



## Purley CE Primary School

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# Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Headteacher's Update

At last Spring is in the air! There are changes in the weather and changes at school.

We are so pleased to be welcoming Mrs Street back in the office on Monday. She will be part time to begin with but we will be so happy to have her back.

We have appointed two new teaching assistants. Miss Davis (from the office), will be the teaching assistant in Falcon class in the mornings, starting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Ham will return to Hedgehog class.

Mrs Tigwell will be the teaching assistant in Owl class in the mornings, starting after Easter. Children will however be getting familiar with her as we are grateful that she will be coming in voluntarily to support before then, when she can.

*Mrs Fakes*



### Collective Worship

We continued with our theme of friendship this week. On Monday we looked at how we can build each other up with supportive comments and how quickly we can be knocked down by thoughtless comments. On Thursday, Mrs Hicks led worship based on the story of the friendship between Jonathan and David in the Bible. Jonathan and David came from very different backgrounds, but they had a few key things in common: They were both warriors, they were men of faith they were provided with God-given courage and strength, and they needed each other and kept their promises.



### Uniform reminder

Please check our uniform guidance if you are unsure of what is acceptable



<https://www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform+Information&pid=34>

Please note the following.

- Hair tied back off the face
- Hair completely tied back for PE.
- Appropriate school hair decoration- small in an appropriate colour
- Stud earring only
- School shoes.

## Tower of London School Super Bloom

We are planting lots of seeds at the moment to take part in the School Super Bloom and will hopefully have lots of colourful plants and flowers for the Jubilee celebrations. We would therefore be very grateful if anyone has any unwanted outdoor garden pots they would like to donate. Ideally we are looking for large pots that are a minimum of 20-30cm in diameter and are in good condition.



*Mrs Hodsdon*

## Year 2 Swimming

Due to Easter Holidays at the Oratory School, there is no swimming for Year 2 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March or Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Swimming will recommence after Easter from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

## Easter Technology Camps

The Oratory School and Hemdean House School are both hosting Technology Camps during the Easter Holidays for children aged 5-11.

Dates are 4-8<sup>th</sup> April and 11-14<sup>th</sup> April for the Oratory; 11-14<sup>th</sup> and 19-22<sup>nd</sup> for Hemdean. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

## Woodland School

Well, it really felt like spring was in the air as we arrived at Basildon Park woods. We quickly returned to our favourite activities including stripping bark from



an old rotten log, using digging tools to make a tunnel and playing imaginary games in the den. A new game was created tying small pieces of branch in the tree and using a stick to

aim and hit it. Sofia was very good at this! Using binoculars, Dinesh found another nest and spotted a kite. We all listened to the birds singing - there seem to be a lot more this week. We are looking forward to going on a walk next week to look for signs of spring around Basildon Park.



## Hedgehog class

This week we shared the Easter story to find out the real meaning of why we celebrate Easter. We made crosses using lolly sticks or paper, and thought about how to join and decorate them. Layne drew a picture of his grandad and some family pets on his cross to remind him that they are now in Heaven with God and Jesus.



Paddington Bear sent us another postcard - this time from Brazil! It inspired us to find out about the Amazon rainforest and the amazing creatures that live there - our favourite was the poisonous yellow dart frog! We also looked at images of the Christ the Redeemer statue which overlooks Rio de Janeiro. Elliot thought that the statue was spreading its arms wide to say "I'm going to give you joy".

Next week our focus children will be Layne and Kylon.

*Mrs Burton*

## Badger class



Badger class have enjoyed exploring music this week. They thought carefully about the pulse and rhythm of a piece and then accompanied it with glockenspiels and chime bars. They worked well collaboratively, stopping and starting together and following their conductor. We have been thinking about how to keep ourselves healthy and the different healthy lifestyle choices we need to consider. Having a balanced diet was one of the choices we focussed on. In science we set up an investigation to explore different materials. We needed to see which material would be the best to keep the 3 little pigs safe from the wolf. It was great fun working as a scientist. In maths Y2 have been working on division and how it links to multiplication. We learnt how to divide by sharing into equal groups and by grouping

into equal groups. We explored dividing by 2, 5 and 10. Y1 have worked on place value and counting forwards and backwards to 50. They developed further their understanding of place value, as in tens and ones. In computing we have continued to work on e books and develop our ideas to create pages for an e book, adding text, animations and sound effects. They have been delighted with their ideas and thrilled to share them up on the big wipe board with their class.

Well done, Badgers!

*Mrs Lyn-Jones*

### **Owl class**



This week in Owl class we have been researching more about Kenneth Grahame and starting to construct fact files about him. The children have found out lots of wonderful and fascinating information. Keeping with Kenneth Grahame and 'The Wind in the Willows' in English they have written some excellent descriptions of the Wild Wood from the perspective of Mole, no wonder he was scared, I got goose bumps just reading them! We have also started to consider what other vehicle Toad will acquire next and what adventure this will take him on. I am looking forward to hearing their ideas in more detail next week as we start to plan and create podcasts. In maths The Cubes are exploring division with remainders and The Spheres have focused on equivalent fractions.

