



## Purley CE Primary School

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# Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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### Headteacher's Update

It was a great pleasure to welcome Bishop Olivia to visit the school this week. Her first visit to a school since the pandemic. Mrs Slingsby and Mrs Bolland, two of our governors joined us. I was fit to bursting with pride with how well the children responded to her visit showing such interest and respect. Below is a report written by Mrs Bolland

A special visit from the Bishop of Reading

Bishop Olivia, the Bishop of Reading visited the school on Wednesday, 5 May for Collective Worship with children from Years 3 to 6 followed by a visit to all the children in their various classrooms during the afternoon.

The children filed into the hall and Mrs Fakes, the Headteacher, opened the worship with words from James 1:5 "If you lack wisdom you should ask God". Mrs Fakes then introduced Bishop Olivia who was delighted to be in school.

Bishop Olivia talked about her earlier life and recounted the story of the birth of Jesus and his life which led her down the path of becoming a vicar. She had brought the vestments of her office and explained the significance of these; her white Cloak which had been made especially for her was embroidered with golden vines; the attractive Mitre, which is the traditional headdress of Bishops and her Staff or Crosier which is shaped like a shepherd's crook. Bishop Olivia explained that she was the first female bishop to be ordained in the Diocese of Oxford. It was amazing to see how many children quoted passages from the Bible and asked questions about being a Bishop.



Collective Worship ended with prayers and then it was time to visit all the children in their classrooms.

Mrs Fakes

### Collective Worship

This week have been finishing up our discovery about the life of King David. We've remembered about his battles, and his composing the Psalms. We've need up looking at his legacy - his children and especially King Solomon and then the building of the first Temple in Jerusalem. That legacy extends right down to Jesus.

*Reverend Bailey*

### Library

A huge thank you to those who have already purchased a book for the library though the FOPS Amazon Wish List. If you would like to purchase a book for the school, they can be purchased via: <https://amzn.eu/dswTzDt>



All donations will be gratefully received.

## Lunchtime Assistant Vacancy

We are recruiting for new Lunchtime Assistants, to supervise our children during the lunchtime period. Lunchtime Assistants help with getting the children fed, maintaining safety and discipline and promoting the values of the school including inclusion and acceptance of all pupils. If you feel that you (or someone you know) could be a good fit for the role and are available between 12pm and 1pm, 2 or more days of the week, please contact the School Business Manager at [finance@purley.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:finance@purley.w-berks.sch.uk). The Lunchtime Assistant role is a great way to get a taste of school life and can often be the first step into a career within schools.

## Class photos

The proofs of the class photos are in your child's book bag. If you'd like to order a photo, please return your order form and payment in the envelope provided by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at the latest. Alternatively you can pay for these online.

## Hedgehog class

Following on from last week's learning about bees, we planted lots of bee friendly flower seeds in our garden and took sunflower seeds to grow at home to ensure the bees can find plenty of nectar around Purley and Pangbourne this summer. We also planted some beans and began to record what we can see happening in our bean diaries. We are hoping to find a castle at the top of at least one of them! In maths we have been looking at numbers up to 20, playing games where we have to add by counting on one more at a time. We were excited to meet Bishop Olivia, and we found out about the special cape and mitre she wears, and the shepherd-like crook that she carries. We enjoyed learning about the meaning behind the beautiful designs embroidered on her costume, and about the special Bishop's seat in a cathedral.

Next week we will be finding out about frogs, and in maths we will be looking at shapes by matching and manipulating.

*Mrs Burton*



## Badger class

Badger class have enjoyed watching a short animation called "The girl with the yellow bag." They used it as a stimulus for their own writing and have written beautiful stories about the

girl and her adventures. They tried hard to write a beginning, middle and end for their story and used a range of time words to move the story on. In geography the children looked back at the maps they made last week of the school garden and challenged themselves to include a simple key. We have started to look at the work of Georgia O'Keeffe and her colourful, enlarged flowers. Using pastels and paint we are creating close up flowers in her style. In maths this week Y1 have explored multiplication and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. They have investigated how multiplication is counting in equal groups and repeated addition. Y2 have continued to work with fractions and explore finding and recognising thirds. All the children are very much enjoying the cricket coaching on Friday and it is lovely to watch them developing their cricket skills.

*Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## Owl class



It has been another week packed full of lots of wonderful work. In English the children are continuing to write their river adventure stories, they are now choosing where they will go and what will happen. I am so looking forward to reading them, their verbal ideas have been amazing.

