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Friday Newsletter

Learn to love, love to learn

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Headteacher's Update

HOT! HOT! HOT!

Sadly, we have had to cancel the Sports Day this week. However, many other activities have taken place, with additional precautions. The local authority have released an action plan with guidance on actions that we need to consider dependent on alert level. We will keep you informed.



Please ensure your child has suntan lotion applied before they come to school, they have a **named** water bottle and a **named** sun hat.

Please watch out for signs of heat exhaustion. These include:

- a headache
- dizziness and confusion
- loss of appetite and feeling sick
- excessive sweating and pale, clammy skin
- cramps in the arms, legs and stomach
- fast breathing or pulse
- a high temperature of 38C or above
- being very thirsty

The symptoms are often the same in adults and children, although children may become floppy and sleepy.

If someone is showing signs of heat exhaustion, they need to be cooled down.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/heat-exhaustion-heatstroke/>

There is a national heatwave plan <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england>

Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship

Our entry music to worship this term has been "You will never walk alone" by Gerry and the Pacemakers and "I'll walk with God" by Nicholas Brodzsky. Our worship on Monday, focused on this. How life is a journey and who would we want to be by our sides. We



considered how often we have heard people say "Oh God!" Is it a call for God to be at your side? It should not be used thoughtlessly. We heard the story of a child in a refugee camp who heard others praying, calling on God to help them. He did not know what it was all about, but one day, decided to try praying for God's help himself. The God of green pastures and still waters.

Warm Weather Uniform

As the weather is expected to be warm on Monday and Tuesday children will be permitted to wear their PE kit (shorts and house coloured t-shirts – no football shirts) or their white shirt/polo shirt with black PE shorts. Trainers can be worn. Please note that this is for Monday and Tuesday only and children will need to be back in their correct school uniform for the remainder of the week.

Choir

Last week was the last choir practice! I hope to invite parents for 5 mins to listen to the children sing at the start of the day on Tuesday 19th July at 9:05am. They have three songs prepared. This will depend on, whether we are all standing by then, or will we have melted away!



Nutkin Club – Last day of term

Nutkin Club will run from 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm on Thursday, 21st July. If you would like your child/children to attend, could you please book them in by Monday morning, 18th July. Thank you.

Lunch arrangements Thursday 21st July

As Pangbourne Primary School is closed for their extra Jubilee holiday on Thursday the 21st July, The Pantry are unable to provide us with a cooked lunch on that day. Instead, we are giving parents an option to order a picnic bag style packed lunch from The Pantry or bring their own packed lunch into school that day. If you are ordering a packed lunch from The Pantry we are asking that you order this by this by Monday 18th July. This option is now available to order via their website. All other menu orders will be cancelled for that day.

Sports Week

Phew!! What a hot week! Despite the rise in temperatures, we have been able to offer a range of sports for the children over the week, thankfully most of these have been inside. On Monday we welcomed Richard Parkes from Kickfit to the school. He delivered a session, to every year group in mixed martial arts, that was linked to staying safe incorporating Stranger Danger. Tuesday the Foundation Stage through to Year 3 all had a climbing session at Adventure Dolphin, our older

children had all had a similar experience during their residential. I believe only 5 children made it to the top and only 1 was a boy, well done to everyone who demonstrated courage during this rather challenging activity. Carl, the instructor, said *'you were all amazing!'* Wednesday was our cricket day. A huge thank you to Mr Allum who gave up his day to coach the children and support in an inter-house cricket event in the afternoon. The teams were compiled of 2 children from each year group from year 1 to year 6, our cricket champions for 2022 were Earthy Bear! We found some excellent cricket talent amongst our children, which we will be building on next year. Thursday was a very popular day and all the children were buzzing after their visit to Virtue Gymnastics for a session in gym and Parkour. I certainly saw many fears being overcome on the parkour section!

Owl and Falcon class also has tennis coaching on Wednesday and Thursday morning and Greg, the coach was again very impressed by skills, attention and the resilience of our children. He has offered to run an afterschool club in the next academic year, I will give more details when I have them. Likewise I believe Purley Cricket Club are also hoping to offer the children of Purley School something similar.

I appreciate sports day being cancelled was a huge disappointment for many, but unlike most schools we do have to hold this offsite and it takes lots of organisation, equipment transportation etc prior to the event when the weather was still extremely warm and facilities at the field are extremely limited. We held a mini event at school that resulted in a final house receiving the sports day cup. I am sure you will all hear who won!!

If your child has particularly enjoyed an activity this week and would like to carry it on outside of school, please do let me know and I will do my best to put you in touch with appropriate clubs etc.

We hope to have a Sports Week photo montage on our website next week.

Have a wonderful summer, stay safe next week when out and about as the temperatures are due to rise even more.

Mrs Pickering

Learning about food and farming

Last Friday we were fortunate to have a visit from Jan of Newbury and District Agricultural Society. The children were able to learn about where food comes from, how animals are reared and had the

opportunity to milk a fake cow or goat! In the assembly at the end of the day we also learnt about sausage making from Rasher the fake pig.

Open Afternoon

You are invited to come into school between **1.15pm 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.

Heatwave guidance – Important Water Safety advice from Berkshire Children Services

With the forecast of extreme warm weather expected over the coming week, it is pertinent that we remind parents and students of the dangers of swimming, especially in rivers. Rivers are very cold, potentially leaving swimmers with cold water shock. Rivers have hidden currents and dangerous debris underneath. For helpful advice and tips, please visit:

Canal and Rivers Trust Stay Safe Near Water video – this is aimed at primary age children: [Stay safe near water](#)

The Water Safety Code – one page leaflet with useful advice on what to do if someone gets into difficulty: [RNSS Water Safety Code](#)

Frimley CCG Water & Window Safety video: [Water Safety Video - Frimley CCG](#)

ROSPA general advice pages for a range of water safety guidance - [ROSPA Water Safety Code](#)

The Summer Reading Challenge is back!

