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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

This term, we have launched our school charity, The Kedesh Foundation. Mrs McConnell, whose son works for the Foundation, introduced the children to the charity. We have had a brilliant start. Mrs Hicks has donated a bowl to collect the money donated, which the worship ambassadors have decorated. Alice in Year 1 has helped look after her neighbors garden whilst they were away to earn money and also held a cake sale. She donated all the money she has earned, which gives us an excellent start of £44!!

Mrs Fakes



Collective Worship

This week, in Thursday's Collective Worship, we learned where the phrase "*Go the extra mile*" came from — it was taught by Jesus! "If someones forces you to go with them one mile, go with them two miles." (Matthew 5:41). We thought about examples of what it could look like to *go the extra mile* for other people in day to day life, with kindness and generosity, especially when it hasn't been asked of us. We thought about how Jesus went the extra mile by giving up his life for us, and listened to poem called "*Footprints in the sand*", which speaks about how Jesus walks with us through the journey of life, and sometimes even carries us through our most difficult times.

Rev. Aidan Jones, Curate at St Mary's Church

Sports Week

Next week we have our annual sports week. Whilst the weather appears to be favourable, it could also be too hot! Some activities can be held indoors but others will need to be outside. We will assess the weather conditions for every activity and only

proceed if we feel it will not over exert the children in the heat or expose them to too much sun!

As I write, the temperatures for the Friday could reach over 30! As you know this is the day planned for our sports day. I am sure you will appreciate that it would not be in the children's best interest, or that of ourselves, to expose them to such temperatures and allow them to participate in physical activities under these conditions. As a school we will review the situation throughout the week and will endeavour to make a decision by Thursday evening at the latest, as to whether we proceed with the event on Friday.

Please do ensure that your child has a water bottle, sunhat and sun cream in school every day!

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 worn 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.

Mrs Pickering

Coding Club

The skills of the coding club, which has been running all year with Mr Ian Howard culminated in the design, making and coding for robots in an epic battle! The children had to remember to stay INSIDE the arena and try to battle their opponent, having coded the moves needed in previous sessions. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing their coding 'in action'. If anyone in KS2 wants to be in Coding Club next year, please contact the office. A big vote of thanks goes to Ian for giving up his time all year to support our Coders.



Mrs Hicks

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



For our last trip to the woods this term we decided to draw maps of the area we had been using to play and explore. We thought about the features that we had enjoyed using, such as the fallen logs we had balanced on; the tree stump on which we had built a nest; the fungus growing on the decaying logs; the red wool marking our boundary; and, of course, the groundsheet where we sat to eat our snack.

When we returned to school, we reminisced on our favourite parts of our visits and everyone remembered a different event. We all agreed that it was great fun and we can't wait to go again when we are in Badger Class. Many thanks to our wonderful parent and governor helpers this term, and, of course, to Mr Bolland for driving us there.

Mrs Burton

Hedgehog class



In Didi rugby this week we were able to show off our number recognition skills. Donna placed numbered squares on the ball court and we had to zig-zag around them in the style of a super hero until she called out a number. Then we had to find that number to score a try without dropping the balls. We also enjoyed the obstacle races at the end of the session - we are getting much quicker at negotiating the different elements, especially weaving in and out of the cones!

In music we listened to the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and made marks on whiteboards to show how the music made us feel. Many of us thought the tinkling music reminded us of Christmas, but Flinn thought the music seemed a bit scary when the oboes began to play a deeper sound. We also composed our own accompaniment to the nursery rhyme Baa Baa Black Sheep, using the musical notes C and D. We sang along as we listened to our composition on the IWB.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have thoroughly enjoyed making their pull along caterpillars this week. They worked with resilience and tried hard to problem solve. They shared ideas with each other and were proud of the finished products. They learnt about axels, washers and chassis and explored different ways to attach the wheels. The children then chose a suitable natural habitat for their caterpillars to be photographed. In English we have been learning a poem called "Funny Faces" for the end of term poetry recital. The class have had fun putting actions to the poem and are working hard to learn it off by heart. It has inspired some children to go on and write their own poems in a similar style. In Science the children investigated the life cycle of plants by observing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants.

Library books are all being collected in now for the end of the academic year. If your child still has an outstanding book at home please send it back into school. Many thanks

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class



The end maybe near, but Owl class are still working hard to help conserve our planet and save our ocean wildlife. This week, we have explored more about the impact of single use plastics on our world, especially within our oceans. In English we have used Google Docs to create a whale fact sheet, it was heart-breaking to see how quickly our whale population is declining, predominantly due to the actions of us! In maths, the cubes have been practising time and the spheres have been rounding and ordering decimals. Time is a life skill and all children should be competent to tell the time on both analogue and digital clock by the end of year 4. Please support your child with this life skill over the summer, encourage them to manage their own time, wear a watch and give them time deadlines, e.g. you have 20mins to do that, I need you back by 3:15pm etc.

Thank you to everyone who sent in household one use, plastic items for our DT project. On Thursday we had a DT day and some amazing sea-life sculptures were constructed from these materials. We will be proudly displaying them for our open afternoon on Tuesday 19th July. Next week is sports week, but we are also hoping to finalise our plastic pollution campaign!

Finally, with the weather warming up again, please can you ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day together with a hat and sun cream!

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class



As Robin would say 'We brought the house down, darlings!' We are all SO proud of Falcon class and their amazing performances this week, in 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies.' They sang, they danced, they acted.....and wore smashing tights! A big THANK YOU to all of them for learning lines, practicing dances and using our drama techniques (learnt all year) to develop their characters. We have also been rather busy in computing, learning about Networks, with LAN, WAN, ISP, DNS and other terms flying about. We have a better understanding of how data can travel round the world and the set-up of the internet itself. Do you know the difference between the Internet and the World Wide Web? There have been some fascinating debates in RE about Creation and Science and we ended with an Oracy debate on 'Should we go into space?'

Mrs Hicks

FOPS News

SUMMER FETE

The Summer Fete is finally here tomorrow on **Saturday 9th July!** The weather is looking good, so slap on some sunscreen and come and join us for lots of fun and games.

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:

<https://auctionofpromises.com/2022AuctionPurleyPrimary> - to bid and hopefully win. Good luck!

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 take place at **11.30am** and will be judged by our local celebrity - MANDY from THE MAD DUCK who will have some generous prizes to give out!!

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

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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Karen Fakes (Head teacher)

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