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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update



March 18th is Red Nose Day. This year we encourage children to wear something red in return for a donation. We suggest a donation of £2. Monies raised will be split between the Red Nose charity and the Red Cross appeal for Ukraine. If you wish to donate more, this will be very gratefully be accepted.

We want the day to be fun and we will be holding our postponed Hula Hooping competition as well as designing habitats for Red Noses.



Mrs Fakes

Collective worship

This week, in Thursday's Collective Worship, we heard the story from the Gospels about a paralysed man, who's friends helped lower him through a hole in the roof of an overcrowded house, to get him in front of Jesus, and how Jesus used the power of God to heal the man instantly. Then we heard another intriguing story of miraculous healing from our time, a story from my friend Carmen, who claims her badly torn ligament foot injury was instantly healed only when her friends insisted on praying to Jesus for her. The theme running through both of these stories is that of the power of friendship — friends who care for us, and help us to believe for the impossible, especially when we need it the most. Then I had heaps of fun performing, on my ukulele, a famous song about the value of friendship—"Lean On Me" by Bill Withers—while the children sang and clapped along brilliantly. Lastly, in prayer, we thanked Jesus for his friendship with us

Rev. Aidan Jones, Curate at St Mary's Church

Foundation Stage 1 Admissions

We offer 6 funded places, 5 mornings a week term time for FS1 children the term after they turn 3 years old. We are currently accepting applications for September 2022. If you would like to apply for a space for your child, please contact the office for an application form.

Volunteering

Now that Covid restrictions are easing, we are again open to volunteers. If you could offer help in any way, please get in touch with the school. Safeguarding regulations have been tightened and if you become a regular volunteer we need you to complete some forms.

How could you volunteer?

Hear readers (especially useful 9:00-9:30 daily);

Timetables practice;

Accompany children to woodland school, Monday mornings;

Support with craft activities;

Support with actions to help us attain the Eco award;

Decorating or gardening;

Chess club.

This time we would also like volunteers to come forward to occasionally drive the school minibus.

They are usually short journeys and we would pay for you to be Midas trained.



In fact, if you have any skills you think you can offer, we would be grateful. Sometimes we restrict volunteers from working with their own children, it depends on the child and the activity.

Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 year olds

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#).

Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#).

Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. The Department of Education has published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

Woodland School

At Woodland this week the children spent time learning how to create a special knot to tie the shelter. Alice was able to demonstrate a clove knot.



The gardening tools were very popular and there was lots of digging in the sandy area. A fun morning was had by all!

Mrs Hodsdon

Hedgehog class

As the beginning of the week was sunny and quite mild, we decided to fill one of our bigger trays with water. We all took turns with the hose, feeling the pressure of the water as it sprayed out, and noticing how it moved the water and created bubbles as it filled up. We then had to find ways of reaching the toys in the bottom of the tray as the water was quite deep and we didn't want wet sleeves! We used a range of tools and containers as scoops to reach the toys, and we also noticed how the stones and pebbles seemed to change colour as they got wet.



Our focus book this week was The Naughty Bus - we thought about what we would say to the Naughty Bus and wrote our ideas on speech bubbles. We drove some small vehicles through a rainbow of paint and made prints of the patterns they made with their tyres.

Next week our focus children will be Gino and Jaxon.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have been enjoying "The Gruffalo" story by Julia Donaldson this week. We wrote character descriptions of the Gruffalo using exciting adjectives. To help us retell the story in the correct order we created our own story maps and then were challenged to retell the story to a friend, using a range of different time words and interesting detail. What fantastic story tellers we have in Badger class! Y2 also had a go at writing the story from the viewpoint of the Gruffalo. As part of our DT learning we have started to research how Jack in the boxes work. We explored making springs using pipe cleaners and folded card and looked at net plans for making a cube box. If anyone has a Jack in the box at home for the children to look at, that would be really appreciated. Thank you to Theo who has already brought one in. In maths Y1 have continued to work on addition and subtraction and Y2 have further explored multiplication and division. Most children have gone home with a new library book for the week. Please remember to send them back in next Tuesday for our library session. Our PE day is now back to Wednesday. Please remember to have PE kits in school for then. Thank you

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

In English this week, the children have completed a grammar assessment, I was very pleased with how well everyone did, and we have started on a journey along the river with Ratty and Mole from *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Graham. We have started building a biography of Kenneth Graham and have discovered that he lived in a cottage next to St James' church in Pangbourne and he was originally buried in the graveyard there. In maths the cubes are continuing to explore dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number progressing on to exchanging tens. The Spheres are exploring are of different shapes and if they are have diagonal lines this is proving trickier. Skeletons is the topic in science and we have started to create a life size skeleton of 5 of the children in class and discussed why we need one and how some animals don't have a skeleton and some have skeletons on the outside.

