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Friday Bulletin

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

As we come to the end of week 5 of this new school year, the holidays are a far distant memory. We have put together a Recovery Curriculum which we have been working from, which is on our website. I am delighted that, on the whole, the children have settled very well and are now increasing their stamina to be able to concentrate for longer periods. We are working as quickly as we can to assess any gaps in children's learning over the last few months. We are collecting data about learning behaviours and will be carrying out the usual Maths, Reading and Spelling tests over the next two weeks.



Please contact me if you have any concerns especially if you think that any of our arrangements aren't working and we may not be aware of issues. It seems that we are all getting into some sort of routine. Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Fakes

Flying Start – School readiness free zoom training for parents.

The Early Years Team at West Berkshire are offering 4 free Zoom evening sessions to support parents who have a child who has just started school or will be due to start in September 2021. The sessions will include:

- How to be a good talker
- Phonics
- Early reading
- Early writing

All the information regarding the course is attached, should the course become fully booked they will provide further dates. You will

need to book directly with them, details are in the flyer.

Census



A big thank you to all who ordered a school lunch on Census day. This will really help us with our funding next year.

Hedgehog Class

This week we were inspired by the story of *Oliver's Vegetables* to think about healthy foods. We designed healthy lunches, discussed what vegetables we like to eat, and thought about those we might like to try. In PE we found lots of ways to make our hearts beat faster as we know that exercise will help us stay fit and slim. We enjoyed joining in with the story of *The Runaway Pea* – our lovely book donated by the Book Trust. In maths we have been busy exploring the number 3 and playing lots of games ordering numbers 1-10.

We have really enjoyed getting to know more about our focus children and their families. Next week our focus children will be Izaac and Cecily.

Please can we ask that book bags are emptied when they are sent home on a Monday, and returned complete with reading and library books on a Friday. Thank you.



Mrs Burton

Badger Class

Badger class have spent this week looking at how instructions are written and set out. They had a fun start, following instructions to make a naan bread pizza in our very own "Pop-up Pizza Parlour." Thank you for providing the naan breads, the children really enjoyed the activity and the following morning were excited to tell each other how delicious their pizzas were! In class we then had a go at writing our own instructions - thinking about writing lists of ingredients, how to write commands and use adverbs. As part of our Geography we have started to research India and make pictorial maps of the country. In maths Y1 have been counting backwards from 30 and finding 1 less than a number. Y2 have been halving numbers and using number bonds to solve more difficult additions. The Y1 children have now all been set up on active learn for their maths homework and details for logging on are in their book bags. Weekly fun activities which support the work that takes place in class will be set for the children to complete at home. Thank you for your support with their learning.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl Class

Wow! What budding authors we have in the making! This week in English the children have been retelling the story of the Stone Age Boy, from the perspective of one of the two main characters. Over the two weeks, we have been working on descriptive writing to help the reader build images in their minds, inferring characters feelings and predicting what may happen next. The children will be drawing of all of these skills to enrich their story telling. Next week everyone will be working on publishing their stories, creating a front cover and writing a blurb.

We have continued to explore cave paintings and next week we will begin to investigate and research more about life in the Stone Age. We will be looking at the Stone Age Settlement of Skara Brae, which was uncovered on the Orkney Islands around 1992, following a tremendous storm.

After many weeks in the making, some of our pom-pom owls are beginning to hatch and look amazing. We look forward to more being hatched next week. On this note, may I ask if anyone has any oddments of wool surplus to requirements, we would welcome them to replenish our stock.

Mrs Pickering

Woodpecker Class

The Woodpeckers have continued with their Science learning as they have moved onto Micro-organisms, a particular favourite of Mrs. Hicks (her two degrees are in Microbiology!) Having found out that microbes can be both beneficial and harmful (very topical) we have set up two experiments in the classroom as part of developing our Science Investigation skills. We are hoping to prove that microbes are air borne as we 'grow' our own sourdough starter - named 'Jimmy'. Our investigations into growth of mould on bread will lead into creating food packaging labels next week.



Our English focus now moves onto the classic Saxon/Viking tale of Beowulf. An epic saga full of adventure, monsters, twists and turns! There will be plenty of opportunities for writing in different ways, so we are excited about that. Alongside this, we are continuing to review aspects of grammar such as word types, so please feel free to help the children as you pick out words when they read to you.

Art has been aplenty this week too as we have used our printing blocks to make our House

Banners and designed new book covers for Trickers. We are also making a class collaborative artwork based on William Morris wall paper print designs, Viking pseudo-metalwork with runes, and designing/creating Viking shields. It's a busy old week!

The focus for our Learning skills continues to be resilience and we are particularly thinking about developing our stamina and focus: focusing on their task alone.

Mrs Hicks

Breakfast and Nutkin Club

Have you considered our Breakfast or After School Club? We are in the privileged position to offer school wrap around care at our school.

Breakfast Club runs each weekday morning from 8 - 8:50 AM

Nutkin Club runs each weekday afternoon from 3.15 – 6 PM

Perhaps this is not something you have looked into for your child. But, if you are rushing to work, working from home or have other commitments, you may find yourself overstretched.

At breakfast club the children enjoy their choice from a selection of cereals, toast, brioche and pancakes. There is then a choice of activities such as drawing, board games, construction toys and arts and crafts activities. They play alongside their friends until the start of the school day.

At Nutkin club, the children are offered a wide range of recreational, social and creative activities, varying from day to day. They are also provided with a snack.

Bookings need to be made in advance, however, the school wraparound care is very flexible. You don't have to sign up for every day or every week. Just at times that suit you and your family.

Bookings can be made via:

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

FOPs Information




PURLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
VIRTUAL AGM

JOIN OTHER PARENTS
 AND FIND OUT MORE
 ABOUT **WHAT WE DO**,
 HOW WE **SPEND THE**
MONEY AND HELP TO
 MAKE YOUR
SCHOOL EVEN BETTER.

THIS YEAR'S AGM WILL BE
 A VIRTUAL MEETING.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
WED 7 OCT 8PM
ZOOM LINK TO FOLLOW
ON PARENTMAIL

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE
 FOPS@GMAIL.COM - WE WILL TRY AND
 GET A DRINK TO EVERYONE TO ENJOY
 DURING THE AGM

Diary dates

20/10/20 and 22/10/20	Parents evening
22/10/20	End of Autumn Term 1
23/10/20 30/10/20	HALF TERM
02/11/20	Start of Autumn Term 2
11/11/20	Individual School Photos TBC
09/12/20	Whole school Flu immunisation
18/12/20	End of Autumn Term 2
21/12/20 04/01/21	CHRISTMAS 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



FRIENDS OF PURLEY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!!

**CAN YOU FILL
 OUR CHAIR?**

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?
EMAIL: ASKFOPS@GMAIL.COM

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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