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Friday Bulletin

Learn to love, love to learn

22nd November 2019



As a very caring school, Purley gets quite involved in a number of charities. There seems to be many special charity days that come up in the Autumn term and I am very conscious of always asking for money. Sometimes we will ask for a donation and sometimes ask for a specific amount. Please contribute as much as you are able.

Already this Autumn term, 58Kg of food was collected for the Foodbank, £100.15 was raised through the Poppy appeal, and £128.39 was raised for Children in Need. Staff raised £35 through the Wear pink for cancer day. We will have one more charity event this term - the Christmas jumper day raising money for Save the Children UK. It will be on the day of our school Christmas dinner Dec 17th. More details will be sent out nearer the date.

Thank you very much for your generosity. If you know of a charity that is closely connected with our school community that you would like our School Council to consider, please let us know.

FOPS

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(@PurleyPrimarySchool)

Disc-glow

Please make sure you complete the glow party RSVP forms (see bookbags) and get back to us by 6th December for the Christmas Glow Party at **Purley Memorial Hall** on 19th December. We have a sign-up sheet for volunteers who would be able to donate a little time on the night to help at the party. Please find the sheet on the noticeboard in the back playground, by the school entrance and pop your name down if you can help. Thank you, your help is truly appreciated.

Class Representatives

FOPS are a welcoming and social bunch and in a bid for this social side to grow, we are introducing class representatives for each year group. This is something a variety of local schools have introduced and we thought it sounded like a great idea.

The Class Rep post arranges social gatherings, teacher's presents (if that's something your class likes to do), collecting money, rallies parents into helping at events if needed and is a point of contact for the teacher. This is a new initiative, so if you have any other ideas for the Class Rep, please do let us know.

You only need to be the class rep for one academic year and it could potentially be a shared role if preferable. It is a really relaxed, informal role and a great way to get to know everyone in your child's class a little bit better. If this sounds like something you'd like to do, please email askfops@gmail.com with any questions.

We currently have Class Reps for Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2, so volunteers for the older year groups would be very much appreciated!

Recycling

Would anyone be interested in taking over the recycling scheme for the school? It's a great way of teaching the children to recycle and play our bit in supporting the environment, as well as raising money for the school! Sarah Sinclair, who has

been doing this role up to now, has been excellent so a big 'thank you' to her for all her efforts.

If you are interested in helping, please email askfops@gmail.com

WOODLAND SCHOOL



We noticed that the woods are getting barer every week we visit. After a game of hide and seek to warm up we sat and listened to the sounds of the woodland before starting our activities.

Esme mended a broken willow basket with her friends using twigs and wool. She did a great job so it can be used again. Diyor and Samuel completed decorating the church den using coloured string and using a found piece of chalk to colour.

Jacob, Casey, Harry V and Rafa found even more chalky pieces of rock using spades and scoops to dig. Phoebe To and Freya spent some quiet time watching all the children using binoculars. Cora and Phoebe Ti made a base in the tree to play an imaginary game.

Harry C created a den in a new position using a huge tarpaulin which meant that many children could play in there. Margaux, Zara and Poppy discovered worms that were living in the bark of a rotten log and thought about what the log provided for the worms.

At the end of the session Samuel and Diyor invited us to their church den. They used the basket that Esme mended to be a font. We said prayers and sang our favourite Collective song. *Mrs Hodsdon*



END OF TERM

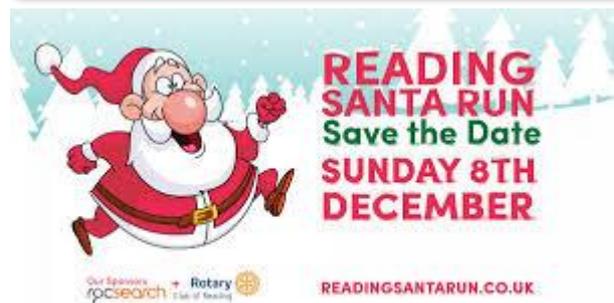
Reminder – the children will finish school at **1.15 pm** on Friday 20th December. They will have lunch as usual at school on that day. Nutkin Club will run from 1.15 until 4.15 on that day.

CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you for all your generous donations. You have raised **£128.39!**

SANTA RUN



Once again this year, some children, parents and staff will be taking part in the Reading Santa Run on 8th December. There is a 1km run for children and a 5km for older children and adults.

Danni Tovey has kindly set up a team, for 10 people, for the 5k event which reduces the entrance. If you and your child would like to join us at the event please visit <https://readingsantarun.co.uk/> for more details and to register.

If you would like to register as part of the team, our team name is Purley Primary 1. We can always

set up additional teams if the demand is there.

Please be advised that this is not a school led event and all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times and transportation to and from the event is your responsibility.

