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Friday Bulletin

Learn to love, love to learn

10th January 2020



What a wonderful start to 2020! Aspirations week has been amazing. I would like to publicly thank everyone who came into school, giving up their time to talk to the children. There were quite a few nervous adults around the school! Our visitors had put a lot of effort into their presentations and opened the eyes of many of our pupils. In class, the teachers have been following up with additional activities such as how the learning skills and values we teach at school support in every profession. The new vocabulary the children have been exposed to has been phenomenal and their general awareness of the world increased.

Please talk to your children about this week. Don't just ask what they have been doing but open the conversation with what was the best bit. Can they list how many professions they have been exposed to? If you have any feedback to the school, I would love to receive your emails. Your feedback will help with future planning.

FOPS

Find us on Facebook
Purley Church of England Primary School
 (@PurleyPrimarySchool)
 Email: askfops@gmail.com

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope the children enjoyed their Christmas holiday and are enjoying seeing all their friends back at school.

To help start the year off in a sustainable way, FOPS is pleased to let you know that we now have a Party Crockery Box available for hire for kids' parties. This is a box of 30 brightly coloured reusable plates, bowls and cups, plus serving jugs and platters. The box will be supplied ready for use. Once your party is over, simply return it unwashed, with a small donation in the envelope provided. 100% of the money goes towards education resources at the school. A great way to benefit the children, whilst helping to save the planet too! If you'd like to hire the box please contact Catherine Series by email askfops@gmail.com, phone 07445241231 or catch her in the playground. *See poster at the end of the newsletter.*

Keeping on the environmental theme, we really need someone to take over the crisp packet recycling scheme. If this is something you think you could help with, please do let us know.

We are organising a Quiz Night on 28th February at Purley Barn and would love some help if anyone is available. Setting up, behind the bar or clearing away - any help is very gratefully received.

Next up - & shortly after Mother's Day! - will be our Pamper & Prosecco Party on Wed 25th March, offering wonderful relaxation, retailers & refreshments! Please do get the date in your diaries now & if anyone knows any suitable therapists or can spare some time to help with this fun event, please let Charlotte Allum know.

CLUBS

A list of clubs will be sent out via Parentmail early next week. It will be in the 'form' section.

Gym Club (FS2 to Year 6): we've been advised that there are 2 spaces left. If your child is interested, please visit:

https://www.thinksmartsoftwareuk.com/ocr/single_class_listings_view.php?c=57FCBB7CA71A2&pid=17&t=gymnasticsbiz&set=yes

Choir will start on Monday 13th January and running club on Thursday 16th January.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

Information will be sent via your child's bookbag on Monday. Deadline to submit nomination is Monday 20th January at 3.00 pm.

DIOCESE FAMILY ASSEMBLIES

As listed in the diary dates, parents are warmly invited to come in to school to attend our collective worship assemblies next week.

16/01/20, 9.15-9.30: KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6)
17/01/20, 9.15-9.30: KS1 (FS1 to Year 2)

To help with planning, we would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance via parentmail. A form was sent out today. Thank you.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



Many interesting visitors have inspired our learning this week, and we are thankful to everyone who gave up their time and brought their enthusiasm and patience! We found out about how Police Officers use lots of tools and vehicles to help them carry out a wide range of jobs. Zara knew that the Police would take you back home if ever you got lost. The firefighters told us that their black hose was 60m long, so when we got back to class we looked at the metre rule and counted up to 60 to help us imagine it. Jake is good at colouring in and he used this skill when painting with a roller with Mr Cox. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have thrown themselves into aspirations week and have shown great enthusiasm to learn about a variety of occupations and the skills they would need to succeed in that profession. Throughout the week they learnt about working in the police force, as a judge, as a painter and decorator, a forest school

leader, a train driver, a doctor, a health visitor and a musician.

They made themselves their own police identity cards and further researched the jobs using the internet and through role play.

The week has given them so much to consider and helped them to understand why we do certain subjects in school and how it will help them reach their dreams and goals in the future. Thank you to all the volunteers that gave up their time and came into school to enhance our pupils learning. It was so appreciated. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



Owl class have return to school on full speed, there has been little opportunity to even sit down at our desks.

The children have a fun packed week finding out about different careers they may like to aspire to be when they are older. At the time of writing this article, on Wednesday, Owl Class have had visits from a police sergeant; who also gave them some key advice to keeping safe on social media; a judge who caused some rather controversial conversation for being a female judge! Wednesday brought us another vast range of career visitors including a decorator, the fire brigade and a pharmacist, the use of suppositories to administer medicine caused much disgust and giggling! Our final speaker at this time of writing was a charity worker, who also heightened the importance of supporting charities and gave different ways they we can help, even just visiting a charity shop to buy books etc or to make donations of unwanted clothes, toys and books.

At the start of the week each child created a piece of art work illustrating their dream job, it will be interesting to see if they feel the same at the end of the week!

