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Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a beautiful week of weather we have had! It certainly feels like Spring has sprung! It's lovely to see the children playing outside, walking against hunger outside, exercising outside, playing sports outside in such balmy weather. Next week the weather may be cooler, so do be aware of this when getting school uniform ready. Please, Please, PLEASE, check uniform is labelled and worn correctly. We'd far rather be focussed on engaging learning than lost jumpers!

Next week is the last week of the Spring Term – it is hard to believe – time passes so fast. Remember that we break up for the Easter Holiday on Friday 1st April at 1.15pm.

Praying through Lent

Today is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. Perhaps you might talk to your children about the Annunciation, recalling the passage from the gospel of Luke: 1:26-39. Maybe you could say a decade of the rosary together the Annunciation – there is a useful video on YouTube explaining the annunciation at a child appropriate level see:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86139268839?pwd=cHNjVVZJV2RoWnNsVm5jeTdtU1o4Zz09>

Pope Francis has invited all the faithful to join in an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate heart of Mary on Friday 25th March 2022 at 4pm (UK time). The act of consecration will take part in the context of a service of penance at St Peter's Basilica, with the act of consecration taking place at around 5.30. Prayers will be focused on the ongoing war in Ukraine and its victims. Pope Francis says:

'This Act of Consecration is meant to be a gesture of the universal Church, which in this dramatic moment lifts up to God, through his Mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace'.

We are not in school at the time of the service, but a link to the page for the service is here:

[Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/act-of-consecration-to-the-immaculate-heart-of-mary)

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The Wednesday Word is attached to the newsletter. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the Prodigal Son – no matter what we do, God is always ready to forgive us and welcome us if we truly repent and turn to him. Please keep all people with fractured relationships in your prayers this weekend, and think about how we might ask God to help us mend relationships in our own lives.

Walk against hunger

A great week of walking this week – we've walked 367 Miles, which gets us from Amsterdam to Berlin on our continuing walk. Our overall total is 882 miles, which gets us to Rome or Warsaw – you can choose! Photo of our updated map below.

Our walking music this week is I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles) by the Proclaimers

[The Proclaimers - I'm Gonna Be \(500 Miles\) Lyrics - YouTube](#)

Keep donating through ParentPay. You are incredible. To date for the CAFOD Appeal, we have raised **£616!** That's amazing! You are Am-a-zing!! This doesn't count the gift aid that CAFOD will be able to reclaim when we send them the sponsor forms. How wonderful that we are, as a group, able to make such a difference to children like Lombah and the 200 million children in this world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. One more week to go on our appeal. Where will we get to? Photo below:

Sports News:

X Country – We were so proud of our fantastic cross-country runners who competed in the final race of the season last Saturday. We had a really good turnout, despite a few covid cases, and won a number of individual and team trophies:

Individual – 1st Y5/6 Boys – Ted, Y5. 3rd, Y5/6 Boys, Edner, Y6, 3rd Y3/4 Boys, Mateo, Y3.

Team (out of 10 schools) 2nd Y3/4 Boys, 2nd, Y3/4 Girls, 3rd, Y5/6 Boys, 2nd, Y5/6 Girls.

This overall very strong team performance meant that Margaret Roper won the overall schools' trophy.

The Mark Burtwell Trophy has been awarded since 2012, and we won it in its inaugural year. Winning it again is a significant achievement and testament to the consistency of our running over a series of meetings. We beat schools three times our size to win this and really deserve it! Well done everyone and thanks to our parents for all their support. Photo below:

Football

On Thursday 24th March, the Margaret Roper football team played against Gilbert Scott in the third round of the Croydon Cup. We won 3-0 and it was a great all-round performance from everyone. We played exceptionally well with great team spirit and pressed high; not really letting them out of their half. Max in goal had one great save, but otherwise he was pretty untroubled! Harry scored one and Arthur scored two. We are now in the quarter finals of the Croydon Cup, which will be played at Trinity on Tuesday, and we are also in the final of the Small Schools Cup, probably to be played after the Easter holidays. Report by Lawrie.

Comic Relief Total

Lovely to see pupils with their comic relief accessories last Friday. Donations through ParentPay totaled £80 which we will send on to Comic relief. We are aware that many of you may have donated via a different route but it is nice to see our school community have made a positive contribution – thank you all.

