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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

On the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month of 2021, the school gathered to remember all the brave soldiers killed, not only in World War One but in every war since. It was a moving service with all the children being so respectful. It was also lovely that some parents joined us from the road.



Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship

Our theme for this term is respect. On Monday our worship focused on a Proverb (13:16)

"Wise people are careful to stay out of trouble"

We linked it to how we need to be wise in what we do and say, being respectful of others. We looked at a puppet who would only act if it had a puppeteer. We are in charge of our own bodies. Our hands, our mouths do what our minds tell them to do.

Mrs Fakes

School Photographer

The proofs of the school photos have been sent home in book bags this week.



The deadline for ordering a copy of their photograph is Monday 22nd November. Please ensure that your order and payment envelope is returned to the office by this date. Alternatively, photos can be purchased directly through the Tempest website. The cut-off date for ordering online is Sunday 21st November at 23:59.

Odd Socks day

Don't forget to send your child into school on Monday in odd socks so that we are reminded to respect everyone even if they are different from us



Children in Need

This year Children in Need will be on Friday 19th November. We are inviting children to



come to school in spotty clothing. This may be a top, trousers/skirt, socks or just spotty ribbon in their hair. In return we ask for a small donation to be made. The monies received will be split between Children in Need and the Anti-Bullying Alliance which we will be acknowledging on Monday 13th by wearing our odd socks for the day! Due to the Covid restrictions in school at this time, we have decided not to make to sell and biscuits as previously mentioned.

Message from the Governors

Just a quick reminder, please find a few minutes to complete a very brief, anonymous parent survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZX9H6DF>

Thank you.

Pam Slingsby, Chair of Governors

Uniform

As the weather is getting colder, the need for good ventilation is also making inside the school colder. We advise that the children should be wearing an extra layer of clothing under their school uniform on cold days and they need to remember to bring a coat to school.



Hedgehog class

On Monday, we enjoyed sharing our news about the colourful fireworks we had seen at the weekend, although some were a bit too loud and made us jump. We looked at some of the artwork created by Alma Thomas and we decided to create a whole class firework painting using her technique of putting small blobs of paint on paper to make a pattern - it was a bit trickier to do than we had thought! In PE we used ribbons to recreate firework shapes and movement as we spun around and jumped. Our pen disco this week has focused on zigzag shapes as we sang along and danced to We Will Rock You by Queen.



Next week we will be exploring shadows, and in Maths we will be looking at circles and triangles, and using positional language.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have had a fun, action packed time at school. We started the week reading a recipe on how to make cupcakes and spent time thinking about how to decorate them in the best way. We set up a class bakery and followed the instructions carefully. Our cupcakes were successful and they looked delicious. I hear that some children enjoyed sharing them with their brothers and sisters. We read the story "Kipper's Birthday" and wrote our own instructions on how to throw a fantastic party. We tried hard to remember the features of instructions and include lots of detail, so that the mistakes Kipper made would not happen at our parties. In maths this week we made a class pictogram to show when our birthdays are. We ordered the months of the year and discovered that there are 3 months in each season. We drew pictures to show which season our own birthday was in and answered questions about the birthday data we had collected. We have been interested in hearing about why we wear poppies on Remembrance Day and made a class poppy wreath to take outside for our Remembrance service. Some children will be coming home with lines to learn for our Christmas play. Please help them to learn them off by heart. Many thanks.

Last term the class entered a poetry competition. Congratulations to all those children who had their poems selected for publication. They were extremely proud of their efforts and success and it has really inspired them as writers. Remember to give your permission by 19th November in order for the poems to be published. All details are in the letters that were sent home.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Woodland School



It was an absolute pleasure for me to accompany Year 1 to Basildon Park this week. It was a beautiful autumn day and the leaves were crunching underfoot. Mrs McConnell had planned the activity of making a bug hotel. The children were very excitedly collecting leaves, bark and mud. Some even found bugs for the bug hotel. Many of the bugs found their way onto my head which caused great amusement.