In maths all children are working on fractions, the cubes have been working in tenths and creating wholes whilst the spheres have been exploring equivalent fractions.

Last Friday the year 4 children had their first violin lesson and I understand this went very well. They are looking forward to the forthcoming lessons for the rest of the term. In science we were thinking about how to set up an investigation, considering prediction, recording results and writing conclusions. Our big question for this investigation was: Does bread always land buttered side down? What would your prediction be? Ask the children what they found out to see if you were right. We also had a very powerful debate following a question that was planted during Collective Worship: Should we be scared of God? I was totally awestruck by some of their thoughts and reasons, we have lots of very deep thinkers in Owl Class.

Next week we are hoping for drier and warmer weather so we can visit the river again to support some poetry writing.

*Mrs Pickering*

## Woodpecker class

A lot of the focus this week for Woodpecker Class has been the evacuees in WW2. Following our Blitz experience last week and building air raid shelters, we have now learnt about and explored how families felt during Operation Pied Piper. In ERIC, the children have read 'The Diary of Eliza' and her first-hand experience; used drama and role play to discover how parents reacted to sending their children away; written postcards home as evacuees to reassure parents about how safe they now feel; and reflected on images of children in Germany also being evacuated. This has all lead to some thoughtful discussions about how they would feel being away from their families and also consideration that this is still happening in some countries where people are displaced.

Maths for the Pentagons in Y5 has continued to focus on place value and multiplying/dividing by powers of ten. This is very helpful for the children to understand the structure of the number system. The Crystals in Y6 have furthered their rounding skills and times tables knowledge. The Hexagons have been learning about prime numbers, square/cubed numbers and good old BODMAS! This last has proved quite a challenge indeed and we are returning to it next week.

The biggest BUZZ this week has been exploring making circuits in science, using the new resources. The classroom was alive with the excited sounds of children busily making a range of complex circuits with the modular components. We moved swiftly onto proper circuit diagrams with the standard symbols and there were great discussions about what was happening with the 'variable resistor'. Molly was chuffed when we discovered that the sound module played 'happy birthday' for her!

Please can the children ensure that they practice their KIRFS each day. We are testing weekly and it is great to see children progress to the next level as a consequence of their efforts.



*Mrs Hicks*

## Cricket

All Stars and Dynamos Cricket are back this summer and Purley-on-Thames Cricket Club will be running



both sessions on Tuesday evenings from May the 11<sup>th</sup> at 18:30-19:30. To sign up go to [www.dynamoscricket.co.uk](http://www.dynamoscricket.co.uk) and [www.allstarscricket.co.uk](http://www.allstarscricket.co.uk)

## FOPS news

### Donations for PURLEY JUMBLE TRAIL 22nd May

Thank you for all your donations of bottles of alcohol, soft drinks, soft toys & teddies sent in today, to go towards the Tombola that will be running at the Purley Jumble Trail.

The house points tally so far is:-

- Watery Otters – 31
- Earthy Bears – 21
- Fiery Foxes – 14
- Airy Herons – 21

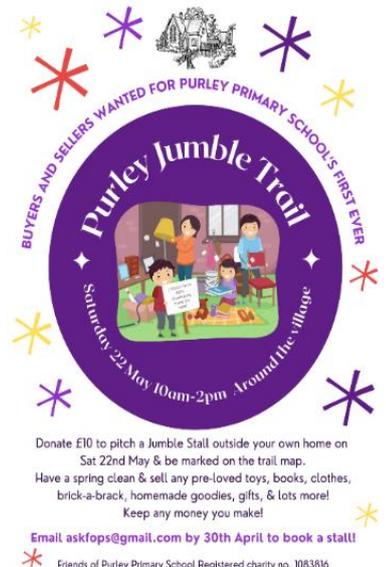
We would also be very grateful for the following donations and again will be offering HOUSE POINTS for stall donations brought in on the following date: Friday 14th May - other tombola prizes (unwanted gifts, gift sets etc.) & second-hand uniform

Thank you so much for your support!

## Purley Jumble Trail

We have 15 stalls already taking part in our first ever Jumble Trail on 22<sup>nd</sup> May but we're still looking for more sellers!

Purley residents, use your driveway or front-garden to sell unwanted items, home-made products, crafts and more. Just a £10 donation to FOPS for a stall & keep whatever money you make!



