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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

As we hurtle towards the end of term, I question whether it is possible to get any busier. We are making our final assessments and submitting them to the DfE and Local Authority. Falcon class are busy preparing for their production; Mrs Pickering is busy organising sports week; Mrs Burton is busy preparing for a new intake; Everyone is busy writing reports.

Thursday June 30th will see the children spend a morning in the classes they will be in in September. They need to be dropped off at the classroom door. (Falcon pupils don't need an escort). I would like to remind you that the register is taken at 9 o'clock. Pupils should arrive before this so that they are settled in their seats by 9.

Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship

Continuing with Moses and the exodus from Egypt, this week we learnt more about the long journey that the people of Israel had to make. Travelling in the desert was a gruelling time for them, but God was with them all the way, providing food, water and support. We learnt about the faithlessness of the people when they got distracted from trusting in God and then had to spend another 40 years wandering in the wilderness. It took the faith of the next generation to allow them to pass into the 'Land of Milk and Honey'. We came to the realisation that this was both a physical and spiritual journey for the Hebrews. We can trust in God and follow Him, knowing He is with us in good times and difficult ones too.

Mrs Hicks

Change over morning

On Thursday 30th June, children will have an opportunity to visit their new classes for September. The following is relevant for your child's year group **next year**.

Year 7 (those not going to Denefield) - enter through the upstairs library door. They will proceed directly to the hall.

Y5/6 enter through Falcon class door.

Y3/4 enter through Owl class door

Y1/2 Playground double doors. There will be staff around to direct your child to their classroom.

EYFS (Hedgehog Class) enter through Foundation Stage gate as normal

Please ensure that all children are in school ready to learn for 9am.

During the morning, children will meet the staff members, see the classrooms, shown where to hang coats and go to the toilet etc.

Numbers Day

We are having an exciting NUMBERS DAY in school on Friday July 1st, where we are exploring a range of Maths challenges, for example 'What's in a Handful?' As part of the day, we are asking children to come into school dressed as someone who uses numbers in their job. For example, an astronaut,

architect, physicist, builder, carpet fitter or costume designer! Please no football kits. Props can be used of course to show who they are as well as the costume/clothes. (please don't feel you have to go out and buy an expensive costume.)

Sports Week

We are very excited to launch our Sports Week again on the 11th July. The week will culminate with our Sports Day on **Friday 15th July**.

During the **whole week**, children need to come to school in black shorts and either a white t-shirt or a t-shirt in their house colour with minimal logo/design. No football shirts please. Please remember that the children will be out and about in the community in their PE kit. School jumpers or cardigans if needed. PE style pumps are not suitable for this week's activities – trainers will be needed throughout.

Children will be required to wear their school house coloured t-shirt on Sports Day (15th July).

Sports Day Information:

Venue: Bucknells Meadow

Hedgehog/Badger: 09.45 am to approx. 11.45.

Owl/Falcon: 1.30 pm start

KS1 children will join us at the meadow for the award ceremony at approximately 3pm.

All children to be collected from Bucknells Meadow, at 3.15pm.

Afterschool club children will be walked back to school. Please ensure that you have told us if you have collected your child.

Open Afternoon

You are invited to come into school between **1.30pm and 2.45pm on the afternoon of Tuesday 19th July** to share your child's work over the past year. Please come to the classroom to collect your child and their work. You can then find a quiet spot around the school or grounds (weather permitting!) so your child can share their work with you, talk about what they have done over the last academic year and celebrate their successes. You may sign your child out with their class teacher and take him/her home after you've finished. If you can't make it, it would be great if a grandparent or another family member or family friend attends. The Open Afternoon is very well attended and the children really enjoy sharing their work.

Woodland School

The sun was shining as we entered the woods this week. We worked with a partner to look at the woods through a piece of card with a rectangle cut out of the middle as a viewing screen, and we then either drew what we noticed or took a photo of the scene. Sadie found an interesting fungus growing on the underside of a fallen tree trunk, and Lottie noticed a cobweb amongst the leaves.



Elliot explored the sound the logs made when hit with sticks. "They all sound different - it's like a drum kit!"



Mrs Burton

Hedgehog class

We read the story Each Peach, Pear, Plum and we looked closely at the pictures to compare life in the past with life now. We are quite glad that we now have washing machines as the mangle looked quite dangerous for fingers, and having to use candles instead of lights could've been tricky too. The worst problem for living in the past, however, was thought to be the lack of electricity to charge our Kindles and iPads!



We decided to compose our own class story using the fairy story spoons for inspiration. Unfortunately, a big goat was beaten in a fight with a troll, but luckily there was a happy ending, as several princesses were on hand to fish the goat out of the stream and look after him!

In music we listened to The Flight of the Bumble Bee by Rimsky Korsakov and we used crayons and paper to express how the music made us feel.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class carried out some Geography fieldwork this week in the school garden. We wanted to know if the school grounds had enough plants to encourage wildlife. We collected data and recorded it on tally charts.

