



## Purley CE Primary School

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# Friday Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Update

Is your child happy? This week was children's mental health week. The theme this year was Growing Together. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. Follow the link for tips on how to support you child.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

*Mrs Fakes*



### Collective worship

It was a pure delight for me to join the children for collective worship again on Thursday. We discovered a passage in the Bible about 'All God's Creatures' in the book of Job, which says if we pay attention to the animals, the birds, the fish and even the earth itself, we may well discover that there is a good God who made all things, and who owns and holds and cares for all things, including ourselves. A story from Jesus then showed that because we can see that God looks after the birds and the lilies, we needn't worry ourselves about money or food or clothes, because we are so much more valuable to him than birds and flowers — he'll provide for all our needs. And in turn, we can freely share what we have with others, serving one another, and caring for creation, because God invites us to join him in holding the needs of others in our hands, becoming more like him in his care for the world.

*Revd. Aidan Jones, Curate at St Mary's Church*

### Covid update

It seems as if our big outbreak is subsiding quickly. In light of this, we will abandon the one-way system. Hooray I hear you say. We will also return to whole school assemblies and everyone eating in the hall. We will of course keep this under review and act according to the situation.



### Woodland School

Please be advised that Woodland School visits to Basildon Park for Year 1 will recommence on Mondays after half term.



### Running Club

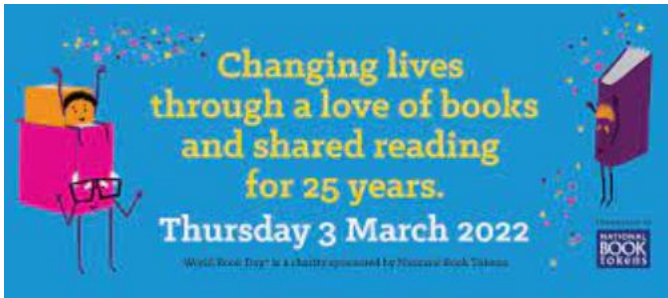
Please note that there will be no running club on the last day of term, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

## Staffing

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Chohan at the end of the month. Her last day will be Monday 28th February. I know she has supported most of the children at school during their time in Hedgehog class. We wish her well as she moves on to other challenges.

There will be a TA post advertised on our website next week.

## World Book Day



World Book Day is fast approaching and the teachers at Purley have been planning an exciting day for the children with the focus on reading and enjoying books.

Thursday 3rd March will be a pyjama day! The children can come to school in their comfortable pyjamas/onesies/dressing gowns. What better way to enjoy lounging around and enjoying stories throughout the day!



We will be offering the children hot chocolate during our "Booknic!" To help promote sustainability we are asking all pupils to bring in their own mug.

Our Eco-Warriors are keen to promote sustainability further and each class will be holding a book swap. Children can come to school with a book that they have read at home and would like someone else to enjoy. In return they will go home with a new book of their very own. Thank you in advance for your support to make this event a real success and promote reading for enjoyment as well as sharing and re-using.

Friday 4th March - some children from each class will be visiting Pangbourne Library throughout the morning.

All children will go home with their £1 book token that can be used to purchase one of the brand new and exclusive £1 books written just for World Book Day.



## Hedgehog class

Who knew Paddington Bear had been so busy? We received another postcard from the globetrotting bear this week from Jordan. Paddington also sent us some fact cards and we learned about the extremely salty Dead Sea and the ancient city carved into the rocks at Petra. We even had a go at saying some simple phrases in Arabic - 'Marhabaan' means 'hello!' We thought about how Paddington could travel from London to Jordan, and we looked at lots of different forms of transport, both old and new. Elliot thought that an amphibious vehicle would be best to cross both land and sea, whilst Harry E suggested a dragon ride to the ocean would mean he could then ride a whale across the water! Gino said that an old-fashioned propeller plane might be good, but Sadie noticed that there wouldn't be much room for luggage. In the end, we decided that a modern plane would be the best solution, and we could all fit in it together too.



Next week our focus children will be Harry E and Reggie as they missed their turns earlier in the term.

