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Friday Bulletin

Learn to love, love to learn

20th December 2019



Christmas is such a special time. A time of great excitement, especially when you have young children.

On my Facebook feed recently there was a message - "It is not what is under the Christmas tree but who is around it that is important."

As my children have grown up, it is even more special to have them around the tree but equally at the other end, having grandparents around the tree is important, even though their frailty makes it more of a challenge.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and have delightful gifts under your tree and wonderful people around it.

FOPS

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

FOPS would like to thank everyone for their help and support during the last term. A special shout out to Carissa and Samantha and their army of helpers with Elfridges. They did an amazing job and hopefully we will all get something nice under the tree.

We hope all the children enjoyed the Christmas party last night - it certainly looked like they did. A big thank you to Chloe Tigwell and her team who worked extremely hard to organise an amazing event.

We are very lucky at Purley Primary School so have such fantastic helpers and a wide support network. As a result, this term we have raised over £5,800 - an amazing effort which includes money raised from the Fireworks Fiesta, Christmas card project, Christmas shop and Nativity DVD sales. We couldn't do this without the support given and generosity of our volunteers - whether you shopped, served teas and coffees, were on a sub-committee, ran a stall, sourced donations, participated or supervised at an event - thank you!

We have donated over £9,000 to the school this term, which includes items such as the fantastic new playground equipment, improving the Hedgehog Class garden, subsidising the recent Theatre Trip, improving the school website and the class Christmas gifts. We are of course already planning more fundraising events and activities for 2020 including a Quiz night on the 28th February, a Pamper Evening on 25th March and the Thameside Fireworks Fiesta on Sunday 8th November to name but a few. If you have some spare time to help out, please do get in touch!

Happy Christmas!

BREAKFAST CLUB/NUTKIN CLUB

Don't forget to book your child's place for Breakfast Club and/or Nutkin Club after Christmas. Some days do fill up very quickly.

If no longer need a booking that you have made, please make sure you cancel it so the space becomes available for another child. To cancel a booking, log in to CoB and go into the "summary" tab across the top of the page. In that section, you can cancel the sessions and re-book if necessary. If you do not need to re-book just yet, the credit will sit on your account. Deadline to

cancel a breakfast club booking is 6 pm the day before and 12.00 noon on the day for Nutkin Club.

If you'd like to make bookings for the first time, please go to the school website for further information:

<https://www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Wraparound+Care&pid=37>

TIMETABLE ROCKSTARS

Do you know how well your child did in the Timetable Rock stars competition?

The winners were Fiery Fox with 91,917,
2nd were Earthy Bear, 78,558
3rd Airy Heron and 40,574
4th Watery Otter 25,016

Congratulations to the following year group winners:

Y6 Olly who scored an amazing 33,593

Y5 Alfie, Y4 Jaiden, Y3 Lukas, Y2 Ella

Jaiden, the highest scorer in the school with an even more amazing 34,691.

Top scorers in lower school
Y2 Theo, Y1 Freya, FS Lucy

House competition winners
The overall winner this term were the Fiery Foxes.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are becoming increasingly more popular and can often cause issues amongst our pupils. After consulting with other schools, we will trial children handing their phones into the office as soon as they arrive at school and to collect them at the end of the day. We would prefer to do this than banning them at school.

BEFORE SCHOOL

Please may we remind you that the children are their parents' responsibility until 8:50 a.m. and children should not be unsupervised on the playground before school. A couple of minutes early is fine but we have some children unsupervised as early as 8:30 a.m. If your child walks to school on their own, please discuss this with them.

Thank you for your co-operation with the above which will come into force on January 6th.

GOVERNOR NEWS – DECEMBER 2019

Children are our primary concern as governors – please excuse that dreadful pun! So at our recent meeting, we spent considerable time discussing how as governors we can support the school by

- Starting to get to grips with the Ofsted expectations of the curriculum
- Learning about the knowledge organisers
- Reviewing the school finances
- Considering the health and safety of all, especially the parking around the school
- Exploring our skill set to ensure a broad knowledge of school business - Considering '[Valuing All God's Children](#)' and how that is reflected in daily school life

Our clerk, Mrs Hall will be working with Mrs Ham on our return from the Christmas break to gather nominations and successfully appoint a new Parent Governor. Please check your inbox and book bags on 13th January 2020.

