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Friday Newsletter

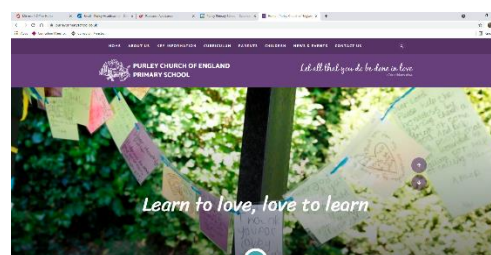
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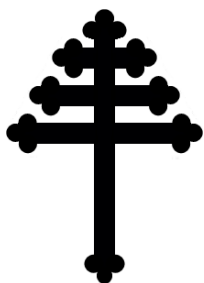
Headteacher's Update

Thanks to the donation from FOPS, our school website was significantly updated a couple of years ago. We are now reviewing the contents and would like to hear from you if you have looked for information and not found it. You as the users, are in the best place to feedback to us. We know we have all the legal requirements but is there anything that would make things easier for you? Please email the office or speak to me at the gate if there is anything you would like to put forward.

Mrs Fakes



Collective Worship



This term, on Thursdays, we have been looking at different crosses. Last week we looked at the Ethiopian cross and this week we learnt about the Lebanese cross. We noticed that it had three bars denoting the Holy Trinity- God the father, God the Son and God the

Holy Spirit. Did you know that the trees of Lebanon are mentioned 77 times in the Bible? The cross also looks a bit like a tree and there is a tree on the Lebanese flag. A third of the population of Lebanon are Christian. We saw how close Lebanon was to Turkey, Cyprus, Syria and Iraq and thought about what it would be like to live there. We prayed for hope and peace in this small but great country.

Mrs Fakes

Harvest Festival



As mentioned in the diary dates, our Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday 21st October. If the weather is kind to us it will be at the front of school.

We will be collecting food on behalf of West Berks Food Bank. They provide food parcels for those in need and a poster is attached behind the newsletter detailing their top 10 desired items. There will be a collection box in the playground w/c 18th October.

Breakfast & Nutkin Club

Have you considered our Breakfast or After School Club? We are in the privileged position to offer school wrap around care at our school.

Breakfast Club runs each weekday morning from 8 - 8:50 AM

Nutkin Club runs each weekday afternoon from 3.15 - 6 PM

Perhaps this is not something you have looked into for your child. But, if you are rushing to work, working from home or have other commitments, you may find yourself overstretched.

At breakfast club the children enjoy their choice from a selection of cereals, toast, brioche and pancakes. There is then a choice of activities such as drawing, board games, construction toys and arts and crafts activities. They play alongside their friends until the start of the school day.

At Nutkin club, the children are offered a wide range of recreational, social and creative activities, varying from day to day. They are also provided with a snack.

Bookings need to be made in advance, however, the school wraparound care is very flexible. You don't have to sign up for every day or every week. Just at times that suit you and your family.

Bookings can be made via: <https://purley.childcare-online-booking.co.uk>

St Gabriel's

On Saturday 2nd October, St Gabriel's school in Newbury are hosting their Autumn Term Whole School Open Morning from 9:00am to 12:30pm. They would be delighted to welcome any families with children in Years 4 and 5 who are considering senior school options. Tours can be arranged with members of the teaching team on an appointment only basis. Please contact the school to arrange an appointment time.

School Photographer

The school photographer is due in on Wednesday 10th November to take children's individual photos. He will be set up from 8.30 in the hall to take photos of non-school siblings (ie siblings that are at another school or nursery/home). Children who have siblings in school will have their photos taken together and separately too during the morning session.

Year 1 Woodland School

What a special day it was as we returned to Basildon Park for our Woodland Adventures after such a long time!



We were very lucky with the weather as we enjoyed playing in the warm sunshine. First we thought of how to stay safe and the children showed an excellent understanding with their suggestions of

staying in our area, not eating any plants or berries and not climbing too high in the trees. Although we discussed how to look out for roots and tree stumps many of us took a gentle tumble so that's something to work on next week!

