



Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Bulletin

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

A big thank you to you all for adapting so quickly to our new processes. We obviously can't be completely COVID secure but we are trying our best.

A few reminders -

Please do not come to school before 8:50 in any age group.

Staff are very busy preparing for the day ahead, there are

very few breaks during the day as we are constantly cleaning. The end of the day is also extended for staff, with additional cleaning. Teachers are also adapting plans daily in response to how the children present.

Parents collecting children in both KS1 and 2, please ensure that you have cleared the school grounds before the KS2 classes are released at 3:15. It is another narrow gate for everyone to get through.

Communication with the school, including your child's teacher should be via e mail or telephone unless it is an emergency.

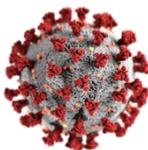
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Illnesses

With a return to school, children will pick up minor ailments as they do every year. Please do not send your child in if they have COVID symptoms. You will also be asked to collect any children developing these symptoms during the school day:

- A high temperature;
- A new continuous cough;
- A loss or change to sense of taste or smell



Quarantining/ Self-isolating

Should your child be quarantining or self-isolating, it is expected that they continue working at home as if they were in school. Teachers will be in touch very quickly with setting work for them to do.

Pupils settling back

We are very pleased with how the children have settled back into school. They seem very happy to be back. It is a pleasure to see them coming up the path with smiles from ear to ear.



As the days go on we are becoming more aware of gaps in the children's learning and are already trying to address these. It has been a softly, softly approach so far.

It is apparent that the children are getting tired very quickly. Most are lacking stamina in their learning behaviours. Teachers are planning shorter tasks, extending them slowly to support them in completing activities. There have been some very exciting activities going on this week as the classes have had the engaging entry points for their termly topics.

School lunches



We have been very impressed with the improved quality of the school lunches. There have been a couple of hitches as we get used to new

systems and then adapt them to the COVID situation. Hopefully all will be sorted by next week. Everything so far has been easily sorted. We hope to include a hot dinner option soon. Every child in FS and KS1 are eligible for a universal free school meal so there is no payment due for FS, Y1 and Y2. Currently children are eating their lunches outside, or if the weather is inclement, they eat in their classroom.

Greet the Teacher

Please make a big effort to join us on Microsoft Teams for Greet the teacher evening. More details will be sent separately. With the

restrictions being tightened, we will most likely be using this platform for parents evening and this is our opportunity to make sure it works on both ends!

Hedgehog Class

Hello everyone, we have had a wonderful week getting to know all of the new Hedgehog children. They have been very busy exploring their new learning environment, and we have been playing lots of 'getting to know each other' games. The children have been looking in mirrors and looking at each other to compare similarities and differences in our faces, and looking at how different expressions indicate how we are feeling. We listened to the story of how God created our world and the children made a beautiful selection of stars and suns to add to our display in class.

Mrs Burton



Badger Class

Badger class have all settled back into school and are so pleased to be with their friends. We have tried hard to learn some new routines of the day, whilst at the same time maintaining a bit of normality. The children have been excited to start our new topic, "Take Aways."

We collected data to see which was their favourite take away and found it to be pizza!

After having researched fish and chips we made our own version and had fun cutting out fish, creating scaly patterns and of course wrapping it all up in newspaper! As part of our Geography learning we have looked at maps of the UK and identified the coastal areas. In maths Y1 have been exploring number bonds to 5 and Y2 have been looking at numbers to 100 and ordering them.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl Class

Yeah! The Purley Parliament of Owls is a hoot once again! It is so nice to be back in the classroom with children. Each and every one of them has settled in well especially our new 'Little Owls' aka year 3 children. We also welcome a new adult owl, Mrs Hester, who will be completing her teaching training with us throughout the year.

This week we have been able to return to some kind of school routine and commence our learning. This term our topic is Sticks and Stones and is all about life in the Stone Age. In English we visited the book 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. The children played detective trying to guess which period of time it was set, explaining how they knew this and thought about different titles for the book. Next week they will be predicting what happens and writing their own ending, before we read the final few pages.

