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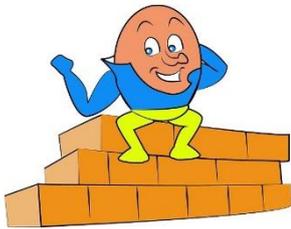


Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

15th October 2021

Headteacher's Update



I know that most of you will be able to recite Humpty Dumpty but can you recite eight different Nursery Rhymes?

Research has shown that if a child knows at least 8 of the rhymes by the age of 4 they are more successful at school, particularly at reading. See if you and your child can list the rhymes you know. It could be a very long list!

Mrs Fakes

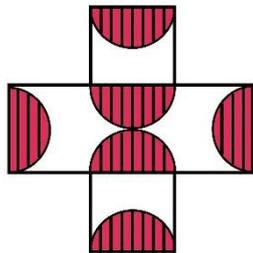
Collective Worship

The Taxila cross was the focus in Collective worship on Thursday. It is the cross adopted by the church in Pakistan. Life can be difficult for Christians in Pakistan. We learnt a chorus used by Pakistani Christians.

" I have begun to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back."

We prayed that the dream for Pakistan would be fulfilled, that it would be a place of equality, respect, progress and prosperity.

Mrs Fakes



Harvest Festival



As per our tradition of holding Harvest festival on the last day before the holidays, we will be celebrating on Thursday morning at 9:15. Due to social distancing guidance, unfortunately we will not be inviting parents, we do however, hope to hold the service at the front of the school should the weather be kind to us. For many years we have collected food for the Food Bank and you have always been very generous. This year the food bank have requested the following if possible –tinned meals, tinned soup, tinned tomatoes, baked beans, UHT milk, long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, custard/rice pudding, shampoo, and toilet roll. Please send in your contributions next week.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who have already have booked online appointments with your child's teacher. Please be aware that bookings on ParentMail will close 24 hours before the start of each session. A Teams meeting link will be sent out prior to the event.

Half Term and Inset Day

Please be aware that Thursday 21st October is the last day of term. Friday 22nd October is an inset day and school is closed. We hope you all enjoy half term holiday and look forward to seeing all the children back on Monday 1st November.

Year 1 Woodland School and Year 2 Swimming

With it being the last week of term, please be advised that there is no swimming or Woodland School on Monday 18th October.

PCR Test Results

In light of the recent concerns regarding PCR testing, please can I draw your attention to a statement last night by West Berkshire Council. A link to the statement is included in the Parentmail accompanying this letter. Individuals who took a PCR test between 3rd and 12th October and had a negative result are invited to seek a re-test. Although the statement mentions the Newbury Showground test centre specifically, this advice would apply to any test centre where a negative result was returned during this period.

Summer Reading Challenge



The results are now in and congratulations to Airy Herons for winning the first house competition of this school year. Thank you to all of you who took part and continue to enjoy your reading. **Let the reading bug spread across the school!!**

Some fun activities to get involved in at our local libraries during half term.

Two posters from West Berkshire Libraries. The left poster is for 'Create your own coaster' at Pangbourne Library on Monday 25 October, 2-4pm. It features a colorful illustration of a roller coaster track with various animals and dinosaurs. The right poster is for 'Dino Week' at Theale Library from 23 to 30 October. It features a dinosaur and a volcano. Both posters include details about the activities and contact information for the libraries.

Running Club

I have only had 2 parents who have offered to support running club, and these are not for every week. Unfortunately, without further support the club may not be able to go ahead. If you can help us, you don't need to be a runner nor commit to every week, please do get in touch. This has been very popular in the past and a sport that Purley

School has excelled in. It would be such a shame to lose it.

Year 1 Woodland School

Before leaving for our woodland adventures we listened to the story of Squirrel Nutkin. We thought about how squirrels collect nuts ready for their long sleep during the cold winter months and Dinesh reminded us that it is called hibernation. On arrival George spotted an unusual bird crossing the road that he thought was a chicken but it was actually a pheasant. We listened to bird song and Leyla identified it as a robin singing high up in the trees behind us. After working as a team to create a shelter, there was a clear split between the girls and boys today with most of the girls digging an area of sandy soil looking for worms and treasure- they were surprised to find an old toy car!



Many of the boys played games in the den and enjoyed hiding from each other behind the trees. All of the children enjoyed using the fallen branches and logs to add to the dens, shelter and use as part of their games. George. C made a really useful magic wand to use in his game.



