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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

"Purley Primary School is an inclusive, nurturing school where the Christian vision and values of love, courage and wisdom are lived out very successfully. Because the school is relentless in supporting their needs, pupils of all abilities and backgrounds progress well and reach their potential."

These are words from our recent inspection by SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). The SIAMS inspector visited us on the last day before half term. It is with great pleasure I attach our SIAMS report, detailing the findings of the day. I was so proud of everyone and so pleased that the inspector could see what a wonderful school Purley is.

Mrs Fakes



Collective Worship

The children arrived back in school on Monday, many having been out trick or treating. In our collective worship, we considered the Christian connections with the Hallowe'en festival. Hallowe'en is the evening of All Hallows Day (Nov 1st also known as All Saints day). We considered who wears halos. The halo shows that the person is precious and special to God - i.e. 'holy'. We sometimes call these people 'saints'. We also call people saints who are very kind or helpful. The children considered whether they could be saints. I hope you have seen many haloes this week!

Mrs Fakes



Children who have siblings in school will have their photos taken together and separately too during the morning session.

Remembrance Day

Next week, at 11o'clock on Nov 11th, we will take part in a minute's silence for Remembrance Day. This will be very short with the children singing a song. If it is not torrential rain, this will definitely be at the front of the school should you wish to join us for the silence.



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival was a big success on the last day before half term. Thank you for all your contributions for the Food bank, we had quite a haul. Apologies if you turned up to see it outdoors, but with the weather so windy it was decided to hold it indoors. Windy weather has a big impact on children! If you wish to see how well our children performed and how we



School Photographer

The school photographer is due in on Wednesday 10th November to take children's individual photos. Unfortunately, due to the rise in Covid cases in the area, we are having to cancel photos with non-school siblings.



celebrated Harvest, click on the link.
<https://youtu.be/iVIAGFjmGYw>

Odd Sock day

The week of November 15th is anti-bullying week and we will be focusing on celebrating the differences between us with an Odd Sock day. Children can wear whatever socks/ tights they wish on Monday 15th November. They can be very colourful! They don't have to be odd as in sense of a pair. Boys can wear socks over trousers or shorts should they wish to showcase their socks. Even though we are a small school in Berkshire, our school community is quite diverse.



Children in Need

The week of November 15th will be a busy week as November 19th is Children in Need day! Feedback from previous years indicate that this is a charity that many of our children and parents wish to support. We will have a non-uniform day on Friday 19th November with a focus on wearing spots. We would suggest a contribution of at least a pound. If Covid arrangements allow, we will also be doing a biscuit sale.



Children's Parliament

Samuel in Falcon Class joined the Children's Parliament in half term. It was part of a countrywide debate and he represented Purley as our MP!



It was a great honour to be picked to represent my school for the Children's Parliament 2021 which was featured in a newspaper and on YouTube. Over 200 children took part in the online debate on 29th October. I must thank Mrs Hicks for putting me forward for it. The main subjects for the debate were Global Warming and COP26 but other subjects such as Fair Trade and Home Learning were included. Finding out what we have done to our planet was heart-breaking. It was so inspiring when we found out that The Prime Minister had sent us a video. I really enjoyed doing this and I hope we can make our world a better place.

Samuel

Hedgehog class

It was great to hear what a fun time the children had during Halloween - they were all keen to share their news about dressing up, carving pumpkins, and, of course the sweets!



The story of Dipal's Diwali began our learning about Diwali. We used clay and paints to create beautiful Rangoli mats, and we acted out the story of Rama and Sita using stick puppets and ourselves as the characters. Sadie, Harry E, Kylon and Sebastian stood together to make the evil Ravanna who has many heads and arms, whilst Ariyah, Reggie, Darcie-Clare and Flinn practised making scary and menacing faces.

Outside in the garden the children decided to use a huge bag of sticks to create a campfire, with fallen leaves threaded onto sticks for the marshmallows - delicious!

Mrs Burton

Badger class



It has been lovely working with Badger class this week and starting our new topic, "Shall we have a party?" To ignite the learning, we played pass the parcel, made some beautiful bunting to hang in our classroom and decorated some biscuits. We listened to Stevie Wonder "Happy Birthday to you" which the children loved. We have researched why we have bonfire parties and as history detectives we looked at how Guy Fawkes and King James 1st dressed in the Tudor times. Studying historical paintings, we researched further the story of the Gunpowder plot and wrote clear captions for the images. In science we have started to look at the properties of different materials and went on a scavenger material hunt around the classroom. Our maths this week has focussed on addition and subtraction. The children have all gone home with a new KIRF (Key Instant Recall Fact) Y1 are investigating all number bonds to 6 and Y2 are leaning their 2 times table. Please help them to practise at home as they will be tested regularly throughout the term. Many thanks

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

We have had a lovely start back after the half term and all children seem fully refreshed and ready to learn. In English we are using the novel 'The Boy Who Grew



Dragons' by Andy Shepherd as a stimulus for a range of writing. This week we have been thinking about descriptive language and describing our own pet dragon. Next week we will be debating if a dragon would make a good pet. In maths the Spheres have been revisiting column subtraction and exploring more than one exchange. The Cubes are also thinking about crossing tens but for addition of a 3 digit and 1 digit number. We have been using this week to finish of some of last terms learning, including our sewn owls and exploring coding to make object move, disappear and reappear on a screen. We will be munching our way into our next topic, 'Bake a Better Biscuit' from Monday!

