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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

I hope you all enjoyed half term especially the Jubilee celebrations. The Queen meeting Paddington bear was a highlight for me. Before we broke up for the holidays we had a celebration day at school. We had a poetry recital, dance workshops, Purley Paragon playtime and did activities related to the Jubilee. I learnt a lot about the Queen from the interesting facts the children had researched and the television programmes shown. Thank you to Mrs Pickering who has collated a short video of what went on. This is available on our website [The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration - Purley Church of England Primary School](#)



Enjoy.

Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship

Worship this week has focussed on two Christian celebrations. On Monday we celebrated the church's birthday with our Pentecost service at the front of the school. We used ribbons and paper birds to represent the Holy Spirit through fire, wind and doves. The service was led by our worship ambassadors.



On Thursday we celebrated the Holy Trinity, such a difficult concept to understand: God as the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit. We looked at a Shamrock leaf as suggested by St Patrick. Is it one leaf or three? We thanked God for looking after us as a Father, for sending us Jesus to show us how to behave and for sending the Holy Spirit to guide us on our way.

Mrs Fakes

Sporting News

At the end of last term, Purley, together with another 4 local primary schools, participated in a Jubilee sporting Cup hosted by Deneffield School. There were two mini tournaments, netball and Kwik cricket. All of our children played exceptionally well and expressed excellent sportsmanship; all children received a participation medal. Well done everyone!



Woodland School

The damp weather couldn't dampen our spirits for our first trip to the woods! We began our visit by walking around the boundary, tying red wool on branches and trees to remind us where we would be



able to play safely. We learned that the command 'sticky toes' means we stand in a circle with our feet touching each other's so that we can listen to the adults. Mr Briscoe helped us to find a variety of spiders hiding amongst the wet leaves, and Kylon and Harry C enjoyed helping him play hide and seek.

We had great fun learning to move logs and branches safely by dragging them to the ball run to make a little house – unfortunately it was only big enough for one person at a time. Some of the logs were long and heavy and we had to work as a team to move them. When we got back to school we thought about ways we could improve our building skills and we can't wait for our next trip to try out our ideas!



Mrs Burton

Hedgehog class

Our first session of Diddy Rugby on Monday was great fun! We learned how to run around, holding the ball safely in two hands, dodging the other players. We played lots of team games to practise our new ball skills.



Our writing this week was inspired by our exciting trip to the woods. We talked about our favourite part of the visit with our talk partners before writing our thoughts on special woodland paper.

We have also been thinking about what it takes to be a superhero - obviously the most famous heroes have amazing skills such as spinning webs, flying, and super strength. Through whole class discussion, we realised that all of the heroes have one thing in common - they all help people, and we decided that we could all be heroes too!

Mrs Burton

Badger class



It was lovely to welcome Badger class back to school this week and see them get enthused about their new topic, "The

Enchanted Woodland." We started by sharing information about the woodland as a habitat for many different creatures and researching which animals lived in the woods near us. We made moving pictures to show some of these animals in their natural habitats, thinking carefully about creating the puppet and the appropriate background. In English we watched a short animation called "The Black Hat" and then created exciting noun phrases to describe the woodland setting. We listened to woodland sounds and used this to stimulate our writing and include all of our different senses. Such fun was had on Friday down at the field, where we enjoyed looking for minibeasts in the many microhabitats found in the wooded area. In maths Y1 have been exploring capacity and volume and Y2 have been investigating measuring using cm's and metres.

Our PE this term is athletics and we will be going back down to the field on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure that PE kits are in school for this lesson. With the weather getting warmer please put in shorts rather than tracksuits. Many thanks



Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class



This week in Owl Class we have been finishing off our work on Cool Composers. In small groups the children have been preparing a short presentation from one of the 4 main musical eras; Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Renaissance. Each group needed to research their era and then create a poster and google slide presentation detailing key composers and their most popular compositions, instruments that were popular and identify historical events from that time. Their final task was to present this to the rest of the class. I was very impressed with how well everyone did and the amount of information they included. In English the children have completed a reading comprehension and written a prediction on how our class novel; *Titus Rules* by Dick King-Smith will end, drawing on our knowledge of the characters and previous

events and paying consideration to the title. Once again, there has been some very impressive work. The Spheres have been exploring decimals and the Cubes have been revisiting fraction skills from the start of the year ready to move on and start finding fractions of a set. We are all very excited to be starting our new topic, Commotion in the Ocean next week.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class

