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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

Did you know that September 22nd is the world Car Free Day? Is there a way you can leave your car at home on Wednesday? We have two main priorities this year at school, the first is recovery, both mentally and academically following lockdown and the second is the environment. What can you do to help? Watch this space for more ways you can help as the year goes on.



Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship



In our celebration assemblies on Fridays we celebrate the children and staff who have gone that extra mile to live our school values of love, courage and wisdom. They are our Purley Paragons. This week I challenged the children asking them how many of

their parents know the school values. Do you know them? Have your children asked you about them? Celebrate their acts at home that display love, courage or wisdom

Mrs Fakes

information is up to date. They are very important, especially contact details, should there be an emergency.

School Office

Mrs Street will not be in school for a few weeks from Sept 20th. The office will be covered by Miss Davis who currently works as a lunchtime assistant so is known to the children. The office hours will be reduced. Please be patient with us during this time.



Year 1 Woodland School

The Year 1 start Woodland School at Basildon Park next Monday, 20th September. A letter has been sent out via ParentMail confirming all details.



Data Collection Sheet

Data collection sheets are being sent home with your children this week (with the exception of Hedgehog class). Please can you check all the details, make amendments if necessary, and return them to school so we can ensure our pupil

The Back Gate

Please be advised that from Monday 20th September the back gate onto Lister Close will only be opened at 08:50, in time for registration. Drop off for Breakfast Club will be via the front gate and children will need to come through the doors next to Owl Class (there is a doorbell if a member of staff is not around.) Please note that Breakfast Club starts at 08:00 and children should not be dropped off before this time.

Dates for the diary

Apologies, but there was a mistake in last week's newsletter with regard to the October half term holiday dates. These have now been rectified. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

Hedgehog class

On Monday afternoon we had our first PE session and we tried our very best to get changed into our PE kits independently - a work in progress and something we could maybe practise at home! We read the Bible story of how God created us and our world and thought about how we are all different and similar at the same time. We explored making wave patterns like the sea using our fingers and paint in a tray - we couldn't make the real sea like God, but our version was very beautiful. We have been playing lots of listening games and taking turns to speak in circle time so that we can listen to each other. Mrs Chohan found an enormous caterpillar heading for our snack table, so we put it in a viewing pot with some leaves - we will be watching closely to see what happens next!



Mrs Burton

Badger class

It was lovely to meet so many of my new parents on Wednesday at the Greet the Teacher meeting. This week Badger class have enjoyed reading facts about pirates and finding out if they are true or false. We have been working on composing sentences and using conjunctions to join our sentences together. Y1 have worked hard practising their cursive letters and we have started by looking at letters in the 2 o'clock family (c, a, d, g, q and s) Please refer to the handwriting booklet given out at the Greet the teacher meeting to help them practise further at home. The children are loving their Diddi Rugby session on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure that all their uniform and PE kits are labelled. In science we have explored animals and looked at how scientists group animals. In maths Y1 have been counting forwards and backwards. Y2 have been comparing numbers to 100 and writing numerals in words. We finished our week with a fun music lesson where the children enjoyed using a variety of percussion instruments. What a great way to end a busy week!

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

It has been another lovely week in Owl Class with lots of wonderful learning! In English the children have been thinking about writing an alternative version to 'The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark'. They are exploring another animal who may be afraid of something that is causing it a big problem! Owl class authors will be composing and publishing these next week. Place value is still the focus for everyone in maths, the Cubes have extended to 3 digit number and the Spheres to 4-digit numbers. How do we get day and night? - This is the question that has been explored through science, I am sure your child will give you a wonderful explanation if you ask them! Our DT project is coming along well and the sewing has started. If you can spare an hour on Friday afternoons 2-3pm to help thread needles please do let the office know. Next week we will be electing our school councillor and other monitor jobs. Please remind your children to get their applications in by Tuesday.



Thank you to all the parents who came along to 'Greet the Teacher' on Wednesday, I do hope you found it useful. If you didn't make it, an information sheet with your child login details for our learning platforms will be in your child's book bag next week.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class

Well, what a busy week we've had here in Falcon Class! The class are thoroughly enjoying 'Kensuke's Kingdom' in English and have used drama outside to explore the changing feelings of the characters as they face their voyage round the world. Our blankets have come in handy making the shape of boats, to give that 'authentic' feel! The ideas have come thick and fast and next week these will feed into their 'ship's log' diary entry as Michael. Over in Maths we have continued to work more on Place Value (up to 10 million, depending on the group!) and considered aspects such as partitioning, recombining, ordering, comparing and rounding. These are key skills which underpin all the operations (addition etc.) so time has been well spent securing their skills.



In Geography we have explored longitude and latitude and considered how these are used to navigate - where would GPS be without them? Next week we move onto the difference between weather and climate, so perhaps have a look at our weather this weekend and see how it reflects our general

climate. In Science we have explored gravity in different ways: research using a clip from BBC Bitesize, investigation (ask about the rocks!) and drawing graphs to present results. I have been impressed in their children's use of key scientific vocabulary in their discussions. Well done to all of them!

I enjoyed meeting parents at our information evening this week, it was lovely to put some names to new faces as well as seeing familiar ones. I have recently received more information about the Residential trip and will send more information to the Y6 parents, as I mentioned in our meeting. Please continue to share the children's reading books with them and sign their Reading Journals, many thanks for doing so already.



