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Friday Newsletter

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Headteacher's Update

This week is National Anti Bullying Week. We have been focussing on kind and unkind behaviours in our classes and worship. There isn't a school in the country where there is no bullying of any sort. Here in Purley School, we aim to support the children in behaving in kind ways, living our values. We also stress how important it is to tell. They can tell anyone. If they feel that they can only tell a family member, please let us know. There is guidance in our Anti Bullying policy available on our website within the Behaviour policy.



Kindness and compassion are qualities all parents hope to instil in their children. But achieving this goal requires more than simply asking your child to do nice things for other people. In fact, authentically kind people are motivated by feelings of empathy. They can see things from another person's perspective and understand how they might be feeling. They also can anticipate what might make a person feel better. When they can do these things, they are truly empathetic.

When children understand how they feel and can name their feelings, they are better equipped to identify similar feelings in other people. Allow your child the opportunity to express their feelings, even the negative ones. For instance, encourage your child to tell you when he/she is angry, sad or frustrated and engage him/her in a conversation. The goal is that your child learns to communicate his feelings in a healthy way.

Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship

As if time hasn't galloped past in the last few months, in Collective Worship we have jumped forward a few hundred years. Jacob's family and several generations afterwards have settled in Egypt and grown in number. They were enslaved by the Egyptians and kept under control. They longed to be free. God heard their cries and called Moses to approach Pharaoh to set them free. But the story of the plagues is for another day.

Reverend Bailey

Reminder – Covid-19 Procedures

Please can we remind you that if anyone in your household has Covid-19 symptoms your child does NOT attend school until a negative test result is received. If anyone in your household, or your child, tests positive for Covid-19 you MUST inform the school. You must also inform the school immediately if you suspect anyone in your household of having symptoms. The school is required to inform Public Health England, the Local Authority and the DFE, in the event of any suspected cases so that any appropriate action can be taken.

Message from the Governors

Governor News – November 2020

What a year we've had! The pupils and the staff have settled back into school life, and are already looking towards Christmas. Whilst the press talks about 'catching up', we remain in awe of the hard work and commitment of the staff and children. As governors, we have spent time getting to grips with the change in expectations and reframing how we support the school in these unusual times. We continue to meet monthly but virtually, which has taken quite some getting used to. However, we have made the most of the opportunity to catch up on some team training, including an excellent session with the School Improvement Advisor updating us on the new Ofsted framework.

If you would like to know more about what the governing body are doing, please see <https://www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Governors&pid=26>

Pam Slingsby, Chair of Governors

IPod request

Does anyone has a spare/old IPod device that they are willing to donate to the school?

We are in desperate need of a device for storing music on, which can then be used in the classroom, for PE and for the daily Zumba session. It must be compatible with Apple software. If you could help in any way we would be very grateful.

Many thanks.



Admission to Reception – 2021/2020

Please find attached a leaflet from West Berkshire Education Service regarding admission to reception for the 2021/2022 academic year. If you have a 4 year old or a 3 year old who will turn 4 this academic year you will need to apply for a school place. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2021.

For further information please visit:

www.westberks.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Blue Peter on YouTube

A message from Blue Peter:

CBBC have launched Blue Peter on their YouTube channel. Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.



If you think your child would be interested please subscribe to:

<https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter>

Young Writers competition Winner

Huge congratulations to Brandon who won the Little Riddlers Poetry competition.



Brandon's poem will be published in Little Riddlers 2020 – A Pocketful of Poetry. His winning entry can be found below:

Lengthy Limbs

I creep around your house
I'm not deadly so do not worry
I'm as dark as night
I have as many legs as a spider
I have lengthy long limbs
I'm a father
What am I?

- Answer: A daddy-long-legs.

Hedgehog Class

This week we have been finding out about how people around the world celebrate Diwali. We were inspired by the story of Rama and Sita to build palaces and castles with both indoor and outdoor construction resources. We located India on the

globe, and looked in books to find information about India and its people. We had great fun designing Mehndi patterns on paper hands, creating colourful Rangoli patterns with paint and glitter, forming clay into diva lamps that were just the right size for a candle, and we even had a go at Indian dancing in our PE session!



During this busy, creative week the children have still found time to build homes and care for a range of mini beasts found in our garden!

Next week our focus children will be Dinesh and Ava.