Mrs Fakes

Owl class



Mmmmmmm! It has been a rather tasty week in Owl Class, as we chomped into our new topic 'Bake a Better Biscuit'. The children spent an afternoon biscuit tasting, evaluating a range of traditional biscuits and collating their findings to find the class' most popular, the Custard Cream. Over the next week we will be using this data to create graphs both by hand and using google sheets. In English the children have been debating if it is a good idea to keep a dragon as a pet, thinking about a range of causal connectives to back up their thoughts. Some children had some really positive thoughts about keeping it, watch out as you may find a dragon in their bedroom! In maths, both groups have been continuing with subtraction and using exchange to cross a boundary. We have also been remembering those who have sacrificed their lives for us and have fought for our country. The children wrote some beautiful prayers and had some very deep thoughts about what life may have been like if these people had not stood up for our country.

Polite reminder, please ensure your child is practising their KIRFS regularly at home, new targets will be in book-bags shortly!

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class



The children in Falcon class have been very busy this week in English, learning more about 'Vetman' and the events in the story (by Noel Fitzpatrick, the Supervet). We are thoroughly impressed with their retrieval of clues from the text as they write their character descriptions of 'The Man With No Name'. 'He's disgusting' said Darcy, 'I feel sorry that someone could end up like this', added Syd. Having drawn an image of him also helped with their descriptions, highlighting the importance of art supporting their writing. In Maths,

Pentagons have been learning more about multiples, factors, common factors, whilst Hexagons extended this to prime numbers and square/cubed numbers. Crystals are working on their written method for subtraction, securing their knowledge of calculations without exchange and next week they will secure subtraction with exchange.

In Science, the playground was full of children recording a video to explain the functions of the different parts of the circulatory system - budding TV presenters all of them! Ask them to show you theirs on the Google classroom. It was great to see them applying their use of IT to science. We have started our 'Medical Marvel' topic and have enjoyed a whistle-stop tour of major breakthroughs in History. Which do you think could be the most important: Vaccines? Anaesthetics? Antibiotics? Over the rest of the term, we will take different aspects of medicine and track them over time, so watch this space! In PSCH we were exploring racism: what is it? How does it happen? What can we do to combat it? I was highly impressed, as ever, at the level of maturity in the children's answers and their willingness to be courageous advocates and stand up for what they know is right.

Please continue to practise KIRFS every day, as a lack of confidence with times tables knowledge does hold children back in their written methods for multiplication and division, as they cannot readily spot patterns.

Mrs Hicks

FOPS news

THAMESIDE FIREWORKS FIESTA

A massive thank you from the Thameside Fireworks Fiesta Team!

We hope you enjoyed the spectacular annual fireworks display on Sunday evening. For such a small school we were once again able to run a very successful and well-attended event. A lot of hard work went into organising and running it and we would like to thank everyone who worked tirelessly to make it happen. It is impossible to name everyone but huge thanks to all those who helped which included many members of the local community, whether it was selling tickets, marshalling, ferrying equipment around, shopping, serving food and drink or setting up and clearing away. We couldn't have done it without you. We are still finalising the figures and will let you know what we have raised as soon as possible. As ever the

proceeds will be used to benefit the children of our school, so thank you all so much!

SECOND-HAND CHRISTMAS CLOTHES SALE

Keeping in the spirit of reusing unwanted clothing, FOPS are proud to be joining forces with the school Eco-Warriors to help organise a second-hand Christmas Clothing sale. We would be very grateful for any donations of clean Christmas themed clothes such as jumpers, tops, dresses, PJs etc. Please can you send in your donations by Friday the 19th November. Items will be available for purchase on 24th November and all proceeds will go to the school.



Need to have a big clear out?

FOPS have booked another Bag2School collection for Friday 26th November. Bag2School collects the following in good condition for reuse:

- Men's, women's and 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, pillowcases and duvet covers)

They don't accept:

- Duvets, 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, so we would be very grateful for anything you can donate. Please bring your donations in any plastic bag to school at the start of the school day on Friday 26th November.

Support FOPS whilst shopping on Amazon!

With Black Friday and Christmas soon approaching, a lot of you may be shopping on Amazon. FOPS are now a registered charity on Amazon Smile, so this is a really easy way you can help support us. At no extra cost to you, Amazon will donate to FOPS every time you shop. To activate donates 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 www.smile.amazon.co.uk and select Friends of Purley School from the drop-down menu.



Dates for the diary

15/11/21 – Odd Sock day

19/11/21 – Children in Need

21 - 27/11/21 – Year 6 Residential

22/11/21 – Deadline to return school photos
24/11/21 – Christmas Clothes Sale
26/11/21 – bag2school Collection
02/12/21 – School Flu Immunisations
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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