Mrs Pickering



Falcon class

Falcon class has been a little depleted by illness this week, including Mrs Hicks! She however left planning for her cover to deliver. Mrs Carr, who taught Year 6 when they were in Foundation, taught for some of the week and she enjoyed seeing how our children had developed. I covered some of the week. A lesson that stood out was our History lesson on the Industrial Revolution. I was delighted by the enthusiasm and interest shown by the children. We covered many areas and discussed the factors that led to the revolution. They then discussed which factor, in their opinion was the most important, the population boom, developments in transport, energy, factories or agriculture. In English we focused on biographies and autobiographies which led to our Art lesson based on the work of William Morris.

Hopefully next week Falcon class will be a healthier class when we can welcome back our poorly pupils and teacher.

Mrs Fakes



FOPS News

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted items. You donated 171KG of clothes which equates to £68.40 raised for school!



MOTHERING SUNDAY SWEEPSTAKE

Treat your mum, grandmother or any person in your life you feel needs a special gift this Mothering Sunday, by entering this sweepstake to win a fabulous hamper filled with pamper goodies, pink gin and a special Mum gin glass.

Entries cost £1 and you can enter as many times as you wish. Just complete this online form and pay via bank transfer – <https://bit.ly/motherdayraffle22> – or complete the form coming home in book bags next week.

Entries close at **midnight on 23rd March 2022** with the draw taking place on **25th March 2022**.

Thank you so much for your support & good luck!

FOPS PARTY CROCKERY BOX HIRE

Thank you to everyone who has hired the Party Crockery Box so far this year. It's great that we've been able to raise money for FOPS whilst also saving lots of disposable plates & cups from going to landfill.

The Party Crockery Box available for hire for kids' parties. This is a box of 30 brightly coloured reusable plates, bowls and cups, plus serving jugs and platters. The box will be supplied ready for use. Once your party is over, simply return it, with a small donation in the envelope provided. 100% of the money goes towards education resources at the school. If you'd like to hire the box please contact Lucy Eldred by email askfops@gmail.com, phone 07837 745320 or catch her in the playground.

We always deep clean the box and the items after every hire but to make our volunteer's life a little less grimy, please could make sure you put items in dry and with all food brushed off. If you want to give it all a wash and dry yourselves too, that would be a much appreciated bonus! Thank you.

AMAZON SMILE

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to support FOPS via Amazon Smile. We received our first quarterly cheque of £20, which is great and much appreciated.

Amazon Smile 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 with them. 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 www.smile.amazon.co.uk and select Friends of Purley School from the drop-down menu.

Dates for the diary

18/03/22 – Red Nose Day & Red Cross Appeal for Ukraine – wear red

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

29/04/22 – School Photographer – Class Photos

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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VILLAGE SINCE 2015 CONCERTS

St Mary's, Purley on Thames RG8 8BJ
7pm Doors & Bar, 8pm Music



Steve Hewitt
Saturday 2nd April 2022

Hailing from Kent – Steve Hewitt is an emerging singer songwriter pushing the boundaries of folk-roots genres. Entering into a new chapter of his journey as a songwriter & performer, Steve has been focusing on creating his follow up and second album 'Never Two Days The Same'. This collection of new material originally developed in 2020 is currently being finely tuned with Rob Townley and will be the result of a successful crowd-funding campaign. Fans and followers can expect the album to be unveiled later this year, with more singles planned in the near future.

"It's hard to pigeon hole Steve Hewitt into one genre - he is a country/folk/ Americana and/or acoustic rock artist. Hewitt's guitar playing and songs are of a very high standard." **Maverick magazine**

Sam Carter

Saturday 1st Oct 2022



Midlands-born guitarist & songwriter Sam Carter has earned a reputation for vivid, narrative-driven song-writing & captivating live performances. He is a highly-regarded instrumentalist, renowned by many as 'the finest English-style fingerpicking guitarist of his generation' (Jon Boden). Over the past fifteen years, Sam has toured the world, won a BBC Folk Award and made appearances on national TV, including a spellbinding performance on Later... with Jools Holland. Sam has recorded and performed with some of folk's leading lights, including Richard Thompson, Eliza Carthy, Martin Simpson and Nancy Kerr.

"A brilliant guitarist & songwriter who combines the observational with social comment & personal reflections." - **Songlines**

Tickets: Earlybird Adult £12, Youth £8; Full-price Adult £15, Youth £10
www.villageconcerts.co.uk