LOTS HAPPENING IN PURLEY – last week of this insert – just a reminder

I just wanted to make you aware that the Purley BID are hosting an Entertainment week from Monday 28th March to Saturday 2nd April.

The week-long event includes 45 events with something for everyone-bands, tribute acts, comedy nights, busking, Prospective Mayor Q&A, clothes swaps, story times and the re-launch of the Purley Market, which will be back, bigger and better-returning on the first Saturday of every month.

Children's Story Times will take place at:

-Coughlan's, Tues 29th March 9.30am

-The Pear Tree, Thurs 31st March 3pm

-Coughlan's Saturday 2nd April Morning & at the Market Saturday 2nd April Afternoon

For a full list of events please go to

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<https://purleybid.co.uk/2022/03/01/entertainment-week-28-march-3-april/>

or download the 'inPurley' app or follow inPurley on Facebook.

The 'inPurley' app for Purley features what's going on, offers and news. It is Free to download and if you download by 3rd April there's a whole host of prizes to be won such as meals and vouchers. Search 'inPurley' in your App Store.

Finally, in celebration of 'The Great British Spring Clean' which is running from 25th March-10th April the Purley Panel are looking for 'Street Champions' who would like to help keep their streets clean, this could be once a week or if you get neighbours involved maybe only once a month. For those looking to become a street champion we will provide you with the equipment **FREE!**

Please refer to the 'Purley Panel' Facebook page or email info@futurepurley.com to arrange your free litter picking equipment.

Also, please do join the 'Purley Panel' Facebook page for more info on what is happening in Purley.

Anna Bond
Purley Panel-Chair

Purley Beavers – a message from a past pupil.

The 9th Purley Beavers meet at St John the Baptist in Dale Road, term times on a Thursday 5.30-6.30. The age range is for 6 - 8 year olds.

I joined them a couple of weeks ago as a volunteer for my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. We have had a lot of fun learning about healthy eating and proper teeth brushing for my first week and then some archery (nice and safe suction arrows) for my second week.

I would love to see a few more new Beavers join up, there was just one familiar face from Margaret Roper, they do have spaces for more. I'm looking forward to helping with Easter crafts and an Easter egg hunt this week!

If your child is interested in joining Beavers please contact James Baster, details below:

Thank you

Kirsty McDonald

James Baster

9th Purley Beaver Leader

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and from James Baster, Leader:

9th Purley Beaver Scouts group have lots of places available for girls & boys aged 6 - 8 years old.

Also looking for adult volunteers to be occasional helpers and assistant leaders within our Beaver leadership team.

Thursdays 5.30 - 6.30pm at St John the Baptist church hall, Dale Road, Purley CR8 2EF

We are a friendly and inclusive group open to all, we run a varied and engaging programme helping kids learn new skills, make friends and have fun!

We offer a 3-week free trial to all new starters so come and give it a try and help spread the word.

Stars of the week:	Writers of the week:	Mathematicians of the week
Lena & Benji C	Tilly	Etienne
Arabella & Rocco	Benjamin	Ines
Evie & Taliyah	Mirin	Aron
Aradhanaa & Talia	Albert	Maya

Avon & Christina	Santi	Whole Class
Sophia S & Valentina	Joiah	Ton
Bella & Max	Kanya	Kimberlie

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This week's Attendance Awards are as follows:

Y5 - 99.6 % Attendance

Reception, Y2 & Y4 - 100 % Punctuality - well done to all classes!

Happy birthday to Emma Y4, Mirin Y2, Tahlia Y3 and Katrina Y5 who all celebrate their birthdays around this time. We hope you have/had a good day.

Have a lovely weekend

D Mooney

Attachments

- Wednesday Word (also sent on Wednesday)



Our amazing winning Cross-Country team, with their trophies



Well done Alex, Y6, who has been placed 2nd in a London trampolining competition. Hopefully, Alex will be competing in national champs later on.

Walk Against Hunger..



Keep walking everyone!

WEEK 1
 234 MILES 
 WE MADE IT TO PARIS 

WEEK 2
 Total: 515 miles
 This week: 284  Amsterdam from Paris
 We made it to Cologne 

WEEK 3
 362 MILES!!!
 We made it to ROME and Warsaw!!!! 

Running total
 882 miles!