All the children were soon busily engaged in making dens and collecting firewood for pretend campfires. Children showed great resilience to get it just right. It was wonderful to watch the children explore and play imaginatively together.

I was also impressed with their problem solving as one child said- Let's work together! What fantastic collaboration.

It was a treat to see the Year 1 Team having such a great time together.

Hedgehog class

Our maths story book this week has been Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons. We enjoyed singing along with his song and we played sorting and matching games with lots of buttons. We have been practising writing our names and learning some phonemes (sounds) in phonics. In the home corner, Harry E wrote a list of the jobs that needed doing and ticked them off as they got done, while Layne checked in the dusty attic to get things down for the babies. Reggie decided to be a doctor and had to x-ray my arm to see what was wrong with it, and Darcie-Clare and Archie made funny faces using the Fuzzy Felt. Outside in the garden, Kylon, Elliot, Flinn and Lottie played schools and practised their writing and listening to the teacher skills.



Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have been fascinated to find out about the infamous pirate Blackbeard. Following our research, we discussed how we felt about him, how we could describe him and then we created our own WANTED posters. We pretended that we had been marooned on a desert island and using our best handwriting wrote messages in a bottle with the hope of being rescued. Y1 took great care with their 2 o'clock letters and Y2 tried hard to join up. We then enjoyed filling our bottles with sand, sea glass and tiny shells. In Geography we have used atlases to find out about the continents and oceans of the world. Y1 have worked on one more and one less in maths and Y2 have explored further representing numbers to 100

using base 10 to show the tens and units in a 2-digit number.

The school council hustings have taken place this week and I was extremely proud of all the children who prepared for this and showed the courage to stand up in front of their class and give their speeches. Well done to Scarlett and Wilf who were voted in as the Y2 representatives and George Bryan and Leyla as the Y1 representatives.

Please remember to help your child learn their maths targets and KIRFS at home and to send in their completed reading or spelling fish when they are ready for the next one.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

This week in owl class we have been practising our skills to be buddy authors. The children have explored the different sections of a story and what needs to go in to make it a GOOD story. We used a story mountain to plan our story and now we are starting to write them. They are sounding pretty amazing! Both maths groups are still exploring place value and using this knowledge to compare and order numbers. In R.E. we have looked at the praying hands and the children completed some lovely pencil sketches. We have had lots of fun investigating shadows in science and thinking about how they are formed and why they change shape and position throughout the day!



Whilst our sewing was put on hold for this week, we will be resume as normal next Friday at 2:00pm. If anyone is free to help. We will also be welcoming the 'real' Owls on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class

The children in Falcon class have been very inspired by Michael's journey in 'Kensukes Kingdom', as seen by the amazing diary entries this week. They've used facts from the text and inferred the opinions of the characters to add details that really engaged the reader. As we used Google Classroom, they were able to go back and edit several times to polish their final writing. Well done to them all! Over in Maths, all the groups have been honing their place value skills in their particular levels of challenge. The Hexagons enjoyed the context of the castle



dungeons when considering negative numbers! In Geography we have been constantly recapping longitude and latitude and using the atlases to consider climate zones, extreme climates and follow Michael's journey from our class book. Our chrome books came in handy again when researching facts such as hottest/driest/wettest places in the world. There were a few surprises-ask them about the driest place. Computer coding is in full swing and we enjoyed adding code and debugging to 'Splatty Bug' today. This will lead to children designing and writing their own code for a game next week.

Year 6 have had a couple of practice SAT papers this week, they asked me to start this term so we are starting gently. We will do more as the weeks go by and use homework opportunities to brush up skills. Thank you for the support you give them with these tasks at home.

Mrs Hicks

FOPS news

FOPS SOCIAL

FOPS are holding an after-school social on Wednesday 29th September and Thursday 30thSeptember at the playground at Bucknell's Meadow. If you would like the opportunity to meet some other parents from the school whilst the kids play, please do come and join us from 3.30pm. We'll provide drinks and biscuits!

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

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>