



Purley CE Primary School

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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

Only eight school days left in this half term and we are gearing up to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We have been learning the words to God save the Queen, some of our older children have been practicing their netball and cricket skills ready for a Jubilee tournament at Denefield, our younger children are making scarecrows that will be displayed at the Barn as part of the celebrations and Wednesday 25th May will be a Jubilee celebration day. The day will include a poetry recital and a visiting dance company teaching dances from the Commonwealth and there could be some cake!

Mrs Fakes



Collective Worship

This week we looked at the story of Daniel and the Lions den, reflecting on who had been truthful in this story and the subsequent consequences of not being truthful and the aftermath of being found out!



Mrs Pickering

Road Closure

The A329 Reading Road/Knowsley Road Roundabout will be closed from the 17th – 18th May 2022 between the hours of 09:30 – 15:30. This closure is to enable Volker Highways to carry out machine patching work on behalf of West Berkshire Council. Please allow extra time if you travel that way to collect your child from school, as diversions will be in place.



Bikeability

Bikeability have some Level 3 training for any Year 6 pupils that have completed their Level 2 - it will take place @ Shaw House, Newbury during the May half term. Any pupils interested can book via their booking portal



<https://activetravel.wbcroadsafety.co.uk/>

The courses are 3 hours and will provide riders with the skills and more confidence to ride to school

- 30th May - 6 places AM (9am to 12 noon) / 6 places PM (1pm to 4pm)
- 31st May- 6 places AM (9am to 12 noon) / 6 places PM (1pm to 4pm)
- 1st June - 6 places AM (9am to 12 noon) / 6 places PM (1pm to 4pm)

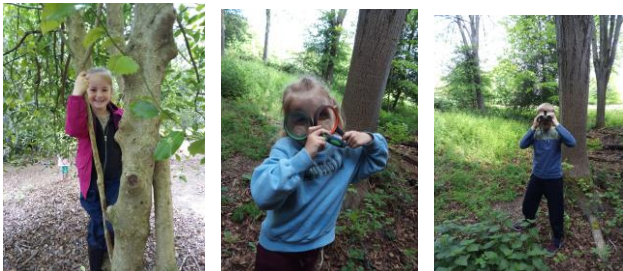
If pupils have missed Level 2 the same booking portal will also advertise these courses which will be scheduled over the school holidays

Please choose a school meal on Thursday

It is Census Day on Thursday 19th May. One of the most important aspects of the census for Purley is that the money we receive from the government to pay for the KS1/infant school meals is based on the number of meals taken on Thursday. It really helps us if the children have a school meal on this day. To encourage the children to choose a school meal The Pantry have devised a special menu which is attached to the newsletter. Please can you encourage your children who are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to book a school meal on Thursday? The meals are provided at no cost to you for those year groups, so even if your children were to bring a packed lunch, they could still order a meal to try in addition. If you have already pre-booked your child's school lunch, could you please re-check that your order for Thursday has been placed. We thank you for your support with this.

Woodland School

As we arrived at the woods we were amazed to see how quickly the trees and plants had changed. The leaves on the trees had appeared and were all shapes and sizes. We discovered bluebells, nettles and all sorts of new plants covering the ground. We were able to find many minibeasts and we thought this was because it was now warmer weather, which they must like. Many of us continued with our familiar activities although we also found a tree to climb which we hadn't realised we could reach before. We decided that it was because we had grown and now were tall enough to reach it! It made a brilliant look-out to spot what everyone else was doing.



Hedgehog class

This week we have been using non-fiction books and the internet to find out interesting facts about bees and other insects. We went on a bug hunt in the garden and managed to find lots of insects hiding from the rain under logs and leaves. Kylon even found a spider's nest under the climbing frame and they tickled as they crawled on our hands. We posed



the question *Is a bee like me?* and we thought of lots of reasons why we are not like a bee: Sebastian noticed that we can't make honey, Dakota said that we don't have wings to make the buzzing sound, and Lottie said that we don't have 6 legs like insects. We all enjoyed making and eating the delicious oat and honey cookies - thank you bees for the honey!

Next week in Maths we will be exploring adding by counting on from a number.

