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Friday Newsletter

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Headteacher's Update

Happy Easter!

We are all pleased to have got to the Easter break. There have been lots of memorable, successful and enjoyable moments. It has, however, been another challenging term with pupil and staff absences. Absences have a significant impact on progress and over the last two years, so much could not have been helped. Currently over a quarter of pupils have attendance of below 90%. This equates to 4 whole weeks of lessons missed. On top of this, there is the staff absence that also contributes to the situation.

I really hope that next half term, the whole school community will be healthier as we approach the assessment season. I hope my cough will go!

FS- ongoing assessments

Year 1- phonics tests starting on June 6th

Year 2 -SATs starting May 9th

Year 4 -Times tables test starting on June 6th

Year 6- SATs week May 9th.

Any extra reading or times tables/number bonds practice you can do with your child, over the holidays will be very beneficial. It does not need to be sat at a table.

I hope you all have a lovely break and the children come back refreshed.

Mrs Fakes



Collective Worship

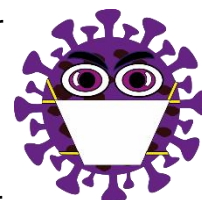
Owl class led a beautiful Easter service at St Mary's church today. They told the meaning of Easter to the other classes and the parents from Owl class. Easter eggs and bunnies will always be important for children (and chocoholics) at Easter time but it is fitting and good that we remember that these treats are there to symbolise new life, the resurrection.



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Covid update

- 1) Free testing has ended for most people.
- 2) Asymptomatic testing has ended for all school staff and pupils
- 3) Positive staff should isolate for 5 days and pupils for 3 days
- 4) Unwell individuals should stay at home – currently defined as adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, Updated symptoms available following this link



<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

5) Heads can still refuse to take a child/young person who displays symptoms of an infectious disease.

Updated symptoms of Covid, flu and common respiratory infections include

- Continuous cough
- Loss or change in taste or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Unexplained tiredness
- Muscle aches or pains
- Not feeling hungry
- Sore throat stuffy or runny nose
- Diarrhoea, feeling sick

Cake Sale

A big thank you to everyone who contributed so generously by providing and buying cakes from the cake sale for Ukraine this week. I am so proud of so many qualities exhibited. Julia and Darcy showed fantastic love and leadership skills and the support they got from their peers was very heart warming.



They raised an amazing £153.00 which will be donated through NatWest who are matching monies raised.

Darcy has also been making bracelets that she is selling to friends and family. So far she has raised £100

Year 5 Swimming



Swimming will be starting for Year 5's on Thursday 28th April. The minibus will be leaving school 8:50am so please make sure you are at

school on time. The minibus will not be able to wait for latecomers. As they are leaving first thing we are asking that the children come to school "swim ready" with their costumes under their school uniform (don't forget to put a pair of pants to change into in the bag with their towel.) Boys need to wear sports swimming trunks (not shorts) and girls should wear a sport style swimming costume (no bikinis or tankinis). Please provide a named swimming hat.

Children can wear swimming goggles if they want to but it is not a requirement.

Year 1 Woodland and Year 2 Swimming

Swimming and Woodland school will recommence after Easter from Monday 25th April.

FOPS News

FOPS SOCIAL

Thank you to everyone who made the FOPS Social Night at the Purley Sports & Social Club last week - it was a great night! If you couldn't make it, our next social night will be on Thursday 5th May at the same place. Pop it in the diary and look forward to seeing you there!

SUMMER FETE

Having been unable to hold a summer fete for the last couple of years, we have big plans for our Fete this year, which will be held at the school on **Sunday 9th July**. We are currently in the planning stage but if you would like to be involved or can offer some help on the day please do let us know via our FOPS Lite sign up link - <https://bit.ly/FOPSLITE>

Any help you can offer will be much appreciated!

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. A really easy way to help raise money for the school, with a chance of winning something in return - Good luck everyone!

Dates for the diary

25/04/22 - Start of Summer Term 1

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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Launch of Purley's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Saturday 9th April 9am – 1pm

The Barn, Goosecroft RG8 8BW

Tea, coffee and cake also available

Come and soak up the atmosphere as we dust off the bunting and begin our countdown to the first ever Platinum Jubilee celebration this country has ever known. Purley has lots of events and activities planned to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, for all age groups. Many are free and some have a small charge for tickets. You can purchase your unique souvenir programme on the 9th and begin to book tickets for the events you want to attend. You will need to get in quick as some of these events are likely to be fully booked very quickly. Pre-booking is required for all the ticked events.

Please note this is a card-free zone – cash only – please come with some change if possible!

The following items and ticketed events will be launched on the 9th.

Souvenir Programme - £4

Discover everything happening in Purley to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and all the details you need to know to be able to join in. Plus, extra content about Purley and its past Jubilees and find out about our many local clubs and

societies, what they do and how you could join them.

A Celebration in Flowers – planted container competition organised by Purley Horticultural Society

A Musical Extravaganza – proudly presented by Thames Vale Singers

Afternoon Tea and Fashion through the Queen's Reign – courtesy of Project Purley

Coronation Fever – a play by Purley Players

Laughter in the Village – courtesy of Purley Women's Institute

Purley on Thames Scarecrow Festival – organised by Purley Sustainability Group

Goosecroft Extravaganza – organised by the Platinum Jubilee Steering Committee

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party – courtesy of Purley Sports and Social Club

