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Friday Bulletin

Learn to love, love to learn

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I look forward every year to the release of the SPOTY shortlist (Sport's Personality of the Year). I usually have a clear favourite but this year, it is quite challenging for me to choose who I will vote for.

I saw Lewis Hamilton being interviewed on Graham Norton this week. He was recalling how his parents worked several jobs to get enough money for him to enter competitions at weekends. If there was not enough money, there was no competition. I was thrilled when Katarina Johnson Thompson won her gold medal at the World Athletics Championships. She had missed out so many times and was being known as a choker.

Who can forget Ben Stokes at the Cricket world cup, what excitement? He fought his way back after that charge of affray and bringing the game into disrepute. Alan Wyn Jones, the Welsh rugby captain - whose parents took him to play rugby as a child in the rough part of Swansea to build his character! Raheem Sterling, once booed by English fans and finally Dina Asher Smith, who couldn't decide whether to study or concentrate on her running, so did both.

What have all these got in common? It didn't come easy to them. It is important that our children learn that often, life is not easy and we have to persevere and show resilience to succeed.

FOPS

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"ELFRIDGES" CHRISTMAS SHOP

The Christmas Shop will run Mon 16th – Thur 19th December.

We will once again be offering the children the opportunity to purchase gifts for their own family members.

There will be a selection of small, affordable gifts to choose from ranging in price from £1.50 - £3.00.

Please send any money in in a named purse and bring a named carrier/reusable shopping bag to transport their purchases home. The children will then bring the gifts home already wrapped and labelled. The money will not be needed until w/c 16th December.

DISC-GLOW, PURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, 19TH DECEMBER

Glow party plans are in full swing. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help at the party. We are still looking for volunteers, in particular KS2. Please take a look at the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the back playground and help where you can, please. Thank you, your help is truly appreciated.

Please also make sure you complete the glow party RSVP forms and get back to us by **Friday 6th December**.

If you would like to arrange patch testing of the UV face paint in advance of the party; please contact Lucy Eldred or Chloe Tigwell via askfops@gmail.com. Please note: we will not face paint any child whose parent has not agreed to it on the party form.

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!

WOODLAND SCHOOL



Unfortunately as Mrs Hodsdon was not in on Monday, the children stayed in school. Next week is the last Woodland session for this term.

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT



The sample cards are in your child's bookbag together with an order form. Payments can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to FOPS) or by BACS using the following details:

Bank name: Barclays

Sort code: 20-71-03

Account number: 30431826

(if paying by BACS, please use "xmas + your child's surname as a reference).

Deadline to return the forms is 9.00 am, Monday 2nd December at the latest.

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.

At our recent meeting, we had the privilege of welcoming new members of the team:

- Mrs Selina Hall joins us as Clerk; she also clerks at a nurse school in West Berkshire and is passionate about education,
- Mr David Briscoe joins us as a co-opted governor, bringing a wealth of business expertise to our mix.

We also appointed Mrs Lin Bartlett as our vice chair and said adieu to Mrs Janice Stables, whom we thank for her insightful contributions. You may recall that we still have a vacancy for Parent Governor; we have not forgotten about this! Whilst settling our new clerk in, we put this on hold, we will be seeking nominations in January on our return from the Christmas break.

Will you join us in leading Purley, wisely and courageously?

Our discussions were focussed broadly on pupil progress receiving:

(a) an informative update from Mrs V Lyn-Jones on English across the school

(b) the latest data presented clearly and concisely, demonstrating the strengths and weaknesses,

(c) a wealth of information from Mrs Fakes including foundation subject FADE reports, pupil safety and updates to school action plans.

All this information paints a fantastic position of our pupils and the quality of learning and teaching throughout the school – everyone should be congratulated!

To find out more about the governing board, check out the school website. If you have a question or any feedback, please do contact us via clerk@purley.w-berks.sch.uk, we'd love to hear from you. *Pam Slingsby, Chair of Governors*

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*

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

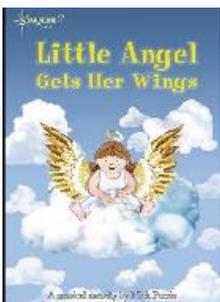


Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Tuesday 17th December, which is the day of our Christmas lunch, we

will have a special Christmas Jumper day. Children may exchange their school cardigan/jumper for a festive jumper. The rest of the clothes will remain the usual school uniform. You don't need to buy a new jumper, you can simply decorate one with tinsel etc. In return, we would ask for a donation towards Save the Children Charity.

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.

Confirmation of ticket allocation will be sent out next week.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS

The first batch of orders has been received today and are in your child's bookbag. We're expecting another delivery early next week for the remainder of the orders.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



We began our week by sharing the Nativity story and we are now learning lots of new songs in readiness for our Christmas Production. We have been thinking about the characters in the story, and sequencing what happens in the beginning, middle and end. "Jesus is the most important character because it's his birthday" decided Wilf.

In Maths, we have been playing lots of number games and estimating, as we practise our number sequencing and formation. Caleb noticed that 0, 1, and 8 look the same upside down. Monty and Adi decided that our class needed a doctor's surgery and the children have been busy booking appointments and writing prescriptions for the very sick and injured babies we seem to have!

Next week we will be exploring 2D shapes.
Mrs Burton

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been thinking about where they live this week and learning their addresses. We are writing some invitations in school that the children would like to post to their home address. It would be really appreciated if you could please send in a stamped addressed envelope for next week in order for us to send out these invitations.