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

Being a governor makes you part of the UK's largest volunteer workforce. As Purley Primary is special, so are the governing body who are incredibly supportive of one another and the school. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for all the time, energy and enthusiasm they bring to their roles.

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.

Have an enjoyable Christmas and a happy, healthy 2020. *Pam Slingsby, Chair of Governor*

HEDGEHOG CLASS



Another busy week has flown past! We enjoyed watching our Nativity performance on the IWB and look forward to when we are in Badger Class when we can learn some words too. We have also enjoyed lots of Christmassy

stories, including one about a Fake Santa and a Mrs Santa!

We would like to say a big thank you to all the families for your support over the children's first term at school. Your support of their love of learning has a huge impact on their progress and happiness in school. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break, full of fun and laughter. Merry Christmas! *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have had a super exciting week full of Christmas activities. Following our Christmas lunch, we had the visit of a very important visitor who left behind a sack full of wonderful new resources and games for the class. We have enjoyed playing with them and feel so lucky. Thank you Father Christmas!

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



Watch out out Huntley and Palmers, you have some serious competition with the biscuit makers of Owl class. This week, the children have shown some outstanding talent and impressive collaborative work, producing bespoke biscuits, designing and making packaging for at least 6 of the biscuits and creating an advert to promote their goodies. Every biscuit company was amazing and their customers were very impressed with the quality of their products and gave some amazing feedback. Congratulations to The Best Biscuit Makers, who made the most delicious chocolate orange cookies. The winning advert was most definitely awarded to Santa's Snow Biscuits; they had included a testimonial and gave a choke hazard warning for children under 3. Top package design Goes to The ZIJTS, who produced an amazing box with well fitted lid, all designed with meticulous attention to measurement. The Mega Cookies came up trumps with a super play on words to a traditional Christmas carol to promote their cookies, Deck the halls with boughs of cookies! The Amazing Biscuit Makers produced the most original flavour combination, chocolate biscuits filled with currants, a spin off to the traditional garibaldi biscuit.

Well done to all the bakers, the skills they have developed during this biscuit bake off has been

incredibly; teamwork, communication skills, negotiating, compromising, organisational, tolerance, reflection to name just a few.

Our trip to Reading Museum and The Huntley and Palmers site was very successful. The children consolidated their knowledge of the famous Reading biscuit factory and produced some amazing art work, drawing the office frontage that still remains. Our journey in the bus and the train home was very exciting and all children were a credit to the school throughout the day. We rounded the day off with hot chocolate and marshmallows and a Christmas sing along with our American friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given to us this term and for your engagement and encouragement with their project homework.

May I ask that you encourage your child to keep up with their reading, practise their times-tables on Times Table Rockstars and practise the spellings from this term, during this Christmas break.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker Class are very much looking forward to the Christmas Holidays, but have carried on working hard this week. As well as some work on fractions, they have carried out maths investigations and Christmas maths. In Science, they finished making their lungs and kidneys and in English they have continued to find out about the history of medicine, learning how advances in science and medical knowledge have (fortunately!) enabled doctors to combat many of the terrible diseases and illnesses that the practitioners of the past were unable to cure.

The children would like to say a big thank you to FOPS for their Christmas present of a listening station and audiobooks. We are looking forward to making a lot of use of it in the New Year.

I would like to thank all the parents for their support this term and wish you all a very merry Christmas.

I hope you all have a wonderfully happy and peaceful holiday. *Mrs Jones*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Zara for trying hard with her reading

Friendship Star: Hannah for always helping others at tidy up time

Paragon: Ella

Superstar: Iris for her enthusiasm for learning

Badger Class

Star of the week: Poppy for working so hard on her phonics.

Friendship Star: Daniel for being a positive member of the class

Paragon: Amelia Mae

Superstar: Annabelle for always taking her learning seriously and trying her very best.

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Darcy for excellent contributions during Owl Class "Biscuit Bake Off"

Friendship Star: Isaak for excellent polite and friendly engagement with peers both inside and outside of the classroom

Paragon: Henry

Superstar: Charlie for demonstrating his ability to release his full potential especially in writing

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Mia for consistently contributing to class discussions with enthusiasm.