Mrs Hicks

FOP's news

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Without the help and support of parents, grandparents, carers and local volunteers, we cannot continue to raise the much-needed funds to enrich the education of our children at Purley School. With parents stepping down from the FOPS (Friends of Purley School) Committee, we are looking for new Committee members. As a small committee we really do need support from all parents to help raise vital funds for the school that directly benefits our children. There are various Committee roles on offer or even if you'd just like to help at events throughout the year, we'd gladly welcome you with open arms!

Our **AGM** will be taking place on Tuesday 12th October – venue to be confirmed shortly. This is when we'll be electing the Committee for the forthcoming academic year. If you are interested in joining the FOPS Committee or are able to give some time to help with events or just want to know a little bit more about it, please contact Danni Tovey, Sarah Clarke or Natalie Taylor. You can also contact the committee via email: askfops@gmail.com. We are always keen for new ideas, committee members or feedback.

THAMESIDE FIREWORKS FIESTA

The Thameside Fireworks Fiesta will be going off with a bang again this year, on Sunday 7th November! It promises to be another fantastic not-to-be-missed event for all the family and once again proceeds are in aid of the school. Tickets will be on sale soon. In the meantime please have a look at the website: www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.co.uk

Purley Primary School PTA are looking for wonderful volunteers to help bring the Thameside Fireworks Fiesta together. If you can help in the run up, or on the day, we would love to hear from you.

Please complete the volunteer form and we will be in touch:

<https://forms.gle/3ydGYEHQSe13kxxs7>

Dates for the diary

20/09/21 – Year 1 Woodland School starts

12/10/21 – FOPS AGM

21/10/21 – Harvest Festival

21/10/21 – End of Autumn Term 1

22 - 29/10/21 – **Half Term**

01/11/21 – Start of Autumn Term 2

07/11/21 - Fireworks

10/11/21 – Individual School Photos

21 - 27/11/21 – Year 6 Residential

17/12/21 – End of Autumn Term 2 at 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:

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Karen Fakes (Head teacher)

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VILLAGE



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CONCERTS

St Mary's, Purley on Thames RG8 8BJ
7pm Doors & Bar, 8pm Music

Luke Jackson **Saturday 6th November**

Luke Jackson, a young Roots singer/songwriter who has been performing since he was 13, was winner of Fatea's 'Male Artist of the Year' in 2014 & 2016 and his last studio release 'Journals' was voted 2019 Album of the Year by Fatea Magazine. Luke has toured Europe & the USA and we can't wait to welcome him to Village Concerts!



"One of the most distinctive voices on the contemporary folk scene"
- Folk Radio U

"Reminds me of Jeff Buckley" – Mark Radcliffe

"One in a million..."
- Maverick Music Magazine

Danni Nicholls **Saturday 4th December**



Growing up on the American roots music of her Anglo-Indian grandmother's record collection, singer/songwriter Danni Nicholls' style has been described as "smoky soul, folk-pop & heart-wrenching alt-country, all in a rich voice." Danni has played shows with Shakin' Stevens, The Secret Sitters & notable & has been invited to perform at festivals around the world.

Tickets: Earlybird Adult £12, Youth £8; Full-price Adult £15, Youth £10
www.villageconcerts.co.uk

Corn Exchange Activities October half term

Corn Exchange Newbury have got some great activities lined up for the kids this October half term! We'd love to see you there.

Make and Do

Join us for our Make and Do Holiday Club for a world of creative fun that will keep boredom at bay all day long!

Our popular Make and Do sessions have been super-sized and now young people aged 4 to 8 can come and join us for day-long creative fun in the school holidays.

Taking place in our dedicated workshop space, the Learning Centre, participants will get the chance to take part in all sort of creative activities led by our expert team - from arts and craft to drama, dance and movement as well as the chance to relax and watch a film.

Dates: Mon 25 Oct - Fri 29 Oct, 9am - 5pm

Age Guide: 4 - 8 yrs

Drop off from 8:30am, pick up until 5:30pm

Dress for mess, bring a packed lunch and plenty of water!

Click the link to book:

<https://cornexchangenew.com/event/make-and-do-october-half-term>

Arts and Culture Passport Morning

Achieve your Discover Arts Award in a morning. The theme is, 'Out of this World' so be prepared for the weird and the wonderful!

Start your journey at Newbury Library, take a tour of the Museum, and complete your Passport with some drama at the Corn Exchange.

Dates: Tues 26 Oct

Times: 10am-12:30pm

Age guide: 5-12 yrs

Children must be supervised by their parent/carer at all times.

Click the link to book:

<https://cornexchangenew.com/event/arts-and-culture-passport-morning>

Makaton Social

Play, socialise and craft with Makaton!

Join us for a relaxed session in the Balcony Bar that you can enjoy as a whole family.

These sessions are for families of children who use Makaton to communicate.

Dates: Wed 27 Oct

Times: 2pm - 3.30pm

Age guide: 4-11 yrs

Click the link to book:

<https://cornexchangenew.com/event/makaton-social>

Pumpkin Carving

Join us at 101 Outdoor Arts as we get creative with pumpkins, and best of all we'll clean up all of the mess!

Pumpkin, tools and decorative materials provided.

Times: 10.30am - 12pm & 1pm - 2.30pm

Age guide: For the whole family!

Click the link to book:

<https://cornexchangenew.com/event/pumpkin-carving>