



# Newsletter – No. 37 1st July 2022

## Message from Mrs. Mole

We are really looking forward to the next couple of weeks at school. Not only have the teachers got some amazing learning planned; Badgers will be exploring space; Squirrels will be adventuring in Peru and Rabbits will be exploring Bookham! But we have lots of events that will involve you, as families of the children. Early next week we have the construction of the outdoor classroom and the new play boat. This means that the bank and the playground, near the bank, will be fenced off from Monday to Wednesday. **Sports day** is taking place on Wednesday 6th July in the morning (See below for details) so get your cheering voices ready! The **school fair**, celebrating 50 years of Polesden Lacey Infant School, is on Sunday 10th July. The Friends and the school are really keen to make this a community event so please invite others to attend. We had several people who had attended the school, in the 1970s, visit during open gardens and they had wonderful tales to tell. One gentleman said that in his time at the school there was no door on the caretaker's cupboard but he remembers a larger truncation hanging on the wall! We are hoping to collect more stories like this so if you know anyone who has a link to the school and may have some wonderful stories to share please get them to come along. On Wednesday 13th July, we have an open afternoon where you can come into school from 2.30pm and see what the children have been learning. We hope that everyone is able to join up for these fabulous occasions.



On a separate note I would like to say a personal thank you to all the children for wonderful bouncing, the Friends for organizing and the generosity of all those who sponsored. An amazing amount of **£967.50** has been raised to date. Wow!

**Rebecca Mole, Headteacher**

## Star of Week

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

**Rabbits:** Heidi for amazing phonics and writing.

**Squirrels:** Mael for sharing fantastic ideas and knowledge and for being a great role model.

**Badgers:** Finbar for working hard in all lessons.

**Values Star of the week:** .

**Rabbits:** Alex for demonstrating curiosity in all his learning.

**Squirrels:** Florence for demonstrating curiosity and being courageous in all areas of her learning.

**Badgers:** Miles for being caring towards others in music club.



## Year 1 Assembly



## Year 2 Visit to St. Nicholas Church Bookham



## Message From The Friends

### Polesden Lacey Infant School 50th Anniversary Summer Fair - Sunday 10th July

8...7....6.... we are still counting the days and the numbers are getting alarmingly small!

Sunshine has been ordered, we will be opening the new outdoor classroom, Badgers are performing their Village Day dance(!), there will be food and drinks, ice creams and cakes, inflatables, lots of games and tombolas, free taster reflexology sessions, displays and activities, craft and more! Bring the whole family, have lunch, enjoy a drink at the bar and play some of our fun games.

A small team of parents are working very hard to plan and prepare an exciting event but we cannot do it without you, too! 🙏 **We still very much need volunteer help on the day**, otherwise we unfortunately won't be able to run some stalls. Please have a look at the rota and see if you could possibly hop on a stall for an hour or so [volunteersignup.org/AKYHF](https://volunteersignup.org/AKYHF) Thank you.

#### Donations

**Bottles:** On **Friday 8th July** we will be holding a **mufti day** when we invite the children to come to school in their own clothes and, in exchange, ask you for the donation of a bottle for a tombola. It can be any bottle, of any type or size - wine, fizz, spirits, beer, bath oil, olive oil, shower gel - anything unopened that you have to hand. There will be a donation point for bottles available every day from Monday 4th to Friday 8th July at morning drop off.

**Jolly Jars:** We are also inviting children to upcycle items by decorating a glass jam jar (or similar) and filling it with small unused items you might have left over from party bags, stationery stores or just hanging around in that craft or gift drawer..... These could be small stationery items, stickers, craft items, small bouncy balls, wrapped sweets, small packets of seeds, small bubbles etc. **Please make sure that jars are named** (marker pen on the bottom or a slip of paper inside). There will be a prize for the best decorated jolly jar in each class and all jars will be available to win on the Jolly Jar Tombola at the Fair. We have some empty and clean jars available for you to collect and use outside the school office. Completed and NAMED jars should be dropped off into the classroom next week between Monday 4th and Friday 8th July please.

**Toys:** Finally - we would appreciate donations of the following at any time if you happen to be having a clear out at home. Please drop them off to the table outside the office between now and Friday 8th July:

- pre-loved soft toys
- pre-loved toys and games

All these details are also in a leaflet which will come home with your child/ren today to make it easy for you to check what is happening and when.

If you have any questions please email [plisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:plisfriends@gmail.com)

## Forest School Clothes

During the hot weather please send your child in with thin clothing to cover the skin and protect them from insect bites and nettles etc. eg. Leggings, thin trousers and a long sleeve thin top. The waterproof trousers that we usually use make the children sweat in the heat and become quite uncomfortable for them to wear.

### Sports Day—Wednesday 6th July

As you are aware Sports Day is scheduled to take place during the morning of Wednesday 6th July. The children in each class will be divided into groups of 5 or 6 children and the groups will rotate around 5 different activities. We plan to finish each session with three races on the running track that will be marked on the grass in the orchard.

Each pupil can have up to 2 adults supporting them and these adults will follow the children round as they take part in the variety of sporting activities. Younger siblings can join you, however, they do remain your responsibility and must remain with you at all times. Tickets will not be issued and we do not need to know in advance if you can make it. Please just come along on the day.

The timings for the day will be as follows:

**Rabbits – 9.15am to 10.15am**

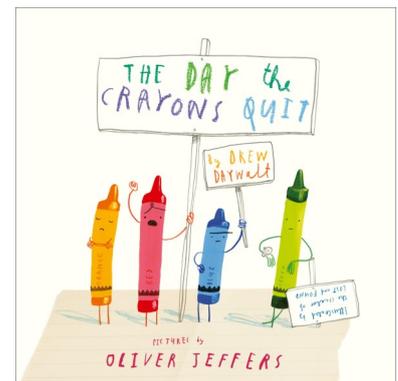
**Squirrels and Badgers - 10.30am to 12pm**

Please keep your fingers crossed for warm dry weather so the event can take place as planned.

### Book Recommendation of the Week from Mrs Mathews

#### **The Day The Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt**

I love reading this book to the children and talking about how each crayon feels, the children find it very funny to think that their crayons could talk about their 'owner' and think carefully about what their crayons would say about them!



### Sponsored Bounce—Final Sponsorship Total!

Thank you so much to all those parents, carers, grandparents, godparents, family friends, neighbours and anyone else who sponsored