We are now starting to put together our Passion play for the Easter service at the end of term. There are some words to be learnt and these will be coming home this weekend. If you can support the children helping them learn and recite the words with expression, it would be much appreciated. With this in mind, I would like to invite all Owl Class parents to the Passion Play performance on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 9:30 at St Mary's Church, it should be finished no later than 10:45.

*Mrs Pickering*

### **Falcon class**



It's good to be back! I was delighted with the cheerful and enthusiastic response from the class when they walked in to see me on Monday. In addition, I am very proud of the mature way they conducted themselves while I was away, all the other staff reported very positive things about them. We have been working hard in English as we learn

more about autobiographies, through the life of Nelson Mandela. This will lead to us planning and writing our own autobiographies next week, so do have a chat with your children about key events in their life to include. Both Pentagons and Hexagons have been mastering fractions this week and showing their understanding well. Crystals have been focusing on division and working hard too. The rest of the week has been spent learning about the life of Queen Victoria and key events that occurred. Did you know she survived a number of assassination attempts? In addition, we have started our art based on the work of William Morris, involving sketching from nature as a prelude to designing our own wallpaper in his style. Next week, Y5 are going to Denefield for a challenge morning, I expect they will have great fun! It's a good way for them to see the school, as they start to consider moving on in Y7.

*Mrs Hicks*

### **FOPS News**

#### **MOTHERING SUNDAY RAFFLE**

Congratulations to Monty from Badger Class who was the winner of the Mothering Sunday Raffle. A fantastic hamper filled with a bottle of pink gin, personalised glass and pamper items will be making their way to his lovely mum, Anne-Marie - Enjoy! Thank you to everyone who entered. We raised £71 for FOPS which is very much appreciated.

#### **FOPS SOCIAL**

We thought it would be nice to organise a FOPS social night. A few of us are planning to go to the Purley Sports & Social Club by the Barn on Beech Road next Friday 1st April from 7pm onwards. We would love it if you could come and join us for a drink if you are free.

Just to get an idea of numbers, it would be great if you could let Charlotte (Ollie & Poppy's mum) know on 07818062259 if you can make it and if you are a member of the club. If you're not a member, don't worry we can sign you in. And if you can't make this date, don't worry, we'll be arranging more.

Hope you can join us & we look forward to seeing you there!



## SCHOOL LOTTERY

We are excited to announce the launch of a lottery for Purley School through Your School Lottery. You can enter via the following link

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/purley-ce-primary-school>

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. There is a guaranteed cash winner from Purley Primary every week and the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot.

The draw takes place every Saturday, Your School Lottery will notify the winners via email. Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!

For every ticket you play, 76% goes to your school and prizes. If you sign up, there is also a chance of winning a £500 bike voucher.



## Dates for the diary

**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

01189842384 or email:

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**Karen Fakes (Head teacher)**

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WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM  
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It is lovely that spring is here and as such it is a good time to think about a school trip for the summer term.

It is free to do a self-led visit of West Berkshire Museum and we can usually provide a free museum trail to accompany your visit. There are clipboards and pencils you can borrow too.

We host school visits on Mondays and Tuesdays (closed to the public). We can accommodate one class (max. of 35 pupils) on site at any one time. If you have several classes who would like to visit on the same day, we can stagger the visits.

You can choose to combine a gallery visit with a led session (£45 per session). Unable to visit West Berkshire Museum? Most of the led sessions can be delivered in school.

**West Berkshire Museum Learning Panel**  
We're planning our second (since COVID-19) in-person West Berkshire Museum Learning Panel meeting at West Berkshire Museum on **Wednesday 27 April at 4.30pm**.

This is an opportunity to meet other teaching colleagues from West Berkshire schools, to find out more about what's on offer at the Museum and to share your thoughts on what you'd like the Museum to offer in the future.

The meeting is no longer than an hour and you're welcome to leave early.

The meeting is held in the museum café and includes refreshments. If you'd like to find out more or come along, please email Clare: [clare.bromley@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:clare.bromley@westberks.gov.uk)

**Easter school holiday**  
We've got family friendly activities at both Shaw House and West Berkshire Museum during the Easter school holiday. For details and to book: [www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on](http://www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on)

**Current exhibitions at the Museum**  
**Special exhibition: Barrels and Bottles.** Looking at the story of brewing in West Berkshire.  
**Special exhibition: Together.** Individuals describe their courtship and matrimonial rituals and traditions.  
**Special exhibition: Focus on Hungerford.** An exploration of the history of this parish.  
**Special exhibition: The Age of Dinosaurs.** Exploring the Mesozoic era. Open May 2022.  
**Special exhibition: Hoards – New Treasure.**  
**Special exhibition: The Stories We Tell.** Folklore, myths and legends of West Berkshire.

**Permanent exhibition: Lives and Landscapes.** The story of West Berkshire told chronologically.




Image: Two of the Roman-themed Messy Museum mornings at West Berkshire Museum during the Easter school holiday.

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## VILLAGE



## CONCERTS

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



**Steve Hewitt**  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.villageconcerts.co.uk)