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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

We are delighted to release the report from our OFSTED inspection that took place in November.

"Purley CofE Primary School continues to be a good school."

"Staff have high expectations of all pupils for their behaviour and academic success."

"It is a happy, safe and caring school".

Of course, we knew all of this but we are so happy that others can see it too.

Thank you to everyone who supported the process during the inspection and for everyone who supports the school day in and day out. The full report is attached and will be on our website.

Mrs Fakes



Collective Worship

'Love is all around us', 'All you need is love', 'Where is the love?' We probably know at least one of these 3 songs. We may even get the sentiment behind each of them. This week



we explored the greatest commandment that Jesus shared when quizzed by the Pharisees. We took time to think about how love is more than a sentiment or a lyric, it's an action, a response to the love have been given. Every day at Purley CofE Primary we strive to act and learn in love, following Jesus' greatest commandment. It is not always easy, but it is worth it.

Mrs Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

Huggy Wuggy

Do you know what Huggy Wuggy and Poppy Playtime are? I have heard these words a few times this week as school. They sound quite sweet. When

I looked them up, I was horrified at some of the language used. It is being described by some users as an "introduction to horror". Poppy Playtime features frightening images and themes that are paired with child-friendly items. This may be especially upsetting to children who have not yet developed the resilience to deal with disturbing content. It is easily accessible on You Tube and there are also many copycat version. The age limit for you Tube is 13+. If you allow your children access to You Tube, please supervise them and use your parental controls.



Red flags to look out for

Every child is different. Some may genuinely enjoy the horror genre and not struggle with any lasting feelings of fear or panic because of playing a game. However, if it causes a child to be stressed or anxious, they may:

- Find it hard to focus or concentrate
- Appear withdrawn
- Have a change in appetite

- Experience sleep disturbances or nightmares
- Appear suddenly angry, irritable, or teary
- Be worried or anxious, which can physically manifest in fidgeting
- Have new fears

For more information, follow the link <https://inege.com/2021/12/03/poppy-playtime-online-safety-review/>

Covid Update

I am sure that you are aware by now that we have had a Covid outbreak at school. We have returned to bubbles and suspended whole school worship until it subsides.



If your child develops any symptoms, please do not send them to school. Similarly, we would recommend regular testing for all, as some children do not have any symptoms. The 5 day rule of isolation is now in place. Strangely, the first day is counted as day 0 not day 1. We leave it to parents' discretion whether to keep siblings home. If your child is well enough to work from home, the teachers have posted work on Google Classroom so that they can have some access to the learning that their peers are accessing.

Out of hours covid reporting- covid@purley.w-berks.sch.uk

Out of hours online concern or any other emergency alert@purey.2-berks.sch.uk

Choir

Please be advised it is our intention, with all being well, to recommence choir Monday 31st January. The Anvil rehearsal scheduled for 3rd February will now be online.

Census



A big thank you to all who ordered a school lunch on Census day. This will really help us with our funding.

Hedgehog class

Our main topic of discussion this week has been about staying warm during the cold, winter weather! We read  Snail Trail by Ruth Brown, with its beautiful images of a snail's travels, and we thought about how snails and other little creatures manage to survive the harsh winter conditions. We decided to make some bird feeders for our school garden and for our home gardens too - very gooey to make, but the birds loved them! We also thought about how important it is to have shelter from bad weather, so we made an assortment of shelters for the lucky creatures living in our school grounds.

This week in Maths we have been finding practical ways of making 5 with two or three groups of resources, and representing our ideas using counters on a 5 frame. Next week we will be exploring mass and capacity, using the words heavier, lighter, full and empty to compare amounts.

Our focus children next week will be Elliot and Dakota.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have been looking at how different texts are written this week. We have focussed on diaries and instructions and looked carefully at the features for these texts. Following this we then had a go at writing a diary entry as the boy in the "Cloudy lesson" video from last week. We also wrote instructions - How to blow the perfect cloud. In art we have created some fabulous tree collages showing our trees in a variety of seasons. We thought carefully about choice of colour and how to show the horizon in our backgrounds. In maths Y1 have been looking at subtraction and counting back. Y2 have been investigating counting on and back in 10's and adding a 2-digit and 1-digit number when we need to cross a tens number.

For the next 3 weeks we will be having PE on a Friday morning. A Hockey coach has been able to offer us some sessions at the field and the children thoroughly enjoyed their first lesson today.

All children have gone home with their new KIRF now (Key Instant Recall Facts) Y1 is to learn all

doubles and halves to 10 and Y2 all doubles and halves to 20. Please help them to practise at home as well to secure their speed and accuracy. Thank you

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class



Owl class has been very quiet this week, as you are aware we have had many children isolating and working from home. However, we have loved having some of them join us for registration and our end of day story. Hopefully they are all recovering and we will see them back on Monday. Well done to all the home-learners for engaging with the tasks set on Google Classroom.

In English we have continued working on the animation *Rukus*, I hope you have had a chance to watch it. The children have acted out some of the scenes and used freeze-frames to consider how the character might be feeling and what his motivation for their actions are. We have also designed 'Wanted' posters for one of the brothers. Next week we are off to journalism training college and will be putting our skills to practise, interviewing either Jesse or Frank and compiling a report for Purley News. Multiplication and division are still the focus for both groups in maths. In science the children have explored the different types of rocks, Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic, and how they formed and have been classified different rock types into these groups. In history the children have started preparing for our topic launch, which we have postponed until we are mostly back together again, by making Celtic and Roman flags. Next week we will be looking at the story of Boudicca.

Just a reminder that I am hoping to hold a family visit to Silchester Roman Town on Saturday 12th February, approx. 10:00am - 12:00pm. We will also be holding a Roman Banquet during the last week of term and would like children to come in Roman or Celtic dress. More details for both events will follow shortly.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class



'NO NO Pandora - Don't do it!!!' The children have been exploring the story of Pandora's box in our ERIC sessions and considering the use of vocabulary and using inference skills to tease out more of the tale. To help Pandora the class have created

persuasive notices to attach to the box and try and stop her. We are now moving to the Myth of Theseus and the Minotaur and have already analysed different parts of the story to compare and contrast. In Maths, work continues for Hexagons on fractions. The chocolate bars certainly focused our attention on mixed numbers! The Pentagons are whizzing along with multiplication using the standard method, whilst the Crystals are enjoying their three times tables work alongside division. Our Science has linked to Greeks in that we learnt the names of the planets and mnemonics created to help remember the order - we did feel sorry for poor little Pluto, now just a dwarf planet. Please remember to practice times tables daily - it makes a big difference in Maths!

Mrs Hicks

FOPS news

Second-Hand Uniform Sale

Thank you to everyone that supported the preloved uniform sale on Tuesday - we made £18.50 for FOPS. We will be holding sales once every half term, so do keep us in mind when your kids hit their growth spurts. We would also be very grateful for any donations of uniform - particularly in larger sizes - when your kids outgrow them.

Dates for the diary

- 03/02/22** – Anvil Choir Rehearsal
- 08/02/22** – World Internet Safety Day
- 16/02/22 & 17/02/22** – Parents Evening
- 21/02/22 – 25/02/22** – **Half Term Holiday**
- 03/03/22** – World Book Day
- 10/03/22** – Anvil Choir Rehearsal
- 21/03/22** – World Poetry Day
- 30/03/22** – Anvil Choir Concert
- 07/04/22** – **End of Spring 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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