

In Maths, Year 6 have been focusing on reading and writing Roman numerals and finding time intervals using the 24 hour clock. Year 5 have been doubling, halving and multiplying and dividing large numbers by 4.

Science has taken the children to the deep depths of the Amazon basin as they considered how animals have adapted to life in the rainforest.

What have you teachers learned this week?

There are many cheese addicts in the class. Brayden would nibble on his cheese whilst atop his motorbike whilst Cypher would take his on the London Eye. Evans eschews cheese in favour of chocolate, which he likes to munch while mine-crafting. *Mrs Jones and Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Caleb for ordering the days of the week

Friendship Star: Zara for independently sharing the resources in the water tray

Paragon: Lucy

Badger Class

Star of the week: Annabelle for writing a fantastic Pirate Plank story.

Friendship Star: Sydney for always looking after others

Paragon: Ella

Woodland Star: Freya for making values poster

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Percy for being an outstanding author and writing a very original story called *The Tiger Who Didn't Like Meat*.

Friendship Star: Jessica for always filling the classroom with love by being kind and helpful to everyone.

Paragon: Syd

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Brayden for his outstanding effort in English.

Friendship Star: Oscar for awesome support for friends

Paragon: Jamie

Delightful diners: Harry C, Casey C, Sienna, Zayneb, Milo, Sergio, Tiana, Maegan

Reminders

- No choir on Monday 14th October
- Flu immunisation – FS2 to Year 6, Wednesday 16th October
- Ella's Kitchen trip – FS2, Thursday 17th October
- Woodpecker class hangout, Thursday 17th October – please check parentmail for form
- Owl Class night hike, Friday 18th October – please check parentmail for the form

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

The monthly Farmers' and Craft Markets will be held in the Barn at Goosecroft from 8.00am to noon on **Saturday 12 October.**

For more information see "Purley farmers' market" above, or TVFM's web site, www.tvfm.org.uk/purley-on-thames/

West Berkshire Council Climate Conference

West Berkshire residents are invited to attend the Climate Conference, which will be held from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Monday 28 October at Newbury College. The event is free but admission must be booked in advance online; there is a limit of four tickets per application.

The conference has been organised by West Berkshire Council (WBC), and will explore different ways West Berkshire residents, businesses, organisations and council can help tackle the climate crisis.

More information about the event will be published on WBC's web site, on its Facebook page and on its Twitter page.

ROAD CLOSURE

Long Lane in Tilehurst will be closed between its junction with White Lodge Close and its junction with Pryor Close, the closure will be in place from 26th to 27th October 2019.

This is so Thames water can carry out a new service connection within the carriageway.

The alternative route for all vehicles affected by this closure, is via Knowsley Road, A329 (Oxford Rd) and vice versa.

All enquiries should be directed to: KCD on 0203 577 8329 or 07884 474125