If you are interested in purchasing a pitch and being added to the Trail map, you can register your interest by either emailing [askfops@gmail.com](mailto:askfops@gmail.com) or by completing the form that was sent home in book bags and returning by 30<sup>th</sup> April. You can also find us on Facebook at 'Purley Jumble Trail'.

We are anticipating the majority of stalls to be in lower Purley so if you live further afield, perhaps you could consider buddying up with a friend in this area to achieve maximum sales success. We are also hoping to run a few games stalls to help raise extra funds to benefit the school, so please let us know if you'd be willing to run one either alongside or instead of your sale table

### Preloved Uniform

If you are having a clear out and have found your children have outgrown their uniform, please consider donating it back to the school. A great way of saving pennies and the planet, as well as helping the school! We are in need of school jumpers and cardigans that are for the older ages, so if you have any 7-8 years, 9-10 years or upwards, we would be really grateful for any donations received. Please hand any donations to Sarah Clarke (Darcie's mum in Badger)

There will also be a preloved uniform stall at the Jumble Trail!

### Tour de Purley

Starting and finishing at Bucknells Meadow in Purley on Thames on Sunday 4 July 2021, 8.30am to 3pm.

#### To help you decide what route to cycle?

**Route 1** - A nice, easy, short ride or scoter around Purley itself, designed with the youngest entrants in mind.

**Route 2** - A leisurely foray of just under 6 miles aimed at the intermediate and occasional riders among us.

**Route 3** - A longer, yet still very manageable 15 mile loop for the more intrepid and ambitious

**Route 4** - A long route of 30 miles around amazing countryside taking in breath taking views. Very manageable.

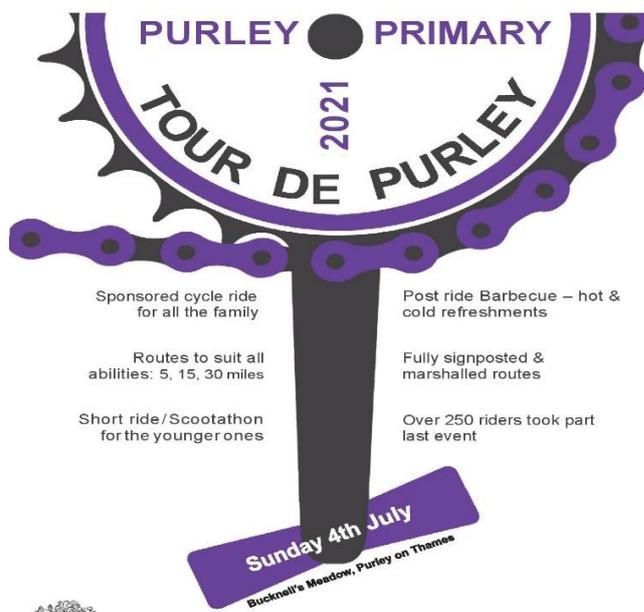
### Refreshments

The rides finish at Bucknells Meadow, where there will be some tasty refreshments available, including hot food, cakes, hot and cold beverages and other good stuff.

### Fundraising

The Tour de Purley exists to raise much needed funds for Friends of Purley School Parent Teacher Association, all the money is ploughed directly back into school to enhance the children's school experience. Sponsorship and other donations are

not compulsory, but there will be prizes for those that raise the largest amounts! Sponsorship forms will be in books bags before half term along with instructions on how to use Just Giving donations site.



**PURLEY PRIMARY**  
**TOUR DE PURLEY 2021**

Sponsored cycle ride for all the family

Routes to suit all abilities: 5, 15, 30 miles

Short ride/Scotathon for the younger ones

Post ride Barbecue – hot & cold refreshments

Fully signposted & marshalled routes

Over 250 riders took part last event

**Sunday 4th July**  
Bucknell's Meadow, Purley on Thames



**A great day out for all!**

For more info and to sign up visit: [www.tourdepurley.co.uk](http://www.tourdepurley.co.uk)

Free goodie bags and medals for the children

Individual and family Tickets available online or pay on the day to enter

Individual sponsorship welcome (Registered charity number 1083816)

### Dates for the diary

**19/05/21** – Deadline to return class photo orders

**22/05/21** – Purley Jumble Trail

**28/05/21** – End of Summer Term 1

**31/05/21 – 04/06/21** – Half Term

**07/06/21** – Start of Summer Term 2

**04/07/21** – Tour de Purley

**20/07/21** – End of Summer Term 1:15pm

**07/11/21** - Fireworks

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:

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**Karen Fakes (Head teacher)**

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