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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

I am sure that you are aware that Boris Johnson updated the restrictions guidance earlier this week. Not much has changed for schools. I am proud that we continue to provide the best school experience we can for our pupils and would like to thank you for supporting us in keeping everyone safe.

Currently we are trying to plan open evenings and afternoons and what can be done regarding the Year 6 production while still keeping within guidelines.

After half term we will be resuming Woodland school and swimming as a first step. We are still required to maintain our bubbles. It is very tempting with the loosening of restrictions to be less mindful of the dangers. Stay alert to stay safe.



Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship

This week we have revisited the warning from Samuel about the Israelites wanting a king. He had made it clear that a king would make huge demands of the people expecting them to pay taxes, serve in the army and get involved in battles with other nations

We saw that after King Solomon, the country split up with a northern part and a southern part each with their own leader. Often these leaders fought among themselves for power. The northern part had a series of leaders who only lasted a few months or weeks. But eventually both kingdoms fell to invading nations and became slaves again.

Reverend Bailey

Google Classroom

You may be aware that the Google classroom accounts were suspended earlier this term while we

investigated security options. We are now in a position to reopen the accounts. Initially it will be the KS2 accounts as the KS1 individual accounts are not currently needed. We have added increased security to all accounts including limiting the ability to make contact with accounts not within our domain. Our investigation however, shows that pupils are not routinely logging out of Google classroom. This is important not only for us at school but also within the home. Should we have another breach we will be asking questions if accounts had been left open and who in the home/school had access.

We have increased our online safety awareness lessons and it is clear that children know what to do. We recently supported a child who admitted that they had accepted an unknown user. We are pleased that we were made aware of this and it is an important lesson to the other children. We ask you please to monitor your child's online activities to keep everyone safe. An online agreement will be sent home next week.

Please choose a school meal on Thursday

It is Census Day on Thursday 20th May. One of the most important aspects of the census for Purley is that the money we receive from the government to pay for the KS1/infant school meals is based on the number of meals taken on Thursday. It really helps us if the children have a school meal on this day. To encourage the children to choose a school meal The Pantry have devised a special menu which is attached to the newsletter. Please can you encourage your children, particularly those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to book a school meal on Thursday? The meals are provided at no cost to you for those year groups, so even if your children were to bring a packed lunch, they could still order a meal to try in addition. **If you have already pre-booked your child's school lunch, could you please re-check that your order for Thursday has been placed.** We thank you for your support with this.

Fully funded family cycling courses

Feeling anxious about taking your family out for a bike ride? Fully funded Bikeability Family Courses will be available in the school holidays. We train at a pace that suits you and your family, so you all understand how to ride together safely with confidence. To register your interest and find out more email Activetravel@westberks.gov.uk from

West Berkshire Council Traffic and Road Safety team

Hedgehog class

We noticed so many creatures living in our garden this week, it seemed to be like a mini zoo! We found a toad hiding under a pile of logs in the wild garden, and a range of ants, woodlice, snails, worms, slugs and ladybirds living near the bushes. We read the story Oi Frog and used the words we found to rhyme with frog to make up a frog poem. We also shared the traditional tale of the Frog Prince, and we were inspired to make a pond for our garden. We put the fairy house next to the pond so that the fairies could make friends with any frogs that may decide to visit. We found out about the lifecycle of the frog, and even had time to make a moving paper frog using magnets and paperclips.



Reminder:

As I am sure you are aware, we have had a few bugs going around recently. Please can we remind you

that if your child is sick, they need to stay home for 24 hours from the time of the last bout of vomiting. For diarrhoea, the absence should be 48 hours.

Mrs Burton



Badger class

Badger class have enjoyed watching another animated story by the Polish author Maia Walczak called "The Silent Blue Book." They thought carefully about what the story was about.... friendship, loneliness, adventure and the questions that the story evoked. They looked at how to record these questions and in pairs discussed them to try and find answers. Using a range of time words, they created their own retelling of the story. In science this week we have been researching the life cycle of a plant. The children observed closely their seedlings that they planted a few weeks ago to record any changes. Two class gardeners have been appointed to ensure that we look after our plants and help them to grow healthily. Thank you in advance to Harry V and Iris for taking this responsibility on. As part of our RE we have started to research Pentecost and find out why it is known as the birthday of the Christian Church. We made Pentecost windmills to help us remember the key points and how Christians believe that, like the wind, the Holy Spirit is around us even if it cannot be seen. In Maths Y1 have been looking at multiplication and how arrays help us to see the repeated addition. Y2 have been looking at unit fractions and non-unit fractions.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

Cogs whirring, pencils scratching and ideas flowing, that has been the atmosphere in Owl Class this week.



