



Newsletter – No. 12 26th November 2021

Message from Mrs. Mole

Time was turned back in Squirrel Class this week, when the children had an experience of what school may have been like in Queen Victoria's time. They all got dressed up and renamed themselves, selecting a name that was popular in the Victorian days. We had some extremely serious looking teachers and children and everyone enjoyed telling us who they were and what kind of life they may have lived. As always, the behavior of the Squirrel Class was impeccable. I think that they would have been exemplary students, if they had lived all those years ago.



Badger class have continued working on their poems about the Great Fire of London. As I suggested last week, the experience in Forest School of lighting the fire, observing it closely and exploring words to describe really supported the children. The poems that they have written are fabulous, the children have selected the vocabulary with care ensuring the words shape their poems and convey different emotions. I have picked out a few lines from different poems to give you a flavor of what the children have achieved. Well done to Badger Class for working so hard on them; you should all be really proud of the process you have been through and the finished product.

Keep wrapped up warm, enjoy the last few leaves on the trees and have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

- Rabbits: **Harry C** for great participation and maths
Squirrels: **Leo** for being engaged and working hard in our history lessons
Badgers: **Sam** for his amazing Fire of London poem



Values Leaves

At Polesden Lacey Infant School we like to celebrate the different ways that children and adults show our school values of being **Fair, Resilient, Respectful, Caring, Courageous and Curious**.

If you see your child doing anything that you think shows one of our Values please write it on a leaf and send it into school. Rather than sending pre-cut leaves home from school please could you cut out a leaf and write the reason on it. Maybe you could pick a shape from leaves of different trees. Each class will have a box to put the 'Values Leaf' in and they will be shared with the class during the week.

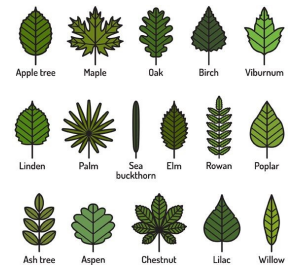
Below are this week's leaves:

Riana was very caring and helped another child when they were hurt in football.

Calvin was very caring and helped another child with their work.

Molly was respectful when she made excellent choices to make sure she got to school on time.

Freddy was very kind and caring to one of his friends when he felt people were being not so kind. Freddy told an adult and then stayed with his friend.



Cardboard Tubes

If you have any spare cardboard tubes eg. Kitchen roll or wrapping paper tubes (not toilet roll inserts) we would love to take them off your hands for making morning. Please put them in the red box on the table outside the school office.

Christmas Reading

At 2.30pm on Tuesday 7th December we would like to invite parents in for a Christmas read. We would like as many parents as possible to come in and share a story with the children. The children will be able to choose which adult they would like to listen too. To help with planning for this event, if you are willing and able to come in please e-mail Mrs Cummings at office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk to sign up.

Christmas Card Competition - Don't forget entries need to be in by Tuesday 30th November at 5pm

One of our parents works for Grosvenor Billingham, Estate Agents. They are holding a competition to design a Christmas Card and have invited the children to enter the competition.

The artist of the winning design, as selected by our four directors, will win a brand new iPad Mini and £250 to donate to a charity that is important to them. Their artwork will also be proudly displayed on the front cover of our official Christmas card and sent to hundreds of people throughout Surrey.

Entrants simply need to design the front cover of our official Christmas card on plain A4 paper and drop it into their nearest Grosvenor Billingham by 5pm on 30th November.

One winner will be selected and notified by midday on Friday 3rd December.

(Please see attached poster for additional information)

Fairtrade Alphabet

C is for CHOCOLATE!

This is possibly the easiest Fairtrade swap to make. Choosing Fairtrade chocolate makes such a difference to communities and supports them in taking care of the forest where the cocoa grows. The Fairtrade website has 10 interesting facts about chocolate. Will you learn something new?

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/blog/10-facts-about-fairtrade-chocolate/>

Badger Class' Great Fire of London Poems

A selection of lines from the poems written by the children in Year 2.

