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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

21st October 2021

Headteacher's Update

Just a short letter this week with a reminder that Thursday 21st October is the last day of term. Friday 22nd October is an inset day and school is closed until after half term. I hope you all have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 1st November

Mrs Fakes

Governor News

It seems odd that to think we have already reached the end of this first (half) term, and yet it has been such a busy one for all of the school team, who very much deserve a week off.

We started our term by saying a huge thank you and begrudging farewell to Mr Matthew Barber who had served on the governing body for almost 8 years. We also welcomed two new members onto our governing body:

- Mrs Ruth Bennie, as foundation governor; Ruth works for the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education and comes with a wealth of experience to enrich and develop us all as governors;
- Mrs Hayley Gittins, a co-opted governor; Hayley has recently retired and brings her years of passion and experience of supporting those with Special Educational Needs to expand our awareness and understanding in this important educational area.

Thus far, as a body we have been reviewing our preparedness for the resumption of the statutory inspections. During our discussions, we were inspired by how well the pupils had continued their learning over throughout the last year, both in and out of school.

To find out more about the governing board, check out the school website. If you have a question or

any feedback, please do contact us via clerk@purley.w-berks.sch.uk we'd love to hear from you.

Pam Slingsby, Chair of Governors

Squid Games

We have had two incidents this week where children have reference Squid Game, the series on Netflix with a 15 certificate (can also be accessed through Tik Tok and You Tube). We strongly advise that children should not watch Squid Game. The show is quite graphic with a lot of violent content often taking place on a playground. This is prompting a safeguarding concern. If your child has already seen this programme, please talk to them about it and ensure that they do not encourage others to replicate the games.

FOPS news

THAMESIDE FIREWORKS FIESTA

The Thameside Fireworks Fiesta is fast approaching on Sunday 7th November. We are very excited that the event can go ahead after having to be cancelled last year. However, in order to make the event a success we still need some help in the following areas:-

2 x Marshalls on Mapledurham side - 5pm - 7:30pm

4 x People on Mapledurham Drive with a torch 5:30 - 6:45

4 x Gazebos dropped to field at 9am

3 x Set up 9am - 11am - Putting up Gazebos and setting up the field

2 x Pack away 7:15 - 8pm

This is an amazing and fun event, that makes the school a lot of money which is used to directly help the children's learning. If you can help with any of the above roles, we would be very grateful. Please either text Danni on 07796936410 or complete the volunteer

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

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

FOPS held a second-hand uniform sale outside of school last Tuesday and raised a fantastic £46.00, whilst also helping sustainability and keeping useable clothes out of landfill. We will be holding further sales every half-term, so do remember to think of us when you need new uniform or if you have any items to donate. Items of age 7+ are particularly in demand. Thank you to everyone who has either purchased or donated so far.

FOPS AGM

The FOPS AGM took place last week. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. The Committee would like to say a massive 'THANK YOU!' to Danni, who stepped down from the role of Chair after 3 amazing years. Danni has been a FOPS committee member since her eldest daughter started school and she is now in year 8! Danni has done so much for school, its children and the PTA for so many years now and we are sure you want to join us to say a huge thank you to her – Thanks Danni - You're amazing!

We also have some new faces on the committee for 2021/2022:-

- Chair – Chloe Tigwell
- Treasurer – Jennifer Campbell
- Co-Secretaries – Sarah Clarke & Natalie Taylor
- Committee Members - Samantha Ham, Claire Hawkins, Danyelle Tovey, Lucy Eldred & Michelle Allsop.

If you weren't able to attend the meeting but would still like to be involved, it's not too late. Just speak to anyone of the Committee members and we'll be very happy for you to join us at our future meetings.

Dates for the diary

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

01189842384 or email:

headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk

Karen Fakes (Head teacher)

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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>