Just a reminder that spelling books need to be in school on Mondays and reading books should be in every day. This term PE will be on Tuesday and Friday. Jewellery must be removed for all PE lessons or tape provided if earrings cannot be removed. With the cooler weather now upon us, I recommend tracksuit trousers/leggings, black is preferable and a plain sweatshirt black, navy or house colour with no large logos. Trainers are more suitable than pumps for the field.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class

Our children in Falcon class have been thoroughly enjoying learning about the COP26 conference in Glasgow. We have been gathering the skills and facts needed to write to our MP about climate change. I have been incredibly impressed at the maturity of thought from the children. They have put their heart and soul into their letters, which we will send off to Alok Sharma. "I would like you to make a change because we're turning up the heat quickly and we need to do something about it." from Syd and "It might not affect you but it does affect me!" from Ollie. We also had a spirited debate about whether plastic products sold on behalf of the British Legion should be in school! The children could see that it is important to support them and came up with alternative ideas to raise money.



Over in Science we have started our current topic of the circulation system and it was great to see how much the children knew about existing systems which they have studied in lower years (skeletal, digestive, muscular). One of our homework tasks is linked to Science, the exercise diary, so why not ask the children and see how you can help. Speaking of homework, the tasks set are on the Google Classroom and as we are trying to REDUCE our use

of resources, a paper copy is not being given out. I look forward to seeing their projects in school! In RE we have started to consider Jesus as the Messiah and we looked at the historical background to the situation in Israel at the time of Jesus. We realized that the Messiah they wanted was very different to what Jesus was.....

Mrs Hicks

FOPS news

THAMESIDE FIREWORKS FIESTA

The Thameside Fireworks Fiesta is **this Sunday!** The weather is looking good, so do please join us for this amazing, fun event. Hot food will be available, including vegetarian options. There will also be doughnuts and sweet treats for the kids (or adults!). There will also be a licenced bar, so you can grab a mulled wine before watching the spectacular firework display over the river. Discounted early bird tickets are still available via the website

<https://www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.co.uk/> - so do please come and join us. This is FOPS' biggest fundraiser for the school, with all profits helping to fund playground equipment, theatre trips, swimming lessons, woodland school plus lots more – all of which massively enhances our children's learning experience.

We could also do with a few more volunteers to help this event run smoothly on the night. If can spare any time at all to help, please message Danni on 07796936410 and she will provide you with more information.

SPECIAL OFFERS

Is it too early to mention the word "Christmas"? Probably, but we are going to say it anyway. FOPS have partnered up with two companies that would be great Christmas gifts whilst also raising money for the school.

First News

Great news! Our school has partnered with First News – the UK's only newspaper for young people.

Read and loved by over 2.6 million children each week in schools and home across the UK, First News has been shown to improve reading and comprehension skill. Reporting



on the big news stories from the UK and around the world, First News explains current events in a way children can understand and enjoy. First News is unbiased, politically neutral, fully independent and has been providing children with age-appropriate news for 15 years.

To make things even better, by becoming one of their partner schools, we have been given an introductory offer for our parents - try First News free for 6 weeks and if you continue to subscribe after your free trial, FOPS will get money back to put towards our school. To ensure school receives the commission please use our school's code partner-**kmhxc**

For more information or sign up for the free trial please use this link <http://first.news/partner-kmhxc>. The link ensures any paid subscriptions are correctly allocated to our school.

Happy reading!

TOUCANBOX

Have you heard of the monthly craft kits by toucanbox? They are awesome! Creative boxes for curious kids, toucanbox offer a flexible subscription encouraging crafting, creativity and learning in children aged 3-8. FOPS have now got a special subscriber link that means Purley school families will get their first craft box for half price and toucanbox will donate £5 to school! It's a win-win. Subsequent deliveries are monthly and include shipping. Parents can cancel easily at any time. The following link must be used when signing up, otherwise school won't receive the donations.



<https://signup.toucanbox.com/?code=SCH45SE&school=purleprq8bc3e>

Support FOPS whilst shopping on Amazon!

FOPS are now a registered charity on Amazon Smile. At no extra cost to you, Amazon will donate to Friends of Purley School Parent and Teacher Association every time you shop on Amazon. To activate donations to FOPS either search and select our charity through your Amazon app in the settings section: AmazonSmile ON via the Amazon app (settings>AmazonSmile>On) and then sign up to support Friends of Purley School, or shop via



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Dates for the diary

07/11/21 - Fireworks

10/11/21 – Individual School Photos

11/11/21 - Remembrance Service 11am

15/11/21 – Odd Sock day

19/11/21 – Children in Need non uniform day

21 - 27/11/21 – Year 6 Residential

26/11/21 – bag2school Collection

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

05/01/22 – Start of Spring Term 1

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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