The children have worked incredibly hard writing a complete River adventure story, I am so looking forward to reading them, we do have lots of budding authors. The children have designed book covers for their story and we are planning to record them for our younger children to listen to.

Maths has been another week of fraction frenzies for all children. The spheres have been looking at improper fractions and the cubes have investigated finding fractions of a set.

We have continued to explore rivers and have located the main rivers of the UK using an atlas. In art the children have been researching the life and

works of Monet in preparation of our art lesson on rivers. We are hoping to spend the afternoon at the Thames to do some 'on location art' just as Monet would have done.

Next week we will be moving on to River poetry and time in maths.

Please remember to ensure you children practise their spelling and KIRFS and read daily. It is also really helpful if reading books can be in school every day together with book bags.

Mrs Pickering

Woodpecker class

Our WW2 theme has continued as we have explored how everyday life was altered, with a focus on Rationing. The children were quite surprised to see how much a weekly ration looked like! The general consensus was that it wasn't a lot: "I could eat most of that in one day!" remarked Charlie. We reflected on how rationing made people feel and how they reacted differently. This led to further discussions about recent events with (as they called it) COVID AND THE TOILET ROLLS! It showed they are linking events in the past to present times, and I hope they can take forward the lessons learned. As part of our rationing focus, the children are designing new propaganda posters to encourage a particular aspect, having seen a range of original designs from WW2. We look forward to sharing some with you! In English we have considered the use of modal verbs to explain the likelihood of events happening and will be applying this in our story writing about an evacuee. So far, they have planned their story and will write it next week, with plenty of time to self/peer assess and edit.

In Science we had an amazing session, where we considered how the flow of energy is controlled. There was a flurry of activity and drama to represent the electrons flowing in the circuit! The class have progressed in their use of circuit symbols and now draw with greater accuracy. Their explanations also show a better use of key vocabulary. Our next step will be to design and make a Morse code machine, as may have been used by 'The Dambusters' as they made their heroic raid.

As I'm sure you know by now, our Year 5/6 play is 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' and song rehearsals are well underway. Lots of 'swashbuckling' is happening and I'm really impressed with how quickly they are learning the words. The scripts have been given to the children and they need to learn their lines as



soon as possible, after half term it will be 'scripts down' in rehearsals. It's been fabulous to see groups of children in the playground rehearsing scenes together already! Once we have sorted out the costumes we need, we will send a list home so that they know what they need to bring in, we are keeping to simple colourways for different groups so it isn't going to be tricky. Particular characters will have specific costumes and we will sort that out (my sewing machine will be busy if necessary!) The children will also be involved in making props and scenery, so they will be very busy.

Please remember to discuss your child's reading with them, there are suggested questions in their reading journals. Also, can children practise their KIRFS daily. Many thanks!

Mrs Hicks

FOPS news

Donations for PURLEY JUMBLE TRAIL 22nd May

Thank you for all your donations of items for the Tombola that will be running at the Purley Jumble Trail along with donations of second-hand uniform.

The final house points tally is:-

- Watery Otter – 42
- Earthy Bear – 25
- Fiery Fox – 23
- Airy Heron – 25

Congratulations Watery Otter

Purley Jumble Trail

We have over 50 stalls already taking part in our first ever Jumble Trail on 22nd May! We are now not accepting any more sellers, but we would appreciate your help in spreading the word and telling family and friends to join us on the day! We are also looking for a couple of volunteers to man the entrance to Pond Field for parking between 10am – 2pm.



Donate £10 to pitch a Jumble Stall outside your own home on Sat 22nd May & be marked on the trail map.
Have a spring clean & sell any pre-loved toys, books, clothes, brick-a-brack, homemade goodies, gifts, & lots more!
Keep any money you make!

Email askfops@gmail.com by 30th April to book a stall!

Friends of Purley Primary School Registered charity no. 1083816

Please let us know at askfops@gmail.com if you or someone you know can help. Trail maps are available from The Mad Duck and the red shop on Colyton Way.

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

Are you available on Sunday 4th July to support the Tour de Purley? Can you help with any of the following?

- Putting up posters
- Marshalling the kids lap
- Marshalling the longer routes
- Items to put in the goodie bags – anything would be amazing
- Getting donations of water, bananas or oranges
- Helping on the day
- Sponsoring
- Setting up
- Clearing away

Please contact FOPS if you are available to help in anyway via: askfops@gmail.com

Fundraising for Tour de Purley

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 or if you prefer you can set up a just giving page linked to the event:

<https://www.justgiving.com/charities/events/dialogue?eventId=6669835>



A great day out for all!

For more info and to sign up visit: 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

08/06/21 – Swimming starts for Years 5 and 6

10/06/21 – Year 6 Englefield Estate Schools Day

11/06/21 – Swimming starts for Year 2 and Woodland School for Year 1

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

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