



Newsletter – No. 13 3rd December 2021

Message from Mrs. Mole

What a magical place an Infant School can be. This Thursday, we were very privileged that Father Christmas found time in his busy schedule to visit us. I'm not sure if it was him or the Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School who arranged to have the snow delivered in time for his arrival, but whoever it was it added to the magic. The children lined the drive way and listened to the gentle ring of bells as he drew closer. There were lots of beaming faces as he waved hello and went into his splendid grotto. He had chosen the perfect day to pay us a visit as we were all busy with our Christmas making morning. All of the children in school had the opportunity to visit him and let him know that they had been making lots of good choices over the year! When they were not in with Santa, they were moving around the school deciding which activities to try and being helped and guided by the staff and some wonderful volunteers. It was really pleasing to see just how independent the children were and how they were caring and respectful towards one another.

A massive thank you to the Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School for getting in contact with Father Christmas and asking him to visit us. It was a very special morning.

Keep wrapped up warm and have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher



Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

- Rabbits: **Lara** for great phonics and being courageous
- Squirrels: **Flynn** for working hard in English
- Badgers: **Riana** for learning her lines and singing well in the play rehearsals



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:

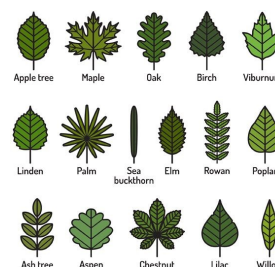
Riana was very caring and helped another child when they were hurt in football.

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.

Kai for being very caring towards his new baby brother.



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.

Fairtrade Alphabet

D is for Diamonds

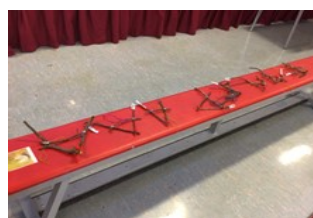
Mining diamonds can be a dangerous job and all too frequently the miners are not paid or treated fairly. One way that this can be overcome is the use of Lab Grown diamonds.

Lab grown diamonds are made by simulating the environment at the Earth's mantle where diamonds were created. Carbon is placed under extreme heat and pressure and layer by layer, molecule by molecule the carbon bonds to a small diamond 'seed' using the seed itself as a molecular template. This process takes as little as four days and the result is a rough diamond which can be cut and polished for use in jewellery like any natural mined diamond. The controlled conditions of the laboratory result in a purer diamond, without the trace elements of other minerals that are often found in nature.

Waiting for a very 'Special' visitor!



Let the making begin!





Reminder from the Friends about upcoming events

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) "A Flight Before Christmas"

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?

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**

If you have any questions please email us at PLISFriends@gmail.com

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:

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 Decemeber.

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 to 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

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

10th December Friends Movie night for Year 1 and 2 3pm—4.30pm

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

4th January INSET Day

5th January All children return to school