*Mrs Burton*

## Badger class



With Tuesday being Internet Safety Day, Badger class started the week discussing this together. What a lot the children remembered! They were all able to point out the importance of keeping personal information private and knew that Google searches were not safe to be done without an adult. They know that Purple mash and Espresso searches are safe, as these sites are made for children. We highlighted the posters that are up in the classroom reminding us to "THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK!" It was interesting that many did not know whether they should be using YouTube unsupervised or not. We discussed that although YouTube can be a lot of fun, it is no place for young children to be searching alone. As part of our English learning, we looked at non-fiction texts and how they use glossaries. We then had a go at making our

own glossaries putting the words into alphabetical order and giving them a definition. In maths this week Y1 have continued to explore 2d and 3d shapes and have started to look at place value of numbers. Y2 have been subtracting two 2-digit numbers using the column method.

Please remember that Library day is on a Tuesday - The children who bring back their library books will be able to choose another one for the week. Thank you

*Mrs Lyn-Jones*

### **Owl class**

The Roman invasion is in full swing, The Celts are trying hard to defend but the Romans are breaking through!



This week the children have been researching what the Romans brought to Britain. They have discovered we can thank them for, road, sewage systems, coins, central heating, noughts and crosses, albeit they played it with glass and bones!

The legend of Romulus and Remus is the focus in English. The children have been analysing a text and a film for similarities and differences, considering why this may be. Whether the shepherd should have taken the twins and raised them as his own has been a topical debate.

In maths the cubes are continuing with multiplication, exploring column addition and exchanging a 10. The spheres are investigating length and perimeter in preparation for area next term.

A huge thank you to everyone for the support with the homework, we have had some fabulous items coming in!

Don't forget it is Roman and Celt dress up day on Wednesday and I will be at Silchester this Saturday from 10:15. I hope you will be able to join me.

*Mrs Pickering*

### **Falcon class**

The Falcons have been busily applying their knowledge of Greek mythic writing and the story of Perseus and Medusa in their retelling of the story.



There has been plenty of smiting, battling and heroic deeds, alongside careful edits and redrafting! It has been great to see children applying their grammar skills from our recent lessons. In Maths, the

Hexagons have taken a break from fractions to study position and direction, using graphs in the 4 quadrants; Crystals are working on money; Pentagons have mastered short division and will now be applying theory skills in problem solving and reasoning examples. Our Greek temple artwork is looking fabulous, as children are using careful pencil drawing skills for effect. I look forward to putting these up on display in school. Our science studies on Earth in Space are coming to a close, as we finish by looking at the orbit of the moon - why not keep a moon diary and study the phases over the next month? Mr Briscoe (governor) has continued to assist with KIRFS, online, each week for us. Please remember to practice each day with your child as it has a significant impact on their Maths work in school. Thank you!

*Mrs Hicks*

### **FOPS news**

#### Launching 'FOPS Lite'

Hopefully you saw our financial update in last week's newsletter, but you might be wondering what that money gets spent on? Well since the beginning of this school year, FOPS has already funded the Year 2 swimming lessons, Woodland School, the Junk Orchestra Workshop, paid for the travel to the panto & bought all the kids an ice lolly, donated money for class Christmas gifts, PHSE, French & reading resources. We also organised a non-profit disco for all year groups. All things that really support and enhance our children's learning and development.

Clearly the more we raise, the more we can contribute to the school, so we have lots more fundraising plans for the rest of the school year. We do however need volunteers to help run these events on the day. Don't worry though, we know everyone is short on time and joining the Committee feels like a big commitment. So instead, we are launching **FOPS Lite**. Don't worry about having to attend any meetings or do any planning, but if you would like to offer your help as and when you have time, we'd really appreciate it. Just fill in this online form - <https://bit.ly/FOPSLITE> and we'll add you to our list of eager beavers. When it's time to summon the troops, we'll email you to ask to help. If you can, brilliant! If you can't, no problem, we'll catch you next time.

## **Bag2School Collection**

FOPS have booked another Bag2School collection for **Wednesday 9th March**. 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 & bags
- Hats
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery & Belts
- Lingerie & Socks
- Soft toys
- Household linen, curtains, towels & bedding

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 offcuts, 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 **Wednesday 9th March**.

## **Dates for the diary**

- 14/02/22** – Falcon Class Greek Day
- 16/02/22 & 17/02/22** – Parents Evening
- 16/02/22** – Owl Class Roman & Celt dress up day
- 18/02/22** – Hula Hoop House Competition
- 21/02/22 – 25/02/22** – **Half Term Holiday**
- 03/03/22** – World Book Day / Pyjama Day
- 10/03/22** – Anvil Choir Rehearsal
- 18/03/22** – Red Nose Day

**21/03/22** – World Poetry Day & Football / Netball Competition

**30/03/22** – Anvil Choir Concert

**01/04/22** – Numbers Day

**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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