



Newsletter – No. 16 7th January 2022

Message from Mrs. Mole

Welcome back to school. We have enjoyed all the stories from the children of all the things that they got up to during the holiday period and were very pleased that Father Christmas visited so many of them (Maybe being a pupil at Polesden Lacey Infant School automatically puts you on the 'good' list!) I have been delighted at the positivity of the children as they have come back into school. First and foremost they were happy to see their friends and their engagement with the learning has been fabulous to see.

In assembly I have been talking to the children about setting themselves challenges, both for things to do at school and also in the wider world. Some of the challenges that the children have selected are:

Looking after the environment; swimming a length of the pool and then swimming back with only a small break and then swimming there and back without a break; riding a bike without stabilizers and improving cartwheels in gymnastics. Many of the classes have also been using the new year as an opportunity to make some New Year Resolutions. In Year 1, the children thought about some of the things that they could not do when they started in Reception but they can do now. They then had a look in their books to see if there was something in particular that they wanted to improve. They were so good at spotting what they were confident doing and then identifying something that they wanted to progress in. They then wrote down what they wanted to get better at and said what they would do to make it happen. Here are a few of the resolutions that Year 1 children have made: 'This year I would like to get better at my spelling and I will do this by working hard in my phonics' and 'I would like to get better at getting my numbers the right way round' and 'This year I would like to get better at reading and I will do this by reading everyday'

I look forward to seeing the children work towards their challenges and achieve the targets that they have set for themselves.

Take care and stay safe,

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

- Rabbits: **Eloise** for great phonics and super neat hand writing
- Squirrels: **Florence** for working really hard on her literacy target and improving her handwriting
- Badgers: **Finlay** listening and joining in maths lessons really well



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.

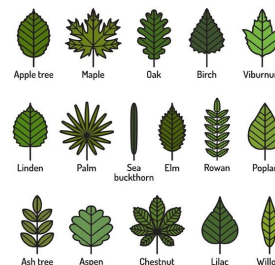
Below are this week's leaves:

Riana for showing determination and perseverance in writing her 10 times table

Emma was very caring and gave her glove's to someone who was cold

Sofia was very caring and helped the teachers with jobs

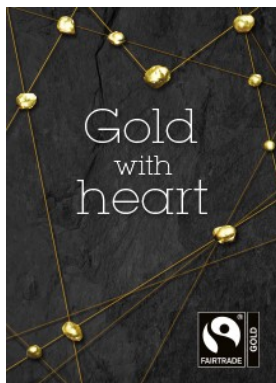
Frederick was fair when he played games over Christmas and took turns with his brother



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Position for Clerk of Governors—closing date 13th January 22

We have a part time position available for the Clerk to the School Governors. This is an admin role that occupies approximately 2—3 hours a week, although this is flexible and is paid accordingly. With the exception of attending the regular Governor Meetings which generally take place in the evening, the hours can fit around you.

If you are interested in taking on this role, please click on the following link; <https://www.eteach.com/job/clerk-to-the-governors-1197001> which will take you to the advert on E-Teach for more details.

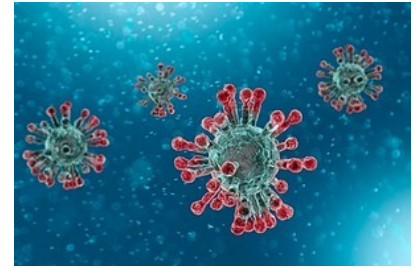
Closing date for applications is Thursday 13th January 2022.

Up dated guidance from the Government and The Uk Health Security Agency

From 11 January in England, people who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

