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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

The school is alive with the sound of music as Falcon class rehearse for their production next week. Classes are preparing for sports day and this week, children visited their new classes or met the new children coming into their classes.

We hope to distribute the school reports next week and you will have an opportunity to discuss the report with the class teachers on our open afternoon on Tuesday 19th July as well as giving your child the opportunity to share with you what they have achieved this year.

Mrs Fakes



Collective Worship

Continuing on our theme of journeys, we looked at the story of Jonah this week. He was asked by God to go on a journey to Nineveh to tell the people there that they needed to behave better. Jonah did not listen to God. We thought about whether we listen when we are asked to do things. Do we listen to our parents? Do we listen to God? We found out what happened to Jonah when he did not listen and ended up inside a big fish.



Mrs Fakes

Numbers day

What an amazing Numbers Day! We started with an assembly to launch the day and the chance to see all the different roles that need numbers: landscape gardener, doctor, dentist, astronaut, chef, costume makers....to name but a few. Having heard about the history of numbers, the classes were then set some challenges to explore during the day, for example 'What's in a handful?' In Hedgehog they've

discovered that smaller hands can hold less than big hands; you can get less big cubes in one hand than small ones; sand is too tiny to count! In Badger, children found what was in their handful and then found different ways to represent that number e.g. arrays, number sentences, pictures. In Owl, children were being strategic and found that if you stack counters, you can get more in your hands; build a LEGO tower and you can hold it in your hand! In Falcon, children have designed their own new number systems with the most intriguing numerals and names. "Ours is really annoying so people may not like it!" stated Sam. All in all, it's been a great day for Maths at Purley! Photos from the day are available on the website.

Mrs Hicks - Maths Lead

The Summer Reading Challenge is back!

Fun and free reading over the holiday.

This is an annual reading engagement programme delivered by The Reading Agency. It aims to tackle the summer reading 'dip'



by encouraging children aged 4 – 11 to read for pleasure over the summer holidays by setting a reading target, reading their books and receiving rewards and incentives along the way. The theme for this year's Challenge is 'Gadgeteers'. Developed in collaboration with the Science Museum Group, the Challenge will show children that science is all around us every day and inspire them to unleash their curiosity and creativity! Visit the local library to get started and pick up their first set of rewards and borrowed books. A total of 6 books need to be read over the Summer holiday in order to complete the challenge and receive all rewards and a final certificate and medal. The books can also be borrowed from the library bus

(See the attached timetable for the Purley and Tilehurst visits)

The challenge will be a house competition. Children to bring their certificates back to school in September (deadline for completion is 15th September)

Happy reading everyone and may the best house win!!

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

This week in the woods we thought about how we use our senses to keep us safe as we play and explore.



Apart from the added challenge of trying to keep dry, we challenged ourselves to find our way around without using our eyes. We worked with a partner and took it in turns to wear a blindfold. One partner had to give instructions using bossy words to help their visually impaired partner walk around safely.

We decided that it was a bit scary not being able to see!

Harry E, Sebastian, Elliot and Lottie were also thinking about safety when they climbed onto the big tree stump. Harry said "Only four of us can fit safely on this tree stump – anymore and they will fall off". Sebastian thought it would be a good idea to sit on your bottom and slide off as the stump was quite high, but Elliot demonstrated that jumping into a pile of leaves was a good way to get down too.



Mrs Burton

Hedgehog class

In our circle time this week, we thought about how change makes us feel. We realised that it is perfectly normal to feel a bit anxious when going somewhere different or trying something new. Just like our superhero teddy, Sir Risk-Taker, we bravely went to our new classes on Thursday and had an amazing time.



In RE we have been learning how Buddhists believe in karma, and we understand that if we remember to use our kind words and kind hands, others may remember to be kind to us too. We had a go at meditating by focusing on a candle flame and listening to calming music, but it made many of us feel sleepy in the warm classroom.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have been focussing on non-fiction this week. We started by researching different minibeasts and looking at how the information is presented in a non-fiction book. With a learning partner we identified different features and looked at how the information is grouped by sub-headings. We have enjoyed finding out lots of facts about snails and we have quite a number of knowledgeable children when it comes to minibeasts. As part of our DT project we

have started to explore how wheeled toys work. We made caterpillars in a variety of ways using pompoms, paper chains, folded cardboard and pipe cleaners. Next week we will be looking at how to make a simple wheeled cart that can be pulled along with our caterpillars attached to the top. We are looking forward to it. The changeover day was a success all round and our Y1 rose to the challenge of being the Big Badgers and our Y2 had fun being Little Owls. Numbers Day was a fantastic opportunity to embrace maths and see just how important it is in our everyday lives. The children participated in lots of mathematical challenges over the day and thoroughly enjoyed using their mathematical skills. Exploring "What is in a handful?" opened up lots of discussion about numbers and how we could represent these numbers in many different ways.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class



We are very sad this week as Mrs Pickering is poorly but that has meant that I have covered in the class alongside others. At the start of the week, we prepared for the transition day by thinking what questions we would like to ask about our new class or what we would like the new children joining us to know. Thursday morning we were in the classes we would be in September and Mrs Pickering joined us online. In the afternoon, we had an activities afternoon in our houses.

