



Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

What beautiful weather at the start of this week. I am sure that like us you are asking where it was over the summer holidays! Just a quick reminder to ask you to label the children's clothing. We have been tracking a few jumpers and water bottles this week.



Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship

So cross!

It felt like forever since I last had the opportunity to share collective worship with all of our pupils. So many faces had changed it made me so cross, to have missed the time together during the craziness of Covid. The cross was the crux of our reflection this week. We explored some big questions: Why do we say 'touch wood'? Why are crosses different shapes and sizes? What does wood make me think of? What does a wooden cross symbolise, or mean to me? The Bible tells us that God so loved the world that He gave his only Son up to die on a wooden cross to save us all. For Christians the world over, the cross reminds us of Gods great love. For that, we are very thankful.



Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor

Choir

We have now been given permission to sing! The choir will need building up again and with this in mind, choir practices will restart on Mondays 3:15-3:45 starting on September 13th. This is open for everyone in Years 3-6. If your child is unsure, the first two practices



will be trials. After then, a commitment is expected until half term. Hopefully, the choir will sing at the Harvest festival. If your child is interested in joining the choir then they are welcome to just turn up on Monday after school.

Year 2 Swimming

The Year 2 children will start swimming lessons at the Oratory Pool next Monday, 13th September. A letter has been sent out via ParentMail confirming all details.

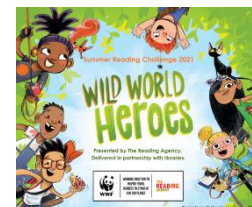


Free School Meals

All parents will hopefully have received a notification through ParentMail regarding Additional Funding for School. Please could you take just a few minutes to complete this form and help the school ensure that everyone is receiving the funding they are entitled to. Many thanks.

Summer reading challenge

Please remember to bring in your named certificates for all those who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. It is a house competition and the



house with the most certificates will be the winners! It's not too late to complete the challenge!

You have until the 15th September to complete reading the 6 books.

Greet the Teacher



On the evening of Wednesday September 15th there will be an opportunity for parents to greet the teacher and for the teacher to meet up with you. This will be face to face. (The parents' evening in October will be online.) We would love as many of you as possible to attend, even if your child has not changed teachers. Talks will last for around 20 minutes apart from an extended talk for Year 6. We often have responses on surveys that parents are not sure on how to support their children..... this is your opportunity to find out more!

Badger class 5:45

Owl class 6:10

Falcon class 6:30 (this will include information about the Year 6 residential trip)

Hedgehog class

This week we welcomed our FS2 children all day, and our FS1 children in the mornings. Starting school can be exciting, exhausting and a little bit daunting all at the same time, but the children are all beginning to settle into our routines. We have been learning how to use the resources in each of the learning areas and, with a little encouragement, we are remembering to put things away too.



Joe the Hedgehog is not very good at remembering our names yet, but we have been playing lots of name games to help him and we have been making friends in class already.

We have enjoyed exploring role-play; Harry E, Layne, Elliot, and Reggie have been busy dressing up as policemen and giving out speeding tickets, and Ariyah wrote an order for a pizza and phoned it through. Jaxon and Flinn observed how chalk dust changed colour when water was dripped onto it, and Darcie-Clare and Lottie have very kindly been helping our little hedgehogs find their way around.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



It has been lovely to welcome back Badger class and they are all working so hard on their learning. Our new Y1's have settled in well and the Y2's have risen to the challenge of being older and wiser. What great helpers they are being in helping to teach our new children the rules and routines of the class! The new topic has grasped their imaginations and they are full of enthusiasm to research pirates and find out more. Should anyone have any books or stories about pirates at home it would be lovely for them to bring them in to share with their class friends. We have had fun following clues and trails around the school looking for hidden treasure. We have looked at exciting treasure maps and had a go at making our own. In maths Y1 have been looking at sorting and counting objects and Y2 have been exploring place value using our tens and units' equipment. The Y2 children have all been given their new KIRF (to know their number bonds to 20) so please help them to practise at home. Some children will have come home with an individual maths target and once this is learnt please send it back to school and they can have a new one. Next week we are writing messages in a bottle - could you please all send in one small empty plastic bottle (500ml) Thank you

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class



What a fabulous start to the year! All my lovely Owls have settled in well and we have started our new topic, *'Twit-Twoo, Who Are You?'*

This week in English we have started the novel *'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'* by Jill Tomlinson and have written letters to Plop reassuring him that dark is nothing to be scared of. In maths both groups have been exploring place value, Cubes with 2 digit numbers and Spheres using 3 digit numbers. We have continued with the dark theme in science thinking about What is dark and What is light? PE this half-term will be on a Tuesday and Friday and we will be focusing on football and tag rugby skills, please ensure all PE kits are in school for these days. I also recommend keeping spare socks in the PE bags and trainers rather than plimsolls.

If there are any parents/grandparents who are available on a Friday afternoon to help with sewing could you please let me know.

I am hoping to have a night walk to end our topic this half term and have a provisional date of Friday

15th October, more details will follow, but each child will need an accompanying adult if they wish to join us.

I look forward to meeting you at the Greet the teacher evening on Wednesday, when more details on reading, spelling, homework etc. will be given.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class

What a flying start we've had, here in Falcon Class!



