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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

December has come! Who would have thought back at Easter time that the pandemic would still be with us? This first week in December however has been full of hope. News of the vaccine and a possible end in sight has given us all hope for 2021. The school has been decorated for Christmas and has lifted everyone's mood.

Behaviour at the school has settled, so has attendance. We had our first day with full attendance this week.

We have been surveying the children over the last two weeks regarding how safe and cared for they felt at school. It was a pleasure to hear how much they appreciated all we are doing, from Covid safety actions to having fire drills, teaching them about online safety and teaching them about friendships. Without exception every child said that they felt there was someone at school they could talk to if they were worried about anything.

I ended the survey with asking what "love" looks like at Purley School. Here is a selection of their answers.

"Looking after people"

"Asking someone if they are ok"

"Being kind"

"Show respect"

"Play nicely, kind hands and kind words"

"Letting others play your games"

Mrs Fakes



Collective Worship

We have come to the end of our journey through the Book of Genesis and leave the Israelites in the wilderness learning to put the 10 Commandments into practice. God gave them these rules to build a new society which had regard to both God and their fellow members. Now to tackle Christmas!

Reverend Bailey

House captains

We were very impressed this week by the Year 6 children presenting to the school in a bid to be house captains. The voting was very close, usually only one vote in it. Congratulations to the elected house captains, we wish that all of them could have been selected.

House captain

Airy Heron - Mia

Earthy Bear - Malakhai

Fiery Fox - Sergio

Watery Otter - Milo

Our first house competition for this academic year has also been announced.

Sketch your favourite view of our school in a bubble. Entries to be submitted before December 15th.



National Tests update

You may have heard on the news that an announcement has been made regarding GCSEs and A levels. Included in the announcement has been an update on primary school testing.

Year 6

Key Stage 2 tests – will go ahead.

The testing window will be extended across 2 weeks.

Year 2

Key Stage 1 tests – will not go ahead – SATs in reading and maths and the grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) test will be removed, as will the teacher assessment in science. But teacher assessments in reading, writing and maths will still go ahead.

Year 1 and year 2 Phonics Test – will go ahead - The testing window will be extended across 2 weeks.

Year 4 – a decision has not been made.



Christmas Lunch



The date for our School Christmas lunch is Wednesday 16th December. The cost will be £2.35 for KS2 children (Year 3 upwards) which is payable in advance by Friday 11th December at the latest. Orders can be made online via The Pantry website, www.thepantrycatering.co.uk Telephone 020 88137040

If your child is in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2, the meal will be free but you still need to order your lunch via The Pantry. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 16th December, which is the day of our Christmas lunch, we will have a special Christmas Jumper day. Children may exchange their school cardigan/jumper for a festive jumper. The rest of the clothes will remain the usual school uniform. You don't need to buy a new jumper, you can simply decorate one with tinsel etc. In return, we would ask for a donation to FOPS.



Class Christmas Party



The class Christmas parties take place on Thursday 17th December.

For Hedgehog and Badger Class the party will take place during the school afternoon. The children can wear their party clothes to school. Can we please ask that they are appropriate for school and they need to be warm as the children will be outside as normal during the day. Please can they wear sensible footwear as well.

The party for Owl and Woodpecker will take place at 4:30pm and will finish at 5:30.

Thank you to FOPS who will be providing refreshments for all the parties.

Advent Trail

Have you noticed some advent posters around Purley?

This year, for Advent, St Mary's church have organised a Nativity Trail around Purley, for family and friends of all ages, with



cards to find and puzzle pieces to collect as you go round.

Find 14 cards on this walking activity and see if you can unravel the puzzle!

For more details, visit their website

<https://www.stmaryspurley.org.uk/web/whats-on/christmas>

Hedgehog Class

We have been having such fun practicing our songs and dances for our Nativity performance – we hope you enjoy watching us! As Mrs Burton couldn't find any decorations, we have been busy making a range of beautiful decorations for our class Christmas tree. As it is only small we have had to use our fine motor skills to colour, cut, glue and stick to create the right size decorations and it is now very colourful! We have also been busy making and writing Christmas cards to give to each other in class, using the name cards to make sure they get delivered to the right person. We added the birth of Jesus onto our timeline in class – the children worked out that Jesus was born after the dinosaurs had died out, but many years before we were all born.