Following that we made a class graph and it showed that butterflies, ladybirds and beetles were not very present on our grounds. The children had all sorts of ideas on what we could do to change this and our school council representative have written letters to Mrs Fakes and Mrs Hubert sharing their thoughts. One of the suggestions was a bug hotel. If any of our parents would like to get involved in setting this up, your help would be very much appreciated. In English this week we have enjoyed the animation "Caterpillar shoes" and the children have retold the story in their own words. Part of our Science learning was to study plants up closely. Using magnifying glasses, we carefully examined the different parts of a plant. Y1 Maths this week has been to look at making arrays and Y2 have been solving length problems involving the 4 different mathematical operations.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class



There has been continued commotion in the class this week as we have thought more about the impact of plastic in our oceans.

In English, the children have been thinking about the message brought to Michael, in the Michael Morpurgo novel, 'This morning I Met a Whale'. With this as a focus, we have revisited and explored in more detail, considering how to add dialogue to a text with the correct punctuation. In maths the Cubes are investigating fractions and finding fractions of a group, they are doing so well, fractions can be a tricky concept to understand! The Spheres have continued exploring decimals.

There have been some wonderful ocean animal artistic creations in the style of Rob Oxley, give him a google if you have not seen his work. We had hoped to meet with our friends in India on Thursday, but technology let us down, we are hoping to make that connection today.

Finally, in DT this term, we will be creating a sea creature sculpture using recycled plastics. I have spoken to the children about starting to think about what they may like to make and to collect suitable plastics. We will be collecting: plastic bottles, food trays (that have been washed), fruit net bags and anything else they think may be useful.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class



Rehearsals continue apace and thanks to those who have learnt their lines well - it makes all the difference to how they can act on stage. PLEASE can EVERYONE make sure they are word perfect, go over them again and again at home! The children are also busy making the props for the show, practising all the choreography (thank you Casey!) and singing galore.

In other lessons, Y6 are using the transition unit from Denefield as an introduction to how Maths is taught at KS3; Y5 are working on decimals to thousandths; and Crystals are developing written methods for multiplication. As a follow up to the Englefield Day, we have used our mapping skills and made detailed maps of the area we visited, including keys and grid references. In RSE, Y5 have learnt more about puberty and the changes in boys and girls. We have also have some fascinating discussions in RE as we are looking at the overarching question: Are Creation and Science complimentary or conflicting?

ROBIN AND THE SHERWOOD HOODIES

Performances will be taking place on Wednesday the 6th July and Thursday the 7th July at 6:30pm. Children will need to be in school at 6pm to change into their costumes. A letter will be sent out on Monday regarding tickets.



Mrs Hicks

FOPS News

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted items. You donated 384KG of clothes which equates to £154.80 raised for school! The next one is planned for November.



SUMMER FETE

We are starting to get very excited about our Summer Fete on **Saturday 9th July**.

Thank you for all your kind donations for the Lucky Dip Bags last week and Chocolate & Sweets today - these are much appreciated. Don't worry if you haven't remembered to bring your donations in yet - just drop them off at school whenever you can. Next week, we would be very grateful for any donations of **Bubbles, Bottles & Booze** for our bottle tombola.

Hopefully you found the raffle tickets in your child's book bag last week. There are a fab range of prizes available from horse riding to summer game sets. Tickets are just 50p each, if you'd like to purchase some please return the stubs and cash to the school office. There are only a limited number of advance raffle tickets and they are proving popular, so if you don't wish to buy, then please return the tickets to school so they can be resold. More tickets will be available to buy on the day itself.

We still need a few more volunteers to assist on the day. If you can spare an hour to help on a stall, we would be very grateful. Look out for Julie Anderson in the playground, who will be arranging the stall volunteers.

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Robin Taylor was the lucky winner from our school lottery last week. There's still time to sign up for this week's draw and be in with a chance of winning 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!

EASYFUNDRAISING

It's the time of the year when you might be looking to update your summer wardrobe or book a holiday. If you haven't signed up to Easyfundraising, then please consider this as it is a good way to raise funds for our school.

Easyfundraising is an entirely free service that allows people to shop directly at their favourite online store via the links on the website

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fopsreading/>

(or the app which is available on the app store or googleplay) and raise a donation for their school once a purchase is made. Donations can be up to 15% of the value of your purchase, depending on the retailer and the item purchased! There are thousands of stores that are already participating with leading high street brands such as Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Argos, eBay, Sainsburys, Tesco Direct, Toys R Us, holiday companies such as Expedia and Booking.com and more, making it one of the most effortless fundraising ideas for schools.

It's completely free and there really is no catch.

Sign up, select our school and start raising funds today! All you need to do is remember to go to the app or the website every time you shop

Dates for the diary

30/06/22 – Change over morning

01/07/22 – Numbers Day

06-07/07/22 – Year 6 Production

09/07/22 – School fete

11-15/07/22 – Sports Week

15/07/22 – Sports Day

18/07/22 – Bikeability Training Year 5

19/07/22 – Open afternoon

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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