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

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!!

Hedgehog class

Sports week has been a huge success in Hedgehog class, despite not having our whole-school sports day. I have been so impressed at how our Hedgehogs have embraced all the activities this week which included; Kick fit, Diddi Rugby, Cricket, Virtue Gymnastics & Parkour, and climbing. In Parkour, Archie was able to show us how well he can climb up and down, whilst Lottie demonstrated the "landing position" in gymnastics with wonderful confidence. The children took part with such joy and enthusiasm and I'm sure they have all been keen to tell you all about it. The children behaved impeccably, listened well to all instructions and enjoyed themselves immensely. Hedgehog class would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Pickering for all the work she puts into organising sports week.



Mrs Ham

Badger class

Badger class have loved their sports week and all tried their absolute best. We have experienced wall climbing, cricket, gymnastics, parkour, tennis and some athletics. Despite the hot weather we have been super active and when too hot to go outside have enjoyed making sports games in the classroom. Finger football was a real hit, as was the water relay. Part of our learning was to understand good sportsmanship, showing respect to their opponents and striving to beat their personal best. Well done



Badgers I have been proud of how you approached all the different sporting activities.

Thank you to our two official photographers, Leyla and Wilf, who could not partake in the sports this week due to injuries.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Owl class

Wow what an active week in Owl Class this week and the heat has certainly had an impact on our energy levels. Despite that, my lovely Owls have participated with love, courage and wisdom in a host of sporting activities this week. In addition to those that were organised for the whole school and are detailed in the sports week section, we also managed Frisbee Golf and Rounders. Over the week the children were given 1 child to focus on and create a sports award for them at the end of the week, reflecting their achievements. We also held Owl Class Sports Personality of the Year award! Children had to nominate a member of the class who they felt had fully embraced the school's values and embraced the week with positivity and resilience. The winner of the Owl Class Sports Personality of the Year 2022 was awarded to Ella Banks. This is what some of the children wrote in the citation about Ella: *showing wisdom by doing the right thing for her team; I am so proud of what she has done this week, I know she is not a lover of sport; she has shown the school values, she doesn't show off and is not a sore loser!*



We moved away from sport for our English this week and returned to the issue of plastic pollution in our oceans. As a class we have written a poem about the sea and the pollution within it, from the perspective of an innocent turtle!

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year, it once again has not been without its difficulties, but we have made it through and every child has made some amazing achievements.

Have a wonderful summer stay safe, relax and enjoy.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class

What a busy week it's been in Falcon Class! All week we have been exploring different sport related activities as well as taking part in the range of sporting activities. We have: taken part in



the House Cricket competition; thoroughly enjoyed tennis with Coach Greg; polished our skills with Frisbee golf (ask where the targets were!); managed to hit me three times in the rounders match, I was bowling and I'm sure some of the aims were deliberate!; bounded around on the Parkour course, I was amazed at how fearless the children are; designed and made obstacle courses; created new mascots for the Lionesses as well as a new kit; used our binary knowledge to create sporting images. Phew! Lastly, on Friday, we took part in the Falcon Duck Sports Day to earn points for our Houses -ask the children about Duck Curling!

I look forward to seeing the Year 6 parents at the Leavers Assembly at 9:15 on Thursday 21st July.

Mrs Hicks

FOPS News

SUMMER FETE

We hope you all had a wonderful time at the summer fete last Saturday! Thank you to the teachers and school families who supported the event by volunteering on so many of the stalls, Sansome and George for sponsoring the event and all the wonderful local and not so local businesses who came out in their droves to donate a prize or book a pitch at the fete.

Whether you donated something, came and spent your money or volunteered your time, it has all directly benefited your children's school experience and raised a staggering amount, almost £3,000! Head to the school Facebook page for a selection of photos and the most excellent teacher gunging video you'll ever see (thank you for being such a good sport Mrs Fakes!).

If your company offers match funding, please do let us know and hopefully they can help us increase the fete grand total even more!

Perhaps the fete encouraged you to get more involved with the pta next term? Just email askfops@gmail.com or speak to one of the current members. We'd love to have you join us.

How can you support the PTA over the summer break, I hear you cry?!

Easyfundraising

You can raise FREE donations when you shop online with over 6,000 retailers. It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to sign up! This will make a BIG difference to us. Sign up here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fopsreading/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=clipboard&utm_content=cpl

My nametags

When buying labels for school uniform, please consider using mynametags.com and put our school ID number **18975** on your order, by doing so, school will receive a donation from your total order.

Amazon smile

Register our school as your chosen charity in your Amazon account by turning on the smile feature in the app or in your browser. Every eligible purchase after that will automatically generate a 0.5% donation to your selected charity - hopefully that's us!

Your School Lottery

We hope you enjoyed your cash prize last week Mr Ham! If you too want to stand a chance to win the school's weekly cash prize, or even better the £25k jackpot, just head to yourschoollottery.co.uk, signup and select Purley Primary School. From every £1 ticket sold 40p will go to Purley Primary.

Hire the party box

Hosting a party soon? Did you know we rent out a party box of colourful plastic reusable cups, plates, jugs and platters in exchange for a donation? Contact Sarah McGowan 07872 316048 to book your hire in.

Dates for the diary

19/07/22 – Open afternoon

19/07/22 – End of term disco

21/07/22 – Leavers Assembly 9:15am

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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