



## Purley CE Primary School

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# Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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### Headteacher's Update



It was so welcome to see the sun shining again this week. It is due back on Wednesday! An email dropped into my inbox this week with a reminder of water safety and open windows. Did you know a child can drown in 2 inches of water? It warns of the dangers of paddling pools etc. There was a request by West Berkshire safeguarding, to share a short video with parents. It may be accessed following this link <https://youtu.be/y4njOkRBK4Q>.

It is entitled **Keep you children alive and kicking this summer**.

Playing with and in water can be a lot of fun. Let's keep it safe.

We were very sorry that the Amani Community School that we have been supporting for many years, had to close due to the pandemic. We are very keen that our children engage in a deeper understanding of equality and injustice in the world and wish to encourage them to become young advocates.



We have identified a new charity the "Kedesh Foundation". It supports abandoned and orphaned boys and was established 25 years ago. Mrs McConnell's son works for the charity that teaches life and vocational skills. This week Mrs McConnell, who is very familiar with the charity, introduced it to the children. We will now work on finding ways of supporting this charity.

*Mrs Fakes*

### Collective Worship

This week, in Thursday's Collective Worship, we dove into a lesser known Bible story about the wicked king Ahab, and his devious wife, queen Jezebel, who conspired together to use deceitful tactics to have a certain man (Naboth) killed, just so the king could have Naboth's vineyard for himself. It's a sorry tale about how greed leads to dishonesty and terrible decisions. But the children brought the story to life by donning silly wigs and hats and playing the characters' parts! We also heard the story of Howard B. Wigglebottom the bunny, who couldn't stop lying about things, but found that the more he lied, the worse he felt, as if there were a heavy monkey hanging onto his back. The only way

out was to listen to his conscience, fess up to the truth, and say sorry. What freedom we can know when we don't have to carry around the guilt of being dishonest anymore! In prayer we thanked God for his forgiveness and help in being truthful people.

*Revd. Jones, Curate at St Mary's Church*

### Census

A big thank you to all who ordered a school lunch on Census day. This will really help us with our funding.



## Platinum Jubilee

The queen will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee next month. As mentioned in the October newsletter, the government has given schools an additional bank holiday as part of the celebrations. Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> will be a History day at school which will include celebrating the Jubilee with a dance workshop. May 26<sup>th</sup> will be the additional bank holiday and school will be closed. This will make it an extended half term as it is also inset day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Please be aware that not all schools will be celebrating the bank holiday on the same day and if you have siblings in different schools, they may have a different extra bank holiday.



imaginary games to play with our friends. We had a really lovely time and made it back to the minibus just in time as the rain began to pour- at least the snails will be happy!

A reminder that next week is our last Woodland Adventure.

Thank you to Mrs McConnell, Miss Maisey, Mr Briscoe and Miss James who all came to help us have a fun and safe time.



Mrs Hodsdon

## Sunny Weather



As the weather is becoming warmer, may we remind you that the children need a sun hat to wear for playtimes and outdoor PE.

The children may also use a high factor sunscreen – please apply sunscreen before arriving to school. If you wish, you can send your child with a named sunscreen bottle, which must be handed to the class teacher, to top up if they do outdoor PE in the afternoon.

## Woodland School

Today at the woods we noticed more plants had been growing and identified cow parsley and sticky weed. We noted that the nettles had grown a lot taller so we thought about how we needed to take care not to get stung.



We sat quietly and listened to birds singing which Sophia identified as blue-tits, robins, blackbirds and a cooing pigeon. We were fortunate to have Miss James with us and she organised a game of hide and seek which was very exciting and some of us were very good at it! We



found a tree which was a favourite habitat for snails and thought about how it must have been wet and damp after the rainy weekend because snails love to be damp. We also went to a different area to climb the trees and balance on the logs. There was a lot more open space there so many of us created some

## Hedgehog class



In the lead up to the Jubilee celebrations, we have been finding out about our Queen. We watched a very old video of her coronation, and looked at pictures of her out and about meeting people. We were fascinated to see her wearing so many different hats! We decided we would each design a new hat for her and send our ideas to Buckingham Palace - maybe one day we will see her majesty wearing one of our designs!