Brooms aloft! was the cry as Falcons took part in the first ever Purley School House Quidditch competition! Racing along on the broomsticks they made for homework, the children had a fabulous time under the watchful eyes of Prof Trelawney (Mrs Hicks) and Madame Hooch (Miss Goodban). Having learnt the rules of the game, it was great to see children collaborate well to achieve their aim: score and win! They applied their sports skills well to this new game and the winners were: Earthy Bears - in a penalty broom off. Continuing the Harry Potter theme, we used our learning from science about shadows to create a shadow puppet theatre to retell the story of 'The Three Brothers'. This has also led to the children writing the story in their English lessons, reflecting and using their editing skills to improve the quality of the final story.



In Maths, Hexagons have been brushing up key skills; Pentagons have been working on fraction and decimal equivalents; Crystals have been working on using $<$ $>$ $=$ signs. Year 5 are having a great time camping, I popped in to see them on Thursday evening and they excitedly told me about all they had been doing. Rehearsals are going nicely and please remember to learn those lines and bring in your costume items - the costume rack is already up and filling!

This is Miss Goodban's last week with us in school, we shall miss her enthusiasm and knowledge and wish her well as she continues her studies!



Mrs Hicks

FOPS News

FOPS PARTY CROCKERY BOX HIRE

We are very pleased to let you all know that a volunteer has been found so we can continue to offer the Party Crockery Box for hire for children's 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.

Huge thanks to both Lucy Eldred who has been running the box this year and to Sarah McGowan for very kindly taking on the running of this! If you would like to book the Party Box, please contact Sarah on 07872316048.

SUMMER FETE

We are busy prepping for the summer fete on **Saturday 9 July, 11.00am - 2.30pm**. We would appreciate your support in the run up if you're able to answer our pleas below, please.

On Monday your child will be coming home with raffle tickets in their book bags. Further raffle tickets can be purchased in advance from the School Office and the Mad Duck, plus during the fete itself. To be in with a chance of winning, please return completed stubs, unsold tickets, and money to the school office by **Monday 4 July**. Tickets are just 50p each and the prizes range from horse riding to summer game sets. A full list of prizes are attached to this ParentMail and we would like to take this opportunity to say how grateful we are to all the incredible local businesses who are supporting us with our fundraising efforts.

From Friday 17th June, each Friday we will be collecting donations in the lead up to the fete. Our donation days will be as follows:

17th June - Lucky Dip Bags - A paper bag will be in your child's book bag, please could you return it next Friday with any little party bag type toys/sweets etc.

24th June - Chocolate & Sweets - For the chocolate tombola

1st July - Bottles, bubbles and booze - For the bottle tombola

8th July - Cakes, bakes and biscuits - For our tea & cake stand.

Do you have spare freezer space/cool boxes or gazebos that we can borrow in the run up please? If so, please email askfops@gmail.com.

We are very grateful for any donations or help you can give which should make this a really fun day.

AUCTION OF PROMISES

In conjunction with the Fete, we are also holding an Auction of Promises for some of the really generous prices that have been donated to us. The auction has now gone live online. There are a huge variety of prizes and it will be running online until **10.00am on Saturday 9th July**. Follow this link to take a look and make a bid

auctionofpromises.com/2022auctionpurleyprimary. You can also continue to bid in person at the fete. Good luck!

FIREWORKS - SAVE THE DATE!

A date for your diary - the fabulous Thameside Firework Fiesta will be back on Sunday 6th November. This is always a fun evening with great food and drink and an impressive firework display over the river. We hope you can join us, so do pop the date in your diaries.

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

24/06/22 – Bag2School Collection

06-07/07/22 – Year 6 Production

09/07/22 – School fete

15/07/22 – Sports Day

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

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

06/11/22 – Fireworks

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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