Reminder: Please can we ask that the children have water in their bottles to drink during the day. They may bring in squash or juice for lunchtime if they wish.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



In Badger class this week the Y2's have worked especially hard and are well under way with their SAT's. Well done to all of them showing resilience and determination to do their best. They have actually really enjoyed them and we call them "our special quizzes." As part of our History learning we have been looking at Fairy Tales and researching how they can give us information about life in the past. We were amazed to discover how the illustrations can in fact be used as excellent historical research. We have enjoyed the tale "Goldilocks and the 3 bears" and retold the story from the viewpoint of Goldilocks. Our PE this term has been to learn some country dances and the children have enjoyed learning to skip, swing and promenade with a partner. It has been great fun and very energetic. In maths Y2 have been looking at unit and non-unit fractions and Y1 have been investigating weight and mass using simple balance scales.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

This week the children have finally had an opportunity to start a global collaboration project. On Wednesday, they met with a group of 14 children from across India and exchanged a short profile of themselves. The Indian children also delivered a presentation of their culture. Owl Class will be doing a similar presentation after the Jubilee, so we can share some of the celebrations with them. Global collaboration is such a wonderful experience for all the children and we are very thankful for all the support we



receive from The JDO Foundation to allow us to do this.

In English we have been looking at verbs, adverbs and fronted adverbials and exploring how we can use the latter two to up level our writing. The children are currently working on making predications. In maths, the Spheres are working on decimals and the Cubes are finishing a unit on money working on calculating change. In History we are continuing to research music through the ages. In small groups, the children are working on creating presentations using a range of methods and skills from the Baroque period, starting in 1600, through to the modern period ending in 1960.

We have also recommenced our Monday Mile around the village and are using this opportunity to do a spot of community work, replenishing the doggy poo bag dispensers and doing some litter picking.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class

In Falcon class, we are SO proud of all the children: the Y6 for their calm approach to the SATs tests and Y5 for their support and encouragement.



Thanks also go to the rest of the school for their help and assistance, not to mention the governors as well. In between the testing, we have enjoyed learning about refraction in science and discovered how to make glass rods disappear! Following a session on the history of TV, we considered the technological advances needed and what we felt was a key development. What will happen next?! In English, we are writing a non-chronological report about wands (from Harry Potter) and will use this knowledge next week in some narrative poetry. We have also revisited online safety, in particular considering how to be safe in an online community.

We are now into the Production season - casting is underway for Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies, watch this space (as they say)!



We had fun eating breakfast together each morning before SATs!

Mrs Hicks

FOPS News

Bag2School Collection

FOPS have booked another Bag2School collection for Friday 24th June. 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 **Friday 24th June**.

SUMMER FETE

Can you help at the summer fete please? A rota will be coming out next week, for people to sign up for half an hour slots on the day - still giving you lots of time to enjoy the fete with your family too. Look out for Julie Anderson in the playground who will be arranging the stall volunteers. Alternatively sign up to FOPS Lite and we will contact you directly - <https://bit.ly/FOPSLITE>

Thank you to everyone who has signed up already; we will be in touch.

SCHOOL LOTTERY

We had another lucky £20 winner from our school lottery this week! There's still time to sign up for this week's draw and be in with a chance of winning a bolt on prize of one of five £100 B&Q vouchers and a chance to win the **£25,000** jackpot.

To sign up if you want to be in with a chance of winning, then follow this link:-

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

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week.

Some people have registered with the lottery but not completed their ticket purchase - is that you? If so, don't miss out!

MY NAME TAGS

Spring has sprung, and that applies to the kids too - these little people keep growing and growing! If you are getting new uniform or school equipment, a great way to stop them from disappearing into lost property is to use a name sticker. The website www.mynametags.com

offer fantastic labels that the children can help design. Remember to enter our school's ID code **18975** at the checkout so that the school benefits too!

If you do have any school uniform that no longer fits your children, please consider donating it to FOPS. Any money made from second hand uniform sales is donated back to the school for enriching

activities and experiences. And if you are looking for new summer uniform, you can kit your children out for a fraction of the price at our second hand sales. We will be having a sale after school soon, watch this space for a date.

Dates for the diary

25/05/22 – Jubilee day -End of Summer Term 1

26/05/22 – **Extra School Platinum Jubilee Holiday**

06/06/22 – Start of Summer Term 2

09-10/06/22 – Year 4/5 Camping

09/07/22 – School fete

21/07/22 – **End of Academic Year at 1:15pm**

05/09/22 – **Start of the new Academic Year**

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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CORONATION FEVER

by Vince Jones

"With the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth the Second only a year away, the village of Wintercourse Frequent must prepare!

The Vicar calls together some stalwarts of the village to plan for the big event over two meetings."

Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th June 2022

8.00pm - Purley Memorial Hall, RG8 8DP

(Doors open 7.30pm)

Box Office opens: 9th April 2022

Tickets: £8 & £6 concessions

(seats numbered and limited so book early)

From Jean: 0118 942 4372 or

email: tickets@purleyplayers.uk

Bar and refreshments available



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