We read the stories *The Queen's Knickers* and *Paddington at the Palace* and we were very surprised when another postcard from Paddington arrived in class! This one was from Madagascar and we found out that it is where most of the vanilla is produced - especially for our vanilla ice-cream 😊.

## For your information:

After the half-term holiday, beginning on 6<sup>th</sup> June, each Monday morning the FS2 hedgehogs will be visiting Basildon Park for a woodland experience. They will need to come to school in long trousers, long-sleeved tops, wellies, and bring a water bottle. Sun cream would be a good idea if it looks to be sunny, or waterproof jackets if it looks like rain. The children will stay in their Woodland School kit all day. Could you please provide a change of shoes.

Also beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June, on Monday afternoons the FS2 hedgehogs will be doing Didi Rugby for their PE sessions. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school every week (with pumps that fit please - some children have grown!).

Mrs Burton

## Badger class



Badger class have been enjoying making music this week using technology. We have quite a few budding composers amongst us and they were all excited to share their musical masterpieces with each other. It has been set as a 2Do on Purple Mash, so if they would like to continue exploring this program at home, they will be able to access it easily. In English we wrote apology letters as if Goldilocks, to the 3 bears for entering their house and causing some damage. We also looked at the character of the Big, Bad, Wolf and how he is portrayed in fairy tales. We then created some MISSING posters all about him. In maths we have been exploring telling the time, which is our current KIRF (Key, Instant, Recall, Fact) Y2 have continued to work extremely hard with their SAT'S and again have shown great resilience and determination to do their best. Well done to all of them.

There are a few outstanding library books that need to be returned. We are collecting them in for the end of term, so please check that they are all sent back in. Many thanks

*Mrs Lyn-Jones*

## Owl class



In English this week we have been thinking about empathetic sound; how music can affect our emotions and how film producers use it for impact in film. It has been interesting to see how it affects children in different ways.

In Maths the Cubes have been looking at measurement of length and equivalent units of measure. The Spheres have been exploring money and been practising hard for their forthcoming times tables test. In RE they have been using drama to think about miracles from the Bible. In science the children have made a short film in small groups, exploring how sound is made and how we hear sound, we definitely have some budding presenters amongst us. I hope to have them up on Google Classroom shortly so the children can share them with you at home.

Next week we will be exploring music styles and how and why they have changed through the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

*Mrs Pickering*

## Falcon class



There was such a buzz in the classroom this week, as children created a piece of descriptive writing, writing as their wands! There were cheeky wands, evil ones, shy, loud and downright jokey examples. The range of vocabulary was wonderful to see, as was the control of punctuation for effect. It is very satisfying to see children apply what we have learnt in our grammar lessons. In other lessons, Hexagons have focussed on area/perimeter of 2D shapes and volume of cuboids; Pentagons have been working on times-tables knowledge; Crystals have been looking at sharing equally as a prelude to working on fractions. The class have been working on BLOGS and considering online safety when gaming, in computing. It was interesting to hear about the games they play at home and this led to a discussion about why games have age ratings on them. Our History continues as we look at the history of and impact of the TV set (this leads nicely to thoughts of the Jubilee next week.) In art, the children have made their backdrops for their 'moving pictures' and will be animating shortly. Play rehearsals have begun in earnest and the children know they need to learn their lines ASAP. I appreciate your help at home with this!!

*Mrs Hicks*

## FOPS News

### FOPS PARTY CROCKERY BOX HIRE - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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 is supplied ready for use. Once the party is over, it is returned with a small donation. Thank you to everyone who has hired the Party Crockery Box so far. 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.

Unfortunately the lovely Lucy Eldred is no longer able to oversee the party box, so we are looking for a volunteer who would be happy to take over. It would be great if we keep the box going as it is a great way of raising funds for FOPS whilst also helping to promote sustainability. If you are interested or have any questions, please speak to Lucy or Chloe in the playground or drop us an email on [askfops@gmail.com](mailto:askfops@gmail.com).

## **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 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!

## **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

**24/06/22** – Bag2School Collection

**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

01189842384 or email:

[headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022

8.00pm - Purley Memorial Hall, RG8 8DP

(Doors open 7.30pm)

Box Office opens: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Tickets: £8 & £6 concessions

(seats numbered and limited so book early)

From Jean: 0118 942 4372 or

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