Mrs Burton

Badger Class

Badger class have continued to be historical researchers and gather more information about Samuel Pepys and his famous diary. Using exciting adjectives and a range of time words, they wrote their own eye witness diary entries. They tried hard to use all of their senses and include what they could see, hear, smell and how they felt. As part of their science learning they explored how different materials change when they are heated and cooled, twisted, stretched or bent. In maths we have been looking at how we use ordinal numbers to tenth and beyond. The children are trying very hard to learn their maths targets and KIRFS. Please remind them to let us know as soon as they need to be tested and are ready for the next target. We have started to learn parts for our Christmas Nativity and the children are working in small groups to learn songs and dance routines. This year the performance will be videoed and a link will be sent to all families for you to watch at home. Costumes will be provided by the school this year.

For computing this week, I have set a task for them to complete on Purple Mash. Please help them to log on in order to access the activity. Thank you

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl Class

This week in Owl class we've been continuing with this term's topic – What's 'peaking' out of the Earth? We've looked at the structure of volcanoes and have been creating our own versions of Andy Warhol's Vesuvius pop art using different mediums and exploring different colour combinations.

In English we have been continuing to learn about Mount Everest and mountaineers. On Tuesday we were lucky enough to be able to speak to a mountaineer. Ronnie, an Expedition Leader, who has climbed many mountains, including Everest. The children spent Monday preparing for our meeting and creating a list of questions to ask, such as: how Ronnie felt, how he prepared for the cold, how long it took to reach the summit and where did they go to the toilet? It was fantastic to speak to Ronnie on Tuesday. The children were amazed by the story of his climb and all the knowledge he was able to share about Everest. He was even kind enough to show his climbing equipment and to send in photos of his journey for us to look at. This experience will really help next week when the children will be writing a fictitious diary entry from the perspective of a mountaineer climbing Everest.

In maths the Cubes have been looking at doubling and halving numbers to fifty using partitioning and Spheres have been learning about analogue and digital time.

We've also launched our new science topic. This term we will be looking at States of Matter and we started with an experiment to explore solids, liquids and gases and their properties.

Ms Hester

Woodpecker Class

Time flies by so fast in Woodpecker class! This week we have been caught up in writing new chapters for the Mutating Mansion book, by Luke Temple, and the ideas have flown thick and fast. The children have been learning about the importance of editing their work several times so that it can be better each time. In one of his

videos, Luke emphasised this with the class and they responded well. Finally the completed chapters have been combined to form a new class book and will be available in the class for children to read. The last step in our studies is to create a new book cover, inspired by digital artists such as Jessica Chiba (from Mutating Mansion) and Ian Mitchell (from Discworld).

Our Mayan studies have focussed on the Maya beliefs and gods and the children have used several sources of information to create colourful fact files about them. Remembering our Research target of 'putting information into our own words', children have carefully put together their information (rather than copying and pasting from an internet source.) We are enjoying the Chichen Itza presentations created as a Learning Enrichment task - well done Woodpecker class!

Mrs Hicks

FOPs News

FOPs will again be running their very successful Elfridges Christmas Shop from the 7th – 12th December. Each class will be allocated a day when they can visit the shop and buy their Christmas Gifts. Please see the attached poster for details.

Bags2School



Don't forget FOPS have booked a bag2school collection for Friday 27 November. Collection bags have been sent home, however they also accept bin liners and carrier bags of clothes too. On the morning of the 27th November collection points will be set up from 08:30am in the staff carpark at the front of the school and by the car park in Lister Close. Please could we ask that you don't bring bags into school before this date, as we do not have the space to store them. Many thanks.

Reminders:

- Deadline to return Christmas Card Project orders: 9.00am on Tuesday 24th November.
- Deadline to return Photo proofs: 09:00am Tuesday 24th November.
- Bags 2 School Collection 27th November.

Diary Dates

24/11/20	Deadline to return School Photo proofs and Christmas card orders.
27/11/20	Bags 2 School collection
7/12/20 – 10/12/20	Elfridges Christmas Shop
11/12/20	Professor Bubble Works Science Workshop (subsidised by FOPS)
16/12/20	School Christmas Lunch
17/12/20	Class Christmas Party
18/12/20	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15pm
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 2
31/03/21	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm
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, 1.15pm

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 01189842384 or email: headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk

Karen Fakes (Head teacher)

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