The children have settled quickly into our class routines and it's been fabulous to see their Learning Skills in evidence. Super collaboration: working with new partners on our weather themed tables (ask the children!) Resilience: trying their best with tricky problem solving in maths, persevering with football skills in PE. Risk-taking: pushing themselves to add more detail to their explanations in analysis of artworks by Hokusai...the list could go on! We have enjoyed the launch of our Extreme Earth topic with learning about the globe, how and why it is divided up and what the temperatures can be like. We look forward to furthering our geography skills next week with the joys of longitude and latitude (where would GPS be without them?) In Science we reviewed our knowledge of forces and have posed a question relating to gravity. Layla and Belle have already started exploring what could happen!

Homework has been set for all children in Falcons, a set of three projects to explore and complete by October 15th. Please encourage your child to put in the time and effort to produce a project that reflects their learning and interests. They will benefit from it and we can enjoy seeing them in class. PE is on a Tuesday and Wednesday this term, please ensure that their PE kit is in school. KIRFS have been sent home, please practice daily, as well as reading regularly. I love to read comments from parents in their reading journals!

Mrs Hicks

FOP's news

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!

If you'd like to find out more, please do come along to our **FOPS Social Meeting** at 8.00pm on **THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER** at the Purley Sports and Social Club on Goosecroft Lane. We will gladly buy you a drink and it's a great opportunity to get to know other parents at the school.

If you can't make Thursday, we will also be having a daytime meeting, with the date & venue to be announced shortly.

Our **AGM** will be taking place on Tuesday 12th October – venue to be confirmed shortly. This is when we'll be electing the Committee for the forthcoming academic year. If you are interested in joining the FOPS Committee or are able to give some time to help with events or just want to know a little bit more about it, please contact Danni Tovey, Sarah Clarke or Natalie Taylor or ask Mrs Street and she'll point you in our direction! You can also contact the committee via email: askfops@gmail.com. We are always keen for new ideas, committee members or feedback.

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 will be on sale soon. In the meantime please have a look at the website: www.thamesidefireworkfiesta.co.uk It's a big event and the subcommittee will be arranging to meet a couple of times to arrange all the details. We'd love to welcome more of you onto the subcommittee for this event – this includes those who aren't FOPS members. If you can spare a little of your time to help arrange this fantastic event, please contact us via email at askfops@gmail.com or speak to one of the committee.

TOUR de PURLEY

Thank you to everyone who took part in Tour de Purley over the summer. The challenges caused by Covid meant the event had to take place virtually, but we hope everyone who took part enjoyed their bike rides. Medals & goodies bags will be making their way to participants shortly and we will be able to announce the amount raised soon.

If you do see any remaining Tour de Purley posters still up around the village, we would be grateful if you could take them down and hand them into the school. This would be a great help.

Dates for the diary

13/09/21 – Year 2 Swimming starts

16/09/21 – FOPS Social Meeting

15/09/21 – Greet the teacher evening

20/09/21 – Year 1 Woodland School starts

12/10/21 – FOPS AGM

21/10/21 – Harvest Festival

21/10/21 – End of Autumn Term 1

22 - 30/10/21 – **Half Term**

01/11/21 – Start of Autumn Term 2

07/11/21 - Fireworks

21 - 27/11/21 – Year 6 Residential

18/12/21 – End of Autumn Term 2 at 1pm

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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The Corn Exchange Youth Theatre

Here at the Corn Exchange, Newbury we are about to launch our Autumn season of Youth Theatre for 4-19 year olds!

This term, our Youth Theatre will be working with a professional actor and educator to make new friends, develop their confidence and learn performance skills in preparation for a full-scale professionally-led production on the Corn Exchange main stage in the Spring.

Autumn timetable:

INFANT YOUTH THEATRE	Reception & Year 1	TUESDAYS (21 SEP – 30 NOV)	4pm – 4.45pm	£55
	Year 2		5pm – 5.45pm	£55
JUNIOR YOUTH THEATRE	Years 3 – 4	WEDNESDAYS (22 SEP – 1 DEC)	4pm – 5pm	£55
		SATURDAYS (25 SEP – 4 DEC)	9am – 10am	£60
	Years 5 – 6	WEDNESDAYS (22 SEP – 1 DEC)	5.15pm – 6.15pm	£60
		SATURDAYS (25 SEP – 4 DEC)	10.15am – 11.15am	£60
	Years 7 – 9	THURSDAYS (23 SEP – 2 DEC)	4pm – 5pm	£60
		SATURDAYS (25 SEP – 4 DEC)	1pm – 2pm 2.15pm – 3.15pm 3.30pm – 4.30pm 4.45pm – 5.45pm	£60
INTERMEDIATE YOUTH THEATRE	Years 10 – 12	THURSDAYS (23 SEP – 2 DEC)	5.45pm – 7.15pm	£65
SENIOR YOUTH THEATRE	Years 11 – 13	FRIDAYS (24 SEP – 3 DEC)	6pm – 8pm	£75

If you think your child would enjoy our Youth Theatre then simply visit our website <https://cornexchangenew.com/learning/youth-theatre> and complete a registration form

Ellie Rudge, our Learning and Participation Assistant will then be in touch with you about the next steps.

Please note that we do offer bursaries for those whose financial situation might prevent them from otherwise taking part.

Please also be assured that we are still adhering to COVID-19 capacity limits to ensure that we can maintain a safe distance between our young people.

Finally if your child loves to sing as well as act, we're also launching a Junior Musical Theatre course for 7-10 year olds on Mondays at 4pm. For more information or to book, visit: <https://cornexchangenew.com/event/junior-musical-theatre>

We hope to meet you soon!

The Corn Exchange