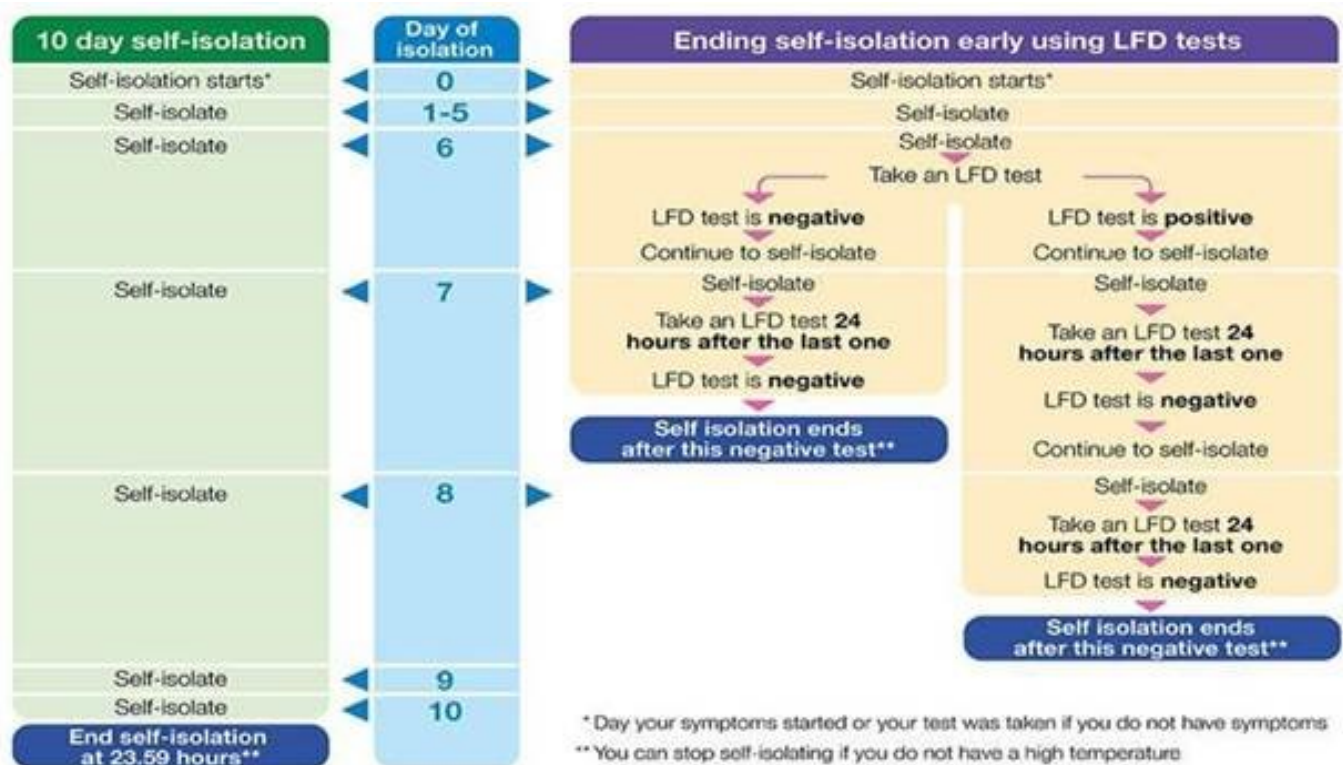
This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.



Stay at home guidance for households with possible Coronavirus COVID-19 infection

Please see attached flow chart giving examples of when to end self isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result. This flow chart along with further guidance can be found within the [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection) You will note that regular symptom free testing can begin again 14 days after the start of isolation for previous COVID-19 infection.



Big Garden Birdwatch 28th—30th January

It will soon be time for the annual RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. This is something that we do every year in school and I know that the teachers will include it in the home learning for the week beginning 24th January. Now is the perfect time to encourage birds into your gardens or balconies or onto a window ledge. The RSPB website (<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>) has lots of ideas about food to leave out and how to make things like fat balls and cakes as well as ideas on making a bird bath. If you don't put food out already you can start doing so now and hopefully by the time the Big Garden Birdwatch comes along the word will have spread amongst the birds and your garden, balcony or window ledge will have many feathered visitors for you to identify, count and enjoy.

Applications for Reception 2022

We are delighted that we have been able to show over 60 prospective parent families around our amazing school (all in small groups to ensure that we were following Government guidance and keep everyone in school and visiting safe).

If you know of anyone who is looking for a Reception place for September 2022, please do signpost them to us. Tours can be booked by calling the school office on 01372 456533 or emailing office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk

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.

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.

Dates

Spring Term 2022

Wk cmg 10th Jan—After school clubs start again

14th February—18th February Half Term

1st April; Last day of term school closes at 1pm