Mrs Burton

Badger Class

Badger class have worked extremely hard this week learning their parts for the 2020 Nativity. And what a learning experience that has been for us all! They had fun performing their dance routines and singing in small groups and can't wait to see the finished performance once it has all been put together. The confidence and patience that they

showed and the encouragement they gave to each other has been exceptional. Well done Badgers, together we have learnt so much this week about being part of a film crew! Thank you, Mr Tigwell, for your help with the editing. It is so greatly appreciated.

In English, the class have enjoyed watching a short animation called "The clock tower." They made links with the fairy tale "Rapunzel" and thought carefully about sequencing the story with a beginning, middle and end. They explored creating different noun phrases to make their writing even more exciting for the reader. In maths Y1 have been working on place value, counting forwards and backwards and writing numbers in numerals and words. Y2 have been focussing on multiplication and division and making equal groups through sharing. Thank you, Mrs McGowan, for organising a reverse advent. This has inspired the children to create posters, showcasing how they are using advent to think of others and show love and compassion. They are looking forward to see how much can be gathered before the end of term.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl Class

Yeah! Christmas has arrived in Owl Class! The tree is up and being filled with a multitude of wonderful homemade decorations and the advent calendar has been filled. In English the children are attending journalism training to report on the shortage of carrots and the impact it is having on poor old Rudolph and his friends. Next week will be interviewing the big man himself and his elves for a newspaper article on the issue. In maths we are working on our end of year assessments and then will be looking at measures and shapes in a Christmas theme. We are finally up and running again with the I-pads and this week the children have been learning to log in and out of their google accounts, add photos to a google doc, change the font style, size and colour and share that doc with another user. We have also taken photographs of our favourite part of Purley School and emailed them to ourselves. The children will need to access this at home to complete this term's inter-house sketching competition. We will now be using I-pads to inspire our learning more and more in a range of ways. Therefore, it may be useful if children could have a small blue-tooth keyboard in school, this would support the typing, especially of longer tasks. This is only a suggestion and not compulsory.

We are beginning to come to the end of our topic, and I would like to share how much I have enjoyed teaching it. This has been due to the incredible enthusiasm and engagement of all the children, supported by their wonderful home learning tasks.

We will be hosting an Owl Class Christmas Disco on Thursday 17th December from 4:30 - 5:30. This will be for Owl Class pupils only. Other classes will be holding theirs separately. Final details will be with you next week.

Finally, just a reminder to practise spellings, reading, KIRFS and times tables regularly at home.

Mrs Pickering

Woodpecker Class

Tinsel and Mayans galore! This week has seen our classroom transformed by tinsel as we enter the festive season. With a focus on our Mayan topic, the children in Woodpecker Class considered different historical sources of information and then moved onto learning more about Mayan writing. Having designed new 'logograms' we then used our historical skills to consider similarities and differences between the two writing systems. In English, we have begun our Persuasive Writing unit and have thoroughly enjoyed learning about environmental issues, from picture books! Posters will soon be produced to persuade others in school and beyond about an environmental aspect that the children choose. Ideas so far include littering, pollution and recycling. Watch this space!

Mrs Hicks

FOPS News

Year 6 Rep

FOPs are in need of a Year 6 Rep. If you are interested please contact FOPS for more information via askfops@gmail.com

Elfridges Christmas Shop



The Christmas Shop will run Monday 7th – Thursday 10th December. Each class will visit the shop on a set day.

Monday: Hedgehog
Tuesday: Badger
Wednesday: Owl
Thursday: Woodpecker

We will once again be offering the children the opportunity to purchase gifts for their own family members. There will be a selection of small, affordable gifts to choose from ranging in price from £1.00 - £2.50. Please send any money in a named purse and bring a named carrier/reusable shopping bag to transport their purchases home. The children will then bring the gifts home already wrapped and labelled.

Tour de Purley

FOPS are planning to run their successful Tour de Purley in 2021 and are after people to join their committee of helpers. Please contact FOPS if you are interested in helping to run this event.

End of term

Reminder – the children will finish school at **1.15 pm** on Friday 18th December. They will have lunch as usual at school on that day. Nutkin Club will run from 1.15 until 4.15 on that day.

Reminders:

- Elfridges Christmas Shop 7th – 10th December.
- End of term Friday 18th December 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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Diary Dates

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 and Christmas Jumper day.
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