



# Purley CE Primary School

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## Friday Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Update

Back in the 1960s, Prime Minister Harold Wilson said that a week is a long time in politics. I'm sure that you would say the same that a week is a long time in lockdown.

Again, thank you to everyone for your support. We are so impressed with how well everyone is engaging with the remote learning. Please remember you can only do what you can as parents. Hopefully this time round, the additional support from school is giving more structure to the day and easier for the children to access support from their teachers. Hopefully we can maintain this level if staff remain well. This week the government have asked us to follow their template regarding our remote learning plan. This will be put on the website.



We pride ourselves at Purley School for supporting our children on an individual basis. Please contact us directly if there is anything you think we can do to support, be it academic, well-being or something else.

Mrs Fakes

### Collective Worship

Our theme this term is Courage. The verse from 2 Chronicles is very apt at the moment.

In each week's collective, there will be examples of being courageous and an invitation for children to reflect on their own behaviour. This week, children are asked to consider if they have missed out on anything because they were afraid to give it a go. Christians believe that they can ask God to support them.



### Assessments



You will have heard on the news, that all assessments for the end of this academic year have been suspended.

KS1 and 2 SATs

Year 4 Times tables test

Year 1 Phonic tests

Assessments

EYFS assessment

We were grateful for this announcement. However, even though children will not be tested, we need them to learn as much of the material as possible to avoid a massive catch up programme going forward. Teachers will constantly be reviewing you child's progress through the work they submit, the discussions they have and little quizzes. This will inform their planning of lessons and for them to feedback to me and the Governors.

## **Borrowing books online from the library**

We have been advised that you are still able to borrow books, if you are a member of the local library. You will need to download the app 'borrowbox' and add your library membership details - e-readers and audible book are available free of charge.

## **Hedgehog Class**

Another busy week of learning for us all! I really enjoyed acting out the story of Max's Morning Walk with the key worker children in class, and I loved looking at the pictures you drew and sentences you wrote about the beginning and end of the story. I am really pleased to see so many of you engaging with the phonics and maths each day too. I have to admit that the haktive-at-home Spiderman move is not something I find easy to do – I will have to keep on practising just like you!

Next week in maths we will be exploring comparing mass and weighing and measuring. We will also be thinking about the homes people live in.

*Mrs Burton*

## **Badger Class**

Well done to Badger class for all working so hard this week. The children have achieved so much and shown such resilience. I am proud of all their efforts. What a great dress up day they had on Tuesday! I loved seeing all the outfits and my goodness the doctors and nurses were most definitely needed to look after all those patients! Please remember to share any feedback with the children whether it be on google classroom or purple mash. The feedback is a powerful way of helping them to move their learning forward or just feel good about their efforts.

Thank you

*Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## **Owl Class**

Wow! Another excellent week of online learning. I am so impressed with how quickly you have adapted and how the children are all showing excellent responsibility, making sure meetings are attended and work is submitted! Well done everyone!

This week we have launched into our topic 'Life like an Egyptian' having fun mummifying our family and beginning to discover what life was like during this period of time. In English we have been thinking about persuasive writing and creating posters to advertise a product of our choice and then using our knowledge so far of the Ancient Egyptians to create a poster to travel back in time. We have also enjoyed our ERIC novel 'The Christmasaurus' and have been linking this with thoughts on diversity and inclusion from last week.

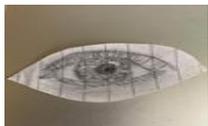
Next week I will be doing so online training sessions around goggle classroom with the children to help them with the uploading of work. A timetable will be out on Monday. If any parents would like to join please do so, you may even know more than me from that perspective.

If you are able to, could you please install the Adobe Spark Video app onto your child's device? This is a free app and one they may find useful for making short videos. Please don't worry if your unable to do, there will be alternative options.

*Mrs Pickering*

## **Woodpecker Class**

What a busy week it's been for Woodpecker class (and me!). I think we can say that we are in a good routine now with our online learning. The live sessions are so valuable and a great chance to catch up, teach and share ideas. Our studies of WONDER are really gripping the children's imaginations and the writing has been really impressive. Similarly, our art week has been really enjoyable and the art produced has been fabulous: detailed eye drawings, Picasso style portraits and 'The Angel of Purley' figures.



*Mrs Hicks*

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.wberks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@purley.wberks.sch.uk)

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