Finally, as you can imagine hundreds of people running in Santa suits is quite an awesome sight. It is also a bit like playing Where's Wally if you are looking for people. Last year we made purple pom poms to attach to the hats to make recognising Purley team easier. If you fancy making some pom poms please let me know. I will supply the wool! *Mrs Pickering*

CLUBS

The following clubs have finished for this term: Autumn Art (Mondays) and Recorders (Tuesdays).

Please note that next week's gymnastics session has moved to Wednesday 27th November because of the theatre trip on Tuesday.

HEDGEHOG/BADGER NATIVITY PLAY



The first performance will be on Thursday 12th December at 9.45 am in the school hall. You may bring younger siblings to this show. The second performance will be on Friday 13th December at 9.45 in the hall once again. This performance is for adults only.

Like last year, we will issue tickets for both plays. In the first instance, we are allocating **2 tickets per family**, with the option to request additional tickets. Deadline to return form sent via Parentmail is **Friday 29th November**.

Costumes: We are very fortunate that Mrs Anderson has kindly agreed to open up our costume lending library once again this year. In exchange for a small fee of £3.00, your child can borrow a costume for the nativity play. This will save you from having to buy a brand new outfit that may only be worn just once.

Confirmation of your child's role were sent home this week.

Mrs Anderson can be contacted on 07817 154 342. Once you've received written confirmation of your child's role in the play, please get in touch with her and she will bring the costume to school for your child.

THEATRE TRIP REMINDER

Badger, Owl and Woodpecker children are going to the Watermill Theatre to watch *The Prince and the Pauper* on Tuesday 26th November. The children will leave school after lunch so they can have either a school lunch or a packed lunch.

They will travel by coach to the Watermill Theatre in Newbury. The coaches are fitted with 3 point seat belts however the height of the belt is not adjustable. Please supply a named booster seat cushion (without a back) for the journey should you wish (this is optional). The booster seats cannot stay on the coaches and will need to be stored at the theatre during the performance.

We expect the children to be back between 5.15 pm/5.30 pm depending on traffic. If they are any delays, we will inform you by text message.

On their return, the children will come off the coaches and walk back into school to pick up their bookbags/lunch boxes etc. They will then leave the school using their usual exit route (back playground for Badger, class door for Owl and top exit for Woodpecker). The road near the school is not lit up at night. You may want to bring a torch.

Nutkin Club will be on as usual until 6.00 pm.

BACK GATE

As of Monday, the back gate will be shut from 3.15 pm. Please use the front entrance to collect your child from clubs etc.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The Elmer stories have been inspiring our learning this week as we mixed watercolour paints to create a range of colourful elephant images. We thought about how some colours can make us feel warm and happy, and others can make us feel cold or sad.

As a class, we voted to listen to Oscar and the Moth story, which led to our exploration into light and dark in the dark tent. We also had fun making shadow puppets which we tested using the interactive white board. *Mrs Burton*

Phonics Evening Information:

<https://www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Phonics&pid=30>

BADGER CLASS



This week in Badger class we have been exploring noun phrases and the use of similes in our writing. We watched a short animation called, "Adventures are the pits!" Then we wrote exciting descriptions about the boys' adventure in the 3rd person. We were proud of our writing and had a go at marking it ourselves using our writing checklists.

Using the computers, we have started to create some designs for Christmas cards and we reflected on what the different images represented from the Christmas story. We learnt how to use a variety of tools for creating different effects and how to save and print our own work.

As part of our DT leaning we have made party hats that are creative and durable. The most difficult part was measuring our heads so that they fitted! Working with a partner helped greatly.

In Maths, Y1 have been looking at how to order numbers and how to spell the numbers up to 20. Y2 have been looking at how shapes tessellate and how to sort using a Carroll Diagram.
Mrs Lyn-Jones

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OWL CLASS



Last Friday, 15th November, Owl Class had their second hangout with our American friends at Betsy Ross School in Anaheim California. This meet-up had a more structured focus. The children were set the task to create a power point about the author Holly Webb. This was created using google slides which both sets of children could access at the same time. Holly Webb wrote the book, *The Hounds of Penhallow Hall - The Moonlight Statue*, which both schools are reading. Subsequent collaborative learning projects across the Atlantic will be based around this novel. However, our next hangout will have a festive theme on Friday 13th December.

In Maths, both the Cubes and the Spheres have been collecting, presenting in graph form and analysing data from our biscuit tasting. So far results have shown that Ginger Nuts were the class favourite, with Garibaldi being the least popular.

In preparation for our theatre trip next week, we have been exploring *The Prince and The Pauper* by Mark Twain. We have made comparison between the film and the book and recorded our findings on a Venn diagram.