Hot sparks flaming in Thomas Farynor's bakery.

A little spark awoke.

It flickers at the oven door.

A popping shooting spark flies from the oven igniting dry waiting wood.

I can hear crackling.

The orange flames started to grow, roaring louder as they went.

The fire greedily ate the wood.

The dancing flames went through the door.

The dragon has awoken.

It started to eat houses one by one.

A greedy fire eating the fuel.

It jumps, buildings to buildings.

It wailed and crushed.

I heard it roaring and banging at the doors.

The strong wind jumps from house to house, as wild as can be.

The fierce fire sizzled up the buildings.

They escape on the river, night caps flying.

Ash fell down like snow

People watch as the monster blows in the wind.

The fire slows down, leaving black burnt buildings.

As 13000 houses burn, the fire was sad for it had nothing left to burn.

Finally, the fire is worn out.

Reminder from the Friends about upcoming events

Christmas At Polesden Lacey Infant School

Ho, ho, ho! The Friends are excited this year to be able to offer a bundle of Christmas activities for the children which will create festive excitement AND help us to contribute more funds to the outdoor classroom that is to be built in the coming months.

We know that there is a lot on at Christmas so we've kept it as simple as possible and you can sign up for all of these activities using the Google Forms link below and pay for most of them with a single bank transfer.

Christmas Jumper SWAP - Wednesday 1st December 2.45pm-3.30pm

Donate your children's Christmas jumpers into the red bin, from now until Monday 29th November, and come along on Wednesday 1st to pick up a bargain! Suggested cash donation on the day: £1 per jumper

Christmas Grotto and Father Christmas Visit - Thursday 2nd December (during the school day)

Father Christmas will be striding up the school driveway in the morning, on the way to his magical Polesden Lacey grotto. He'll be welcomed by all the children and then small class groups will visit him in his grotto to have a chat and receive a gift!

Requested donation: £4 per child please

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas In The Classroom - Tuesday 7th December (during the school day)

On the same day as the school Christmas lunch children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper in exchange for a cash donation of £1 (to be handed into the classroom please). During the afternoon each class will unwrap a box of Christmas activities to enjoy with their classmates. There are fun Christmas-related games to play, crafts to make and there will be prizes!

Requested donation for Christmas in the Classroom: £3 per child please

Movie Nights

3pm - 3.45pm Thursday 9th December (Rabbits) "Stick Man"

3pm - 4.30pm Friday 10th December (Squirrels and Badgers) Movie to be confirmed

The children are invited to watch a film with their classmates. They'll be served with popcorn and a drink during the movie.

Requested donation: £5 per child please

So what do you need to do?

Bring in any children's Christmas jumpers (from baby to teen) **by Monday 29th Nov** please and drop in the red bin

Fill in this Google Form [\(Sign up for Xmas Activities\)](#) **by Tuesday 30th Nov** please and make your bank transfer to:

The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School

Account: 51406043

Sort code: 40-27-07

Ref: Your child's surname/XMAS

Have £1 cash ready for Christmas Jumper Day **on 7th December**

Christmas Helpers

Over the next few weeks there are a number of Christmas activities for which we'd really appreciate some support from volunteers - some school-led and some organised by The Friends.

For simplicity we have set up a form with the details of each opportunity (link below), which you can use to sign up. In summary they are:

Making Morning (led by the school) - Thursday 2nd Dec 9am-11.30am

Christmas in the Classroom (The Friends) - Games and Crafts - Tuesday 7th Dec 1-2.30pm

Movie Night for Rabbits (The Friends) - Thursday 9th Dec 3-3.45pm

Movie Night for Squirrels and Badgers (The Friends) - Friday 10th Dec 3-4.30pm

[Sign up for Christmas volunteer opportunities](#)

There are a couple of requirements which you should be aware of before you sign up. The first is that all volunteers should have completed a safeguarding session led by Ms Mole please - this is to protect you as well as the children. Also, all volunteers, who are not exempt, should wear masks please and everyone should undertake a lateral flow test before they come in. We hope you understand the need for these requirements.