In PSHE this week we discussed what additional things we could do as we grow up. The children had a choice of 1, 7, 12, 18, 40 or 70 years old. There were some surprising answers to when someone should have a mobile phone and when they could have a boyfriend or girlfriend. The variety of answers for getting married really reflected today's society.

Friday was maths day. Do you know what a handful is? Ask you children.

Mrs Fakes

Falcon class



It has been great to see all the line learning paying off as children are now more confident in their delivery and are starting to use characterisation. The Skunk Scouts are upstaging everyone at the moment - well done troupe! Rehearsals now include the sound effects and the class are getting to grips

with entrances/exits at the right time. The sheriff even has his own theme! The singing and dancing is looking very smart too - well done Falcons for the effort you are putting in.

Amongst all this we are continuing with the Y6/7 transition unit in Maths; Pentagons are busy with percentages and the Crystals continue with division. In RE we are considering different views on Creation/Cosmology - there have been some amazing contributions. "Ok, so we evolved from apes - but who made THEM?" queried Elsie. On Thursday, whilst most Y6 were at Denefield for the day, the Little Falcons got to spend the morning with the 'new Falcons' and Miss Turner-Hurd. They reported that they had a fabulous morning!

Mrs Hicks

FOPS News

SUMMER FETE

The Summer Fete is rapidly approaching on **Saturday 9th July** & we are very excited!

Thank you for all your kind donations so far - 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 **Cakes, Bakes & Biscuits** on **Friday 8th July** for the refreshment stand. Either homemade or shop bought are fine.

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 Charlotte Allum in the playground who is arranging the stall volunteers.

Remember our fabulous Auction of Promises is still live. Thank you to all the incredible local businesses who have supported us by donating some really fantastic prizes. Please visit the below website to bid and hopefully win. Good luck!

<https://auctionofpromises.com/2022AuctionPurleyPrimary>

This year's dressing up theme for the fete's **Fancy Dress Contest** is **ROYAL** - in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee! Think Disney Princesses, think Prince, think Corgies..!! The competition will be judged by our local celebrity - MANDY from THE MAD DUCK who will have some generous prizes to give out!!

GUNGE THE TEACHER

The Fete will culminate by one of the school teachers being gunged! Mrs Pickering, Ms Allsopp & Mrs Fakes have all bravely put their name forward. Donation jars will be in school next week and whichever teacher receives the highest amount will have to face the gunge at the fete! Do send your children in with some pennies so they can vote.

FROZEN FRIDAY

We hope you all enjoyed Ice Lolly Friday and we raised **£21:70** on week one. We will be there every Friday until the end of term.

SCHOOL DISCO

You're invited to the End of Term Disco!

To celebrate the end of term and Year 6 leaving, come and boogie with us on Tuesday 19th July.

KS1 will be 6.15pm -7.15pm and KS2 will be 7.30pm – 8.30pm

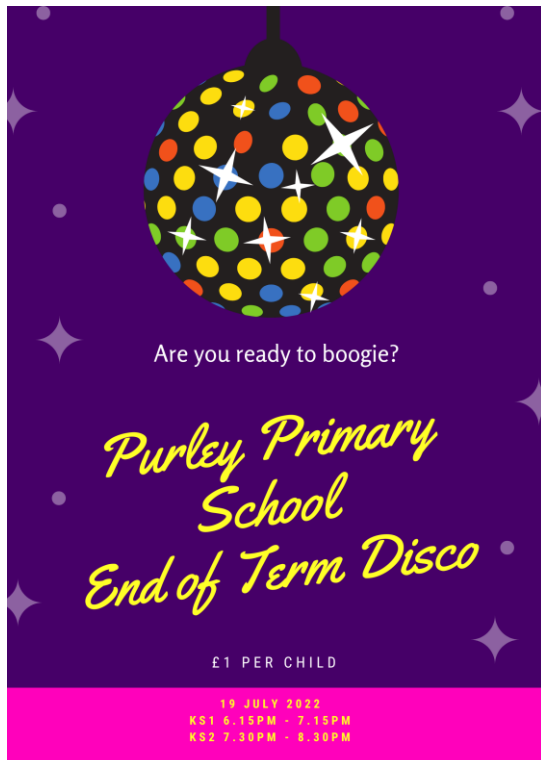
£1 per child

Drinks, party games and dancing!

If your child would like to attend, please complete the following google form

<https://bit.ly/endoftermdisco22>

which also has information on how to pay.



SCHOOL LOTTERY

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.

Dates for the diary

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

19/07/22 – End of term disco

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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