Netball is the focus in PE this term and we have some budding new players in the making. As the weather is now turning much colder, children may like to wear black tracksuit trousers or leggings and have a sweatshirt to wear for our PE lessons. It is also a good idea for girls to have some spare socks in their bag, especially if they are wearing tights.

You will be pleased to hear that there is no weekly winge from me this week!! However, I do hope you are all enjoying engaging in the project homework as a family. *Mrs Pickering*

Don't forget our assembly on Thursday 28th November at 9.15 in the hall.

WOODPECKER CLASS



We are still reading *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom*, where we have decided that Jeff is making some wrong choices, while Bradley is starting to make some right ones.

However, in English we have started some work on *The Prince and The Pauper*, ahead of our theatre trip next week. We have read an abridged version, as well as accessing some of the original tale.

Maths for year 6 has been all about area and volume, with the children exploring parallelograms, triangles and cuboids. Year 5 have been studying fractions: learning how to order them and finding equivalents.

Science has covered more about humans' double circulatory system, finding out about arteries, veins and capillaries and how blood is pumped first to the lungs to collect oxygen and then to the rest of the body where the oxygen is used up in the energy giving process of respiration. The children have also finished off life-sized cut-outs, showing the positions of the organs in the body and learned more about Jesus as Messiah.

Mrs Jones

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Adi for persevering with forming letters

Friendship Star: Scarlett for inviting a friend to play with her

Paragon: Zara

Badger Class

Star of the week: Harry V for making a fun reindeer party hat

Friendship Star: Jacob for being a keen helper at tidy up time

Paragon: Phoebe To

Woodland Star: Harry C for creating a den to be shared by all

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Toby for outstanding defending in netball

Friendship Star: Sam for being kind and supportive to everyone

Paragon: Belle

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Reid, for giving his best all the time.

Friendship Star: Lola for looking after friends and teachers in need.

Paragon: Elliott

Delightful Diners: Jacob H, Samuel Ma, Ellie, Francesca, Olly C, Louis Ho, Mia and Abigail

DIARY DATES

26/11/19	KS1/KS2 Theatre Visit, Watermill pm
28/11/19	Owl Class Assembly to parents, 9.15 in hall
12/12/19	KS1 Nativity, 9.45 (adult with younger siblings)
13/12/19	KS1 Nativity, 9.45 (adults only)
17/12/19	ISS Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
19/12/19	FOPS Christmas UV 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	CHRISTMAS BREAK
06/01/20	Start of Spring Term 1
16/01/20	KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6) Collective Worship, 9.15 am – Parents invited
17/01/20	KS1 (FS1 to Year 2) Collective Worship, 9.15 am – Parents invited
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

Reminders

- **Tuesday 26th November:** Theatre trip for Badger, Owl and Woodpecker
- **Thursday 28th November:** Owl Class Assembly to parents at 9.15
- **Friday 29th November:** deadline to request tickets for Nativity Play

Please do check Parentmail regularly. If you have any problems with access, please speak to Mrs Ham.

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



CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Barn

Goosecroft, Purley on Thames RG8 8DR

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2019

11.00 AM – 3.00 PM

Remember the buzz of previous years? ... more new stands

Both barns packed with stalls: presents, crafts, ceramics, accessories, jewellery, glassware, artwork, Christmas decorations, books, vintage, confectionary, home baking, children's toys and much, much more.

Also Father Christmas, refreshments, mulled wine & grand raffle.
Free entry and free parking.



Friends of Purley Barn www.fopb.org.uk

Village Concerts

www.villageconcerts.eu

St Mary's, Purley on Thames RG8 8BJ

7pm Doors & Bar, 8pm Music

Smith & Brewer

Saturday 7th Dec 2019



Taking influence from the Everly Brothers and Simon & Garfunkel, Smith & Brewer combine classic close harmony style with superbly honed song-writing craft and stunningly virtuosic guitar-playing to produce a brilliantly accessible roots sound.

"There's a timelessness to the neatly crafted songs that display their musical interplay and superb harmony vocals." *R2 Magazine*

Jake Morley

Saturday 25th Jan 2020

With influences from Paul Simon, Newton Faulkner, Elbow & Gotye, Jake Morley has earned a reputation as one of the best lap-style guitar players in the world.



Tickets: Earlybird Adult £12, Youth £8; Full-price Adult £15, Youth £10

Basildon Park - Decadence: Christmas at Basildon Park

Witness Basildon Park dripping in opulent Christmas decor and feel the glow of thousands of tree lights as we do Christmas the Victorian way. Booking Not Needed. Suitable for children of all ages.

A National Trust Event - Gates open 10:00. Start 11:00. End 15:15. Free Event but Normal Admission Charges Apply. Check website for latest information.

Basildon Park, Lower Basildon, Reading, Berkshire RG8 9NR

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