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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update



Learn to love, love to learn- that is our motto and we achieve it through living our values of love, courage and wisdom. There have been so many examples of our whole community abiding by these values recently. This week has been particularly challenging with absent staff and children but everyone has pulled together and the school has remained open with children thriving.

Last week, we had a team of cross country runners take part in an interschool competition. Not only did they run well and come third but their behaviour was first class. Cheering each other on and then cheering other teams on, as they recognised each child's personal achievement. This wonderful behaviour filtered to the other schools who joined in. Mrs Pickering and I were bursting with pride.

World sleep day

My daughter recently bought herself one of these fancy watches that measures everything including the quality of her sleep and how much it has recharged her body batteries. Friday March 18th 2022 is World sleep day. World [Sleep](https://www.nationalworld.com/lifestyle/world-sleep-day-when-theme-take-part-tips-better-night-sleep-3611959) Day was created as a celebration of sleep, and a call to action on sleep health and how it can affect you physically, mentally and emotionally. Sleep disorders are very common. It is important that children develop good sleeping habits that they can take into adulthood. Why not make a point this weekend of evaluating your family's sleep patterns? <https://www.nationalworld.com/lifestyle/world-sleep-day-when-theme-take-part-tips-better-night-sleep-3611959>



Mrs Fakes

Covid Update

With another outbreak in school currently, we would like to remind you of actions that need to be followed.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus.

If your child has a positive LFD they should stay at home for 10 days or they should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started followed by another one the next day. Reminder, the first day of symptoms is day 0. A confirmatory PCR test is not required. Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result to - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) and to the school.

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus and LFD is negative, they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If the test is positive, stay at home and follow the guidance.

Headteacher's Recruitment Update

The Headteachers' Appointment Panel (HAP) is made up of five governors which includes the Chair of Governors and three members from West Berkshire Council and the Diocese. Over the past few weeks' the HAP has been working hard in

promoting the school to find a new Headteacher to start in the Autumn term. The deadline for applications was last Monday and the HAP have identified a strong candidate with significant Church school experience and she has been invited to attend for interview. We will let you know the outcome after next week. Please pray that all goes well for the children, staff and everyone connected with Purley Primary.

Anne Bolland, Governor

Woodland School

Unfortunately with a few members of staff suffering from Covid, we had to cancel Woodland School this week. We hope that things can return to normal on Monday.



Hedgehog class

Some of the children had shown an interest in learning about space, so this week our story was *The First Hippo on the Moon* by David Walliams. We found out information about our solar system by looking in non-fiction books, using Espresso, and even by listening to this song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQrlgH97v94>



We used balloons and papier Mache to make our own planets - it took several afternoons and a lot of mess to

add enough layers of paper and glue, but they looked awesome!

We have also been thinking about the importance of getting enough sleep. Darcie-Clare said that your body can mend itself when you are asleep, and Layne thought that it was the best time for our bodies to grow. We talked about our bedtime routines and listened to some lullabies - they really did make us feel sleepy!

Next week our focus children will be Sadie and Sebastian.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class started this week with a Design and Technology day. Having researched Jack in the boxes and how

they work, they set about making their Jack in the boxes with confidence and enthusiasm. Their creativity shone through as did their skills and resilience. The finished products are now on display in the classroom for all to admire and enjoy. In English we have loved reading the poem, "The Magic Box" by Kit Wright. We looked at how adjectives, alliteration and repetition all work to create wonderful images in our heads. Passing around our own *Magic Box* we all thought about what memories, feelings, tastes and belongings we would put inside it. We created a class poem before having a go at writing our own. What great poets they were! Computing this week has been around using e-books and learning how to use different drawing tools to create a picture and then add text to a page of an e-book. In Maths Y1 have been investigating subtraction by counting back, using number lines and crossing out. Y2 have continued with exploring multiplication of the 2, 5 and 10 times table.

Please remember to send back reading and spelling fish once they are completed, so that new ones can be given out.

Library day is on Tuesday so please return library books on that day for your child to select a new one for the week. Many thanks

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class



As you know, this term we are focusing on *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame. In English we have explored in depth the first 2 chapters of the book and discussed the character traits of Ratty, Mole and Badger. The children have summarized the story so far in preparation for their oral retelling in podcast format. They have also completed some research on Kenneth Grahame and found out some very interesting facts about him, I am sure they will share some of these with you if you ask them! We have continued with the *Wind in the Willows* theme in computing this week, beginning to make short animations for their favourite part of the story so far. In science we have explored more about skeletons and our individual bones. The children were fascinated to learn that a baby's head is not fused together when it is born and that they have more bones as a baby. The largest and smallest bones in the body were also explored, again I am sure they can tell you more!

Just a reminder that Spellings are usually given each Monday and purple books need to be in for this. We

test KIRFS each Thursday, please practise these regularly with your child. It is helpful if all children have their own glue stick in school

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class

Falcon class has achieved lots of work but we do miss Mrs Hicks teaching. Sadly not all of our class have been in but we have tried to continue as normal and due to different teachers being in, we have experienced different methods. Thank you to the many teachers who have come to teach Falcon class, unplanned.



Maths - Pentagons/year 5 maths: This week we have been focusing on comparing fractions and have been turning improper fractions into mixed numbers. Continue the good work year 5! Hexagons/year 6 maths: in maths we have been doing Metric measures and we have learnt about how many metres go into kilometres, and the same with litres and millilitres and with mass.

English - We have been reading about Ollie and the Great Stink, a book based in the Victorian time making it a good book to read, as it is following up to our main topic, the Victorians. We have been doing follow up tasks such as making poems about the busy Victorian markets. We have also been learning about the differences between an autobiography and a biography.

Special thanks to Mrs Browning, Mrs Fakes, Miss Carr, Mrs Ham, Miss Maisy and Mrs Hodsdon. You all have been amazing!

Jessica, Samuel, Ben & Chloe

FOPS News

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 - - 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 Lite'

Just a reminder that if you would like to sign up for FOPS Lite, please do so by completing this online form - <https://bit.ly/FOPSLITE>

When we have an event planned and 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. 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.

Dates for the diary

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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Karen Fakes (Head teacher)

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VILLAGE



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