Thank you very much to those members of the Friends' team who have already volunteered themselves to help.

Thank you The Friends of PLIS and Ms Rebecca Mole (Headteacher)

We're dreaming of a Green Christmas

Back in 2010 the children of Polesden Lacey Infant School had a great idea to save waste at Christmas and we have decided to continue this tradition as we have done for the past 10 years. They decided to only send one card to the whole class. The card is shared and displayed on a board in the classroom.

Both the children and the staff join in with this and we hope that you will join in with this initiative to help to save our planet. Cards can be sent in any time from 1st December.

Christmas tree voucher

The Vineries Garden Centre have once again provided us with a 10% off voucher when you purchase a real Christmas tree with them. The voucher below will entitle you 10% off your purchase and the Vineries will donate 50p to the school for every voucher they get back with our school's name on it.

THE VINERIES GARDEN CENTRE LOWER ROAD EFFINGHAM

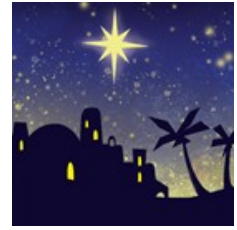
CHRISTMAS TREE VOUCHER ON PRODUCTION OF THIS VOUCHER 2021

10 % OFF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE



EFFINGHAM, SURREY. KT24 5JP. 01372 458934 (this voucher cannot be used in addition to club members discount)

Christmas Performances



We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas performances.

This year there are three shows, one for each class. This is to ensure that we are able to provide socially distanced seating in the hall for everyone. We are aware that some parents will wish to attend more than one show as they have children in different classes, this is absolutely fine. We will not be issuing tickets this year but are restricting numbers no more than 2 people per family. **We request that you do not bring siblings, unless they are one of your two tickets.**

The Reception and Year 2 show will take place on the 14th December, the Year 2 show is first starting at 9.30am to 10.15am (approximately). We will then ask everyone to leave whilst we set up for the Reception show and doors will reopen at 10.30am (approximately) ready for the show to start at 10.45am.

The Year 1 show will take place on 15th December starting at 9.30am to 10.15am (approximately).

This year we are asking that parents only attend the shows that their children are performing in so that we can keep numbers down and the school community safe.

In accordance with Covid guidelines the seating will be socially distanced and we ask that you only sit with members of your own family, the windows and doors in the hall will be open to allow for ventilation and if you are not exempt we would ask that you wear a face mask. Hand sanitizer will also be available on your arrival.

Can we also ask you to take a lateral flow test on the evening before or morning of the performance, if you are showing any covid symptoms please do not come along.

Cold in School

Please be aware that in compliance with the Covid guidelines we have the windows and doors open throughout the school day to increase the amount of ventilation in all areas. This includes the classrooms, school hall, library and offices. As a result it can get quite chilly in school and especially in Reception Class as the classroom door is open for most of the day, although to be fair most of the children don't seem to feel it! If your child feels the cold you might like to dress them with extra layers to keep them warm in class, as well as hats, scarves and gloves for lunch and playtimes.

Applications for Year 3

Much as we would love to keep your children with us at Polesden Lacey Infant School, the time has come for you to consider the choice of Junior school for the next stage in your child's educational journey.

Below you will find the information from the Surrey Admissions team (<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>) about the process.

Although we are unable to guide you with regards to choice of school we are more than happy to help with the process so if you do have any questions please ask. Applications close on 15th January 2022.

Dates

Autumn Term 2021

1st December Friends Christmas Jumper Swap 2.45—3.30pm

2nd December Children's Christmas Activities and Making Morning

6th December Year 1 Trip to Victorian Playroom

7th December Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

9th December Friends Movie night for Rabbit Class 3pm—4pm (more details to follow)

10th December Friends Movie night for Year 1 and 2 3pm—4.30pm (more details to follow)

14th December 9.30am Year 2 Christmas Performance

14th December 10.30am Reception Christmas Performance

15th December 9.30am Year 1 Christmas Performance

Last day of Term; 17th December 2021 school closes at 1pm