Friendship Star: Tiana for help and friendship around the classroom

Paragon: Milo

Superstar: Jacob, for his wonderful attitude to his learning, always challenging himself and taking a wider role in school life.

Reminders

- First day back is Monday 6th January
- Year 2 Swimming starts on Monday 13th January
- No Year 1 Woodland School until after February half term

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

DIARY DATES

21/12/19 03/01/20	CHRISTMAS BREAK
06/01/20	Start of Spring Term 1
13/01/20	Choir restarts
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
05/02/19	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00
06/02/19	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00
14/02/20	End of Spring Term 1
17/02/20 21/02/20	HALF TERM
24/02/20	Start of Spring Term 2
28/02/20	FOPS Quiz
25/03/20	FOPS Pamper Evening
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
08/11/20	Thameside Fireworks

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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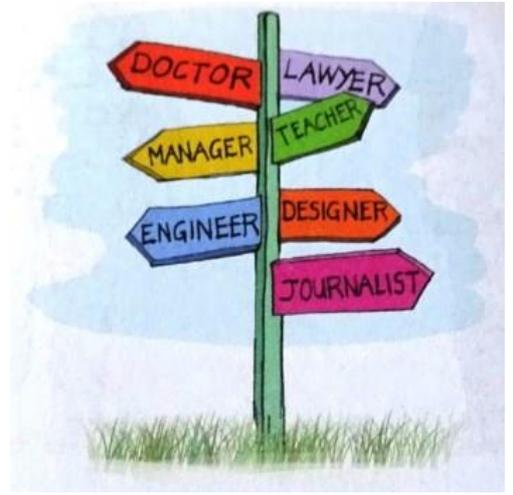
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Aspirations Week

Week commencing 6th January 2020

Does your child have any thoughts of what they would like to do as a career?

Do they know what qualifications they need to do their ideal job?



It may seem very early on in their educational journey, but if a child has an aspiration to have a particular career, they are more likely to reach higher attainment and have increased focus at school, even at this early stage!

During the week of 6th January, we are dedicating our school week to future aspirations.

We have a host of people coming into school during that week to share their career experiences with the children.

We already have confirmed visits from:

A judge, pharmacist, air stewardess, technology engineer, engineer, financial advisor, charity worker, fire service and police. I also a few more who I am just awaiting final confirmation from.

If you would like to come in a share your career path with the children or know of anyone who may be inspirational to the children, I would especially like a nurse, builder, plumber, hairdresser, beautician and a mechanic, please let me know. If you can only spare us 15-30 mins we are organising some 'What's My Line?' style activities, the children will ask you some questions and try and guess what you do!

Whatever you do, whatever time you have, we need you!

Many Thanks

Mrs Pickering

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Community Page

Sunday 22 December

Family Carol Service

10.30 am | St. Mary's Church

Carols by Candlelight

6.00 pm | St. Mary's Church

Christmas Eve

Crib Service

4.30 pm | St. Mary's Church

Midnight Communion

11.00 pm | St. Mary's Church

Christmas Day

Christmas Celebration

10.30 am | St. Mary's Church



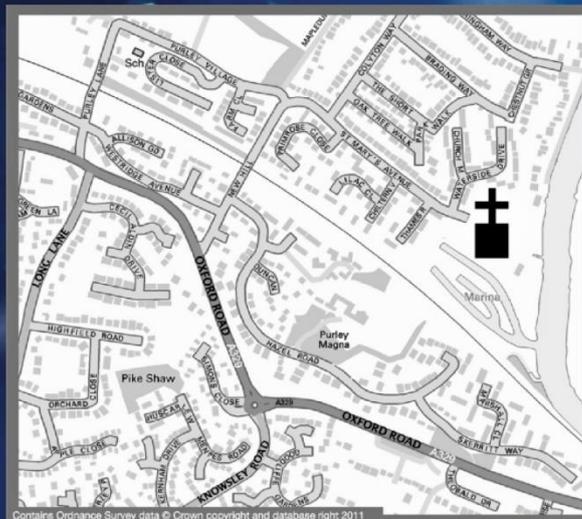
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this Christmas



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Join us and enjoy a wide range of sports & activities as well as arts & crafts at our holiday club this half term!

2nd-3rd Jan 2020, 8:30am-5:00pm!

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