In Maths, Y1 children have been counting in 2's and 5's and Y2 have been ordering numbers using the greater than and smaller than signs. The class thoroughly enjoyed the trip out to the theatre and it has really inspired them for their own performances.

Our Christmas rehearsals are now under way and I would be very grateful if you could support your child in learning their lines. All children with lines will find them in their reading record books. Thank you. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



The air in Owl Class has been filled with the sweet smell of biscuits this week, reminiscent of the Reading air back in the late 1800's/early 1900's when the Huntley and Palmer biscuit factory was in full operation! I have to add, they all tasted rather good too! It has been lovely to see and hear about all the home learning that is happening to enrich their learning this term, thank you.

All the children enjoyed the theatre visit to see *The Prince and The Pauper* and subsequently discussing the similarities and differences between that version and the one we read, and indeed there were many. The children are now using all the work they have done, creating a deeper understanding of this classic by Mark Twain, either retelling it in their own words or from the perspective of Tom (The Pauper). I am so looking forward to reading them all over the weekend.

In Maths, everyone has been doubling 2 digit numbers and beyond using the partitioning method. We are now using this skill to halve number of 2 digits and larger.

I was so proud of all the children during our class assembly. They all played their instruments tunefully, sung beautifully and our Worry Wizard worked some magic too. I do hope that those of you came to see it on Thursday were equally impressed. I am still in shock that we managed to have 30 children all playing either a recorder, glockenspiel, guitar or violin at the same time!

The children have carried out further independent research on Huntley and Palmers and will be using this to make a slideshow presentation using google slides over the forthcoming weeks. In addition to the making of the biscuits, the children have explored the array of wonderful biscuit tins that Huntley and Palmers used to package their world famous biscuits around the globe. There have been some wonderful still life images of these tins completed in a range of medium, pencil, pastels and watercolours.

I hope you all saw the Parentmail form about our trip to the Museum and Huntley and Palmers, your prompt response would be appreciated.

Mrs Pickering



WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker class thoroughly enjoyed the trip to the Watermill Theatre this week, although the story of *The Prince and The Pauper* was somewhat different from Mark Twain's original version. They learned more about Mark Twain this week, researching and writing short biographies of him. In maths, Y6 have been thinking about dividing, working on mental strategies for dividing by large numbers, thinking about how to find fractions of amounts and becoming more confident in expressing remainders as fractions or decimals. In science they focused on learning how oxygen gets into our blood, and measured the capacity of Sergio's lungs. *Mrs Jones*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Darcie, for super blending when reading with Mrs Chohan

Friendship Star: Iris for collaborating with a friend when using the alphabet pebbles to build words for writing

Paragon: Jake

Badger Class

Star of the week: Ella for working so hard learning her lines

Friendship Star: Brandon for being helpful to his teachers and friends

Paragon: Harry C

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Syd for being a thoughtful and magical Worry Wizard in our assembly. His advice was all his own!

Friendship Star: Layla for always including everyone in activities and always using kind words.

Paragon: Frankie

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Tiana, for working really hard on her biography of Mark Twain

Friendship Star: Milo, for helpfulness and friendliness in the class

Paragon: Milo

Delightful Diners: Rafa, Diyor, Arlo, Arthur, Elsie, Casey A, Kira, Lola

DIARY DATES

04/12/19	Year 6 singing at Douai Abbey
12/12/19	KS1 Nativity, 9.45 (adult with younger siblings)
13/12/19	KS1 Nativity, 9.45 (adults only)
13/12/19	Owl Class trip to Reading Museum + Hangout with America
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

- Deadline to return Christmas Card Project orders: 9.00 am on Monday 2nd December
- Deadline to return party ticket requests: Friday 6th December.
- Badger Class: please send a stamped addressed envelope for next week
- Year 6 singing at Douai Abbey on Wednesday 4th December, pm

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

Community Page



You're Invited!

Join us for a festive celebration at the Denefield Christmas Market!

Thursday 5 December
4:30-6:30pm

Long Lane, Tilehurst

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),
Learn to Love, love to Learn

Shaw House
Christmas Fair

Sunday
01 DEC.

UNIQUE CRAFTS • GIFTS
 ARTISAN FOOD • DRINK
 • CHILDREN'S PARTIES
 LIVING NATIVITY

11am to 4pm

ADULTS £1
 CHILDREN FREE!

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

*Party tickets £5. Book early to avoid disappointment

SHAW HOUSE

Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury RG14 2DR | 01635 279 279



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Fostering Information Stand

Come along to our drop in session to find out more about how you could foster in West Berkshire.

Wednesday 11th December 11am – 2pm
Park Way, Newbury

For more information please contact:
 T: 01635 503155 E: fptmessages@westberks.gov.uk



Village Concerts

www.villageconcerts.eu
info@villageconcerts.eu

St Mary's Purley-on-Thames, West Berkshire



Saturday 7th December
Smith & Brewer

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**



Saturday 25th January
Jake Morley

Jake Morley has earned a reputation as one of the best lap-style guitar players in the world. Combining guitar, piano and drums into one instrument with seemingly impossible dexterity, he is an artist to be seen as well as heard.

With influences from Paul Simon, Newton Faulkner, Elbow & Gotye, Morley is one of the UK’s most distinctive & interesting songwriters at the top of his game.

All Concerts:
 Doors and Bar 7pm, Music 8pm

Earlybird £12 Adult, £8 Youth Age 14-17
 Full Price £15 Adult, £10 Youth Age 14-17