In maths the Cubes have revisited number bonds to 10 and used this knowledge to find multiples of 10 to find numbers bonds to 100 and multiples of 100 to find number bonds to 1000. The spheres have revisited times -tables and started to look at grid method multiplication. In other areas of learning we have thought about what we know and what we would like to know about the Stone Age, played cricket and football and started to make pom pom owls. What is the Gospel? was the big question in RE and the children looked at the calling of the first disciples. We have also had some fun with the glockenspiels during music.

We launched our topic with a wonderful day at Sulham Woods. The children worked collaboratively to create shelters, which were all amazing and I would have happily spent the night in, providing it wasn't raining! After lunch we worked on our resilience to make small fires using flint and stick firelighters. I think nearly every child succeeded in the end. They also enjoyed making Stone Age tools and hunting weapons using sticks, stones, pinecones and anything else they could find on the woodland floor. They were very proud of their bows and arrows. Every child was a credit to Purley School as their behaviour was exceptional through the day. I am sure they all slept well that night!



So as you can see things are getting back to normal and the children are all working very hard, there will be no formal homework this term as I think we will all be finding it rather exhausting. However, spellings and reading books are still heading out and if you could practise times tables and KIRFS that would get their maths back up to speed too!

Mrs Pickering

Woodpecker Class

The Woodpeckers have settled in to the new term and are busy developing and deepening their learning skills: Reflection, Resilience, Risk Taking, Collaboration and Research. To help engage their interest and create excitement, they recently met the 'Wise Woman' from a Saxon village and began to understand more about the importance of the Saxon kings. They are enjoying 'Truckers' by Terry Pratchett as the class novel and have used it to guide their learning in English lessons.

Mrs Hicks

Breakfast and Nutkin Club

Please can parents ensure that places for Breakfast Club and Nutkin Club are booked in advance via

<https://purley.childcare-online-booking.co.uk>

Children will need to be dropped off / picked up by the glass doors near Owl Class. Please ring the bell if necessary.

A reminder that the emergency contact number for Nutkin Club is 07388 108277. Please could you send your registration forms back ASAP.

Year 6 Secondary School Open Evening

We have received the following information from Denefield School regarding their Open evening:

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to hold our annual Open evening at Denefield School this year. Instead,

prospective parents/carers and pupils are warmly invited to join a Virtual Open Evening, which will be available on our website at www.denefield.org.uk and go live at 7.00pm on Monday 21 September. It will continue to be available for a period of time after this time.

FOPS second hand uniform

FOPS run a second hand uniform shop. Below is table of what is currently available.

During the lockdown, a lot of the uniform didn't get worn, is still in good condition and your child may now have out grown it. Please consider donating this uniform to help FOPS raise funds for the school.

	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	10-11	12-13	14
Pinafore Dresses	3		1	3		3	2	1	
Skirts				1	3	2		1	
Summer Dresses	3				2		1		3
Jumpers	1		6	2	3				
Cardigans			0	2	3				
Girls Polo Shirts	4				1	2			
Boys Shorts	2	3	3						
Boys Trousers		5	2	1					

Jumpers and cardigans are £3 each and dresses, shorts, t-shirts, trousers etc. are 50p each.

All proceeds can be paid by BACS to the FOPS account and it all goes to support the school.

Please be advised this is preloved uniform, so it won't necessarily be in the most perfect condition, but is still wearable.

Diary dates

22/09/20	Greet the teacher online meeting
22/10/20	End of Autumn Term 1
23/10/20 30/10/20	HALF TERM
02/11/20	Start of Autumn Term 2
18/12/20	End of Autumn Term 2
21/12/20 04/01/21	CHRISTIMAS BREAK
05/01/21	Start of Spring Term 1
12/02/21	End of Spring Term 1
15/02/21 19/02/21	HALF TERM
22/02/21	Start of Spring Term 1
31/03/21	End of Spring Term 1
01/04/21 16/04/21	EASTER BREAK
19/04/21	Start of Summer 1
28/05/21	End of Summer 1
31/05/21 04/06/21	HALF TERM
07/06/21	Start of Summer 2
20/07/21	End of Academic Year

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

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