We have also considered the importance of what to do with our money, once we have earned it, discussed budgeting and saving. I was amazed how many children cannot recognise all of our currency and don't handle money. It is useful at this age to start encouraging them to budget and promoting saving, for larger items. A small amount of pocket money, £1 is plenty, is a good way of starting to introduce this life skill.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year! *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Woodpecker Class have thoroughly enjoyed aspirations week as we welcomed them back after the Christmas break. With visitors in class including a decorator, pharmacist, charity worker and judge, to name just a few, there has been so much to stimulate questions and discussions. Among other things, the children have created their own aspiration posters, drawn architectural plans and researched a range of outdoor jobs. They have also considered the learning skills they will need and what kind of person they aspire to be in the future.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents, friends and other visitors who have taken time out of their usual routines and put so much in to giving the children this experience, as well as Mrs Pickering for organising this amazing week. It is great to know that in Woodpecker Class we have future teachers, mechanics, architects, pilots, authors, engineers, scientists, lawyers, financial advisers, osteopaths, taxi drivers, vets and programmers as well as potential naturalists, astronauts, supercross riders and Olympians.
Mrs Jones.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Monty for asking the visitors lots of questions

Friendship Star: Jake for helping others in class

Paragon: Hannah

Badger Class

Star of the week: Daniel for asking great questions during Aspirations Week

Friendship Star: Jax for being a super helper in phonics

Paragon: Margaux

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Alfie for excellent participation and engagement with all our visitors this week.

Friendship Star: Elsie for caring support towards Iqra on her return to Purley School

Paragon: Iqra

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Alfie for a beautifully worded vote of thanks to one of our visiting speakers.

Friendship Star: Milo for his kind and welcoming attitude to a new member of the class.

Paragon: Lucas and Firhan

Delightful Diners: Ella Br, Iris, Theo, Oscar W, Harry H, Alice, Iona

Reminders

- Year 2 swimming restarts on Monday
- Fill in form in Parentmail about Diocese Family Assemblies

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

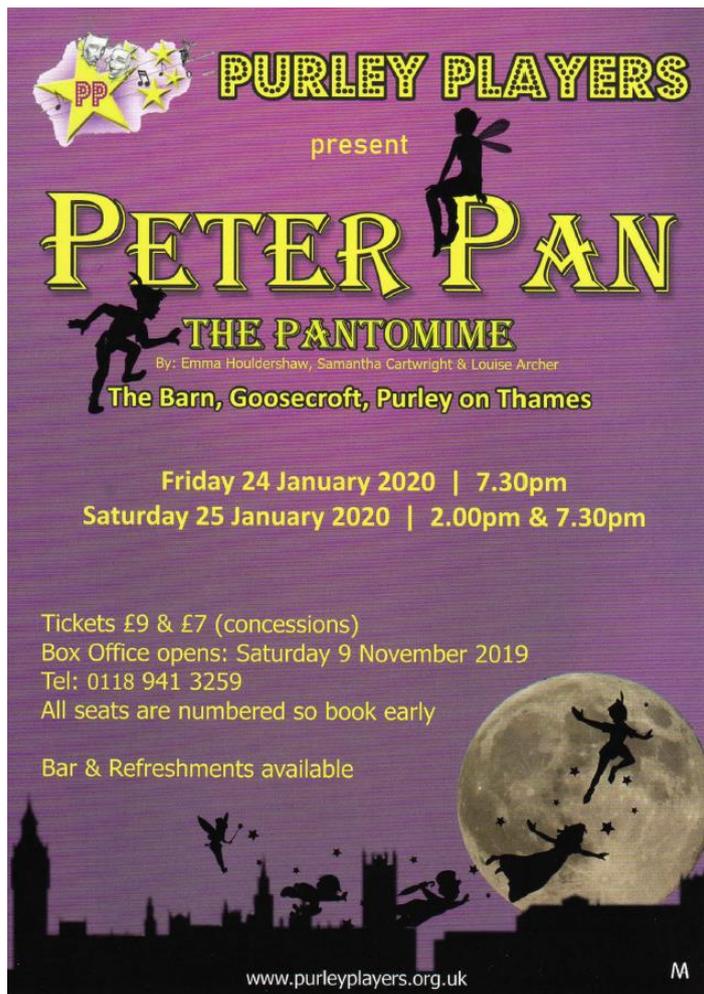
DIARY DATES

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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Community Page



PURLEY PLAYERS
present
PETER PAN
THE PANTOMIME
By: Emma Houldershaw, Samantha Cartwright & Louise Archer
The Barn, Goosecroft, Purley on Thames

Friday 24 January 2020 | 7.30pm
Saturday 25 January 2020 | 2.00pm & 7.30pm

Tickets £9 & £7 (concessions)
Box Office opens: Saturday 9 November 2019
Tel: 0118 941 3259
All seats are numbered so book early

Bar & Refreshments available

www.purleyplayers.org.uk



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Charity Number: 1111171
Broadway House, 4-8 The Broadway,
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Broadway House
Thursday 23rd January 2020
9.30-14.30pm

The monthly Farmers' and Craft Markets will be held in the Barn at Goosecroft from 8.00am to noon on **Saturday 11th January.**

Run in conjunction with Purley Parish Council, this market is in the big barn next to the Goosecroft recreation ground in Beech Road. Refreshments are provided by the WI, and there's a craft market featuring Purley Lacemakers, local artists, a blacksmith and handmade jewellery.

For more information see visit the TVFM's web site,
www.tvfm.org.uk/purley-on-thames/

2nd Saturday of the month
08:30 – 12:00
info@tvfm.org.uk



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