Mrs Hodsdon

Hedgehog class

The focus of our learning this week has been inspired by the traditional tale of The Little Red Hen. We talked about how the characters in the story had behaved and then we all joined in with baking some delicious bread rolls. We retold the story using actions for the different characters, and we created story maps of the steps the little red hen went through to make her loaf of bread. In maths we have been using natural resources and things we found around the classroom to continue and create repeating patterns - printing patterns with fruit and



vegetables turned out to be a fun, but messy activity! We also found out how God shared the Ten Commandments with Moses, and we thought about how we can follow them in our day to day lives. Our younger hedgehogs also shared the story of The Gingerbread Man and carried out an experiment to find out what happens to gingerbread when it goes into water!

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have been enjoying poetry this week and looking at how poems are presented and written. We discussed how rhythm and rhyme work well in poetry and how adjectives and alliteration can also be very effective. We started by creating our own class rap about pirates and had fun performing it in a variety of different ways. For inspiration we watched the rapper Stormzy perform "Blinded by your Grace" and the children were amazed to find out how he started writing raps at the age of 11. We then had a go at writing our own poems or raps about pirates and have entered a national competition. The children were very proud of their work and who knows, maybe a future Stormzy or poet is currently in Badger class! In music this week we have continued to work on rhythm and pulse and we used the glockenspiels and percussion instruments to perform together and accompany a rock piece of music. In maths Y1 have been ordering numbers, largest to smallest, smallest to largest and using ordinal language. Y2 have also been comparing numbers using the inequality signs and ordering numbers up to 100. Over the course of the term, we have been plotting features onto a class treasure map in the hope of winning the treasure. Congratulations goes to Theo, whose grid reference was the winner. We finished our busy week listening to the story "Bloom" by Anne Booth. We reflected on how kind words, actions and thoughts are remembered for a long time and make us bloom and feel good. We shared our thoughts on what we would like to bloom into and what makes us bloom. For our reflection area we created some beautiful "Blooming" art work.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

As we near the end of our Owl topic, I am being blown away by the amount of facts that children can



recall about owls. They have published some amazing fact sheets detailing all that they know. In maths the cubes are now exploring +/- of 1,10 and 100s and the spheres are investigating column addition. This week in science we have thought about what refraction is, what materials are reflective and what we could do test different materials. The children will be explaining their findings in a Dragon's Den style presentation next week. Our beautiful stitched owls are gathering their plumage and looking amazing, many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who have supported us with this on Friday afternoons. This term the children have really enjoyed Tag rugby and football in PE and we have some great team players in both sports within the class.

I am hoping that after half term we will be meeting via google meet, with our partner school based in Florida, for some collaborative projects.

We are all very excited about our owl walk, fingers crossed we see or hear one!

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class



WOW- What an amazing week we have had here in Falcon Class! Our studies of Kensuke's Kingdom have led us to writing couplet poems based on Michael's experience of being washed overboard. We explored how to use figurative language and have used a dog motif to gather ideas together. "The howling wind slapped his face like a devilish fist," from Percy demonstrates this well. All the poems will be gathered into a class anthology, so we can look at them all year and also share with others. Our coding lessons have been working towards making a game with a timer and scoring capability and it has been super to see all our programmers busily creating! The children's Great Wave art is



looking amazing and we have considered how to improve our watercolour skills for the future. Meanwhile, in French we have pulled together all our learning about reading and decoding new vocabulary to create our own French book: Boucle d'or et les trois ours! Very impressive indeed.

Please can children remember that jewellery should not be worn in PE sessions (Tuesday and Wednesdays) and earrings are covered by tape if they cannot be removed.

Mrs Hicks

FOPS news



Need to have a big clear out? FOPS have booked another **bag2school collection** for **Friday 26 November**. Collection bags will be available after half term, however they also accept bin liners and carrier

bags of clothes too, if you wished to start your clear out sooner.

Bag2School collects the following in good condition for reuse:

Children's clothing

Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)

Handbags

Hats

Bags

Scarves and ties

Jewellery

Lingerie

Socks

Belts

Soft toys

Household linen

Household curtains

Household towels

Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They don't accept:

Duvets and blankets

Pillows and cushions

Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)

Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing

School uniforms with and without logo

Corporate clothing and workwear

Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Your unwanted clothes = school PTA funding.

Thank you for your support.

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!

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 are now on sale at the Mad Duck Café, shop, in school and 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/3ydGYEHQSe13kxs7>

Dates for the diary

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

26/11/21 – bag2school Collection

17/12/21 – End of Autumn Term 2 at 1:15pm

26/05/22 – **Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday**

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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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>