



# Newsletter – No. 17 14th January 2022

## Message from Mrs. Mole

We love to celebrate all that the children and the staff achieve at Polesden Lacey Infant School but we also love to celebrate all they get up to out of school.

Obviously a huge focus for us in school is the children learning more and knowing more around the curriculum but their development is so much more than just this. With this in mind I have talked to the children in assembly about our two celebration books that we have. One is for healthy and active lifestyle celebrations and one is a general celebration book. We have had the books over the past few years but, due to the Pandemic, not many entries have been made!



We would love to fill them up with all the amazing things that happen in the children's lives, at home and in the wider community. I will be adding my sporting challenge from 2021. I had hoped to walk 1000 miles in 2020 but didn't quite get to achieve it so I decided to set myself the same challenge for 2021. My entry into the healthy and active lifestyle celebration book will be a picture of me with my completion medal. We already have a photo of Alex, from Rabbit class, as he competed in his first dressage competition and a beautiful picture of Kai and his baby brother in our Celebration book.

Maybe your child has joined Beavers and wants to celebrate, perhaps they went on a long bike ride or have got their 5 metre swimming badge, they might have joined a sporting team and they have played their first match or they have a new pet in the family.

No matter what they are proud of we would like to celebrate with them. A photograph and a few words is all that is needed and their entry will be put in one of the books and shown in an assembly.

I can't wait to see some of the fabulous things that happen to the children or that they love to do

Take care and stay safe,

**Rebecca Mole, Headteacher**

## Star of Week

**Well done to all the winners this week.**

Rabbits: **Annabel** for amazing independent writing

Squirrels: **Gabriel** for an amazing egg poem and for working on improving his handwriting.

Badgers: **Emma** for always being caring to others and being resilient in her writing

Forest School: **Ava** (Badgers) for really enthusiastic participation and going the extra mile.



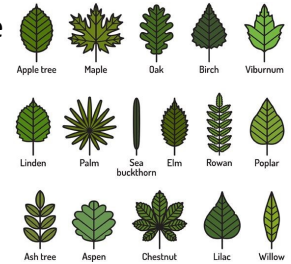
## Values Leaves

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:

**Mael** was very kind and read a book to his sister.



## Fairtrade

### H is for honey

Bees pollinate so many of the plants we rely on for food. But the widespread use of pesticides is threatening bee populations, and raising serious concerns around future food security – Small-scale beekeepers – the type who produce Fairtrade honey – can play a key role in helping bees to survive and thrive. And conscious shoppers can support these producers, who also face challenges

Find out more at : <https://info.fairtrade.net/product/honey>



## Forest School

### Squirrel Class Ice sculptures





### A couple of our after school clubs

Is this Lego Club?

No it's computing!

The children were filming themselves picking up the Lego, that Mrs. Mathews has tipped on the floor, using time lapse.



Music club enjoying some action songs with Mrs. Quinn.



### 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 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Presentation to Parents on Anxiety & Online Safety - 28th March

A Wellbeing Forum for Parents: With presentations on managing children's anxiety & promoting online safety is being run by ACS Cobham in March 2022. The details of the event are set out below, in case you are interested. As soon as we receive confirmation that the booking system is up and running we will let you know.

Venue: ACS Cobham

6.30pm for 7pm on 28th March 2022

Booking details (via Eventbrite) will be available shortly, and you will be notified.

Speakers: Alicia Drummond (The Wellbeing Hub/Teentips) and online safety expert Karl Hopwood (esafety Limited)

This event is suitable for parents with children in both primary and secondary schools.

## **Dates**

### Spring Term 2022

14th February—18th February - school closed for Half Term

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

### Summer Term 2022

Tues 19th April—Children return

Mon 2nd May—School closed May Bank Holiday

30th May—3rd June — school closed for Half Term

Mon 6th June—School closed Inset Day

22nd July—last day of term school closes 1pm