



Newsletter

No.8 - 4th November 2016

Parents' evening

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to school on Wednesday 9th November for the parent teacher discussion. Each slot is 10 minutes long and a bell will ring to indicate the end of each interview. In fairness to other parents please conclude your discussion when the bell is rung.

White Elephant Sale

Thankyou very much to the Friends for their hard work to run the cake and toy sale which this year is raising funds for our elephant charity.



Christmas Card Competition

Effingham Learning Partnership CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION! We have been invited once again this year to take part in the ELP confederation Christmas card competition. Each school is asked to hold a Christmas Card design competition within their individual school and the pupils vote for an overall school winner. Individual school winners are then sent to The Howard of Effingham to be judged by the school councils across the confederation for an overall winner for Infants and Juniors. All the winning entries from each school will then be used to create a compilation ELP Christmas Card for 2016, which will be emailed out to schools and those in the confederation. There are no particular guidelines about the designs, except that they will have to be suitable for scanning and emailing. If your child would like to take part, designs can be presented on A4 or A5 paper and if possible contain the greeting 'Merry/Happy Christmas'. Please mark all designs with your child's name, class and 'ELP competition' and return to our office by Friday 18th November. We are really looking forward to seeing all the designs!

Green Christmas

Many years ago the children at Polesden Lacey Infant School decided that to be as 'green' as possible at Christmas they wanted to save paper waste. This is what they decided.....

To send only one card to the whole class. This card will be read out and displayed on a special board in the classroom. In the past some children have even chosen to make their card from recycled paper or old Christmas cards. We hope you will agree with us that this is a brilliant way to have a green Christmas.

What is INSET for?

As you will be aware all schools close for 5 days a year for INSET days. These are days for staff training. This year staff at Polesden Lacey Infant School are using the days for:

1. First Aid training (All staff)
2. Development of Maths teaching (Teachers)
3. Behaviour Management Strategies (All staff)
4. Responding to Emergencies (All staff)
5. Raising the bar in writing (Teachers)
6. A conference on Educational Pedagogy led by a Nationally renowned speaker (All Teachers/ Teaching Assistants)

Dealing with allergies at school

The school takes it's responsibility to ensure children who have allergies are safe at school. In line with advice from 'The Anapylaxis Campaign' the school is not 'a nut free' environment, or 'a dairy free' environment. This is because it is actually impossible to be 100% sure the environment is allergen free. However we do expect that children will not share food and always 'risk assess' all activities that involve food to ensure children with allergies do not touch or eat food that is not suitable. Please encourage your children to understand that sharing food at school is not appropriate.

Playground Equipment

As the playground is not supervised before or after school children should not play or climb on the playground equipment

Useful links to support learning

As you are aware due to lack of usage and increasing costs we have decided not to continue using Education City. Please find below useful links to support your child's learning.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years> (Yr 1 and 2)

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years> (Some aspects suitable for Year 2 moving on)

<http://www.ictgames.com>

By visiting <http://keystagefun.co.uk/> you can access information on the 'Squeebles' Apps for maths and literacy which we would highly recommend and covers many aspects, but each app comes at a small cost.

Poppy Appeal

As Badger class are learning about the meaning of Poppy Day we are collecting for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal charity. The poppies will be available for the children to purchase during school hours for a donation starting next week, Tuesday 8th November. Badger Class children will take the poppy box around to all the classes on the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week. **N.B.** please bring in your donation in a named envelope marked 'Poppy Appeal'.

Forthcoming Dates Reminder

Monday 7th November	Story fun at lunchtime for Year 1 and 2 children 2 pm – 2:30 pm Reception Class meet the teacher 2:30 pm – 3 pm Year 1 and 2 meet the teacher 3 pm – 4 pm Open Afternoon NO MULTI SPORTS NETBALL CLUB
Tuesday 8th November	Judo Club 3 – 3.45 p.m. Tennis Club
Wednesday 9th November	Parents' Evening from 3:10 pm – 8:30 pm in our School Hall
Thursday 10th November	Forest School during the school day for Year 2 3 - 4pm Craft Club
Friday 11th November	Perform Workshops during the school day for the children 3 - 4.00 p.m. Musical Theatre Club
Monday 14th November	3 – 4.00pm Netball Club
Tuesday 15th November	Year 1 Trip to Victorian Playroom, Guildford Museum 3 – 3.45pm Tennis Club
Thursday 17th November	3 – 4.00pm Craft Club
Friday 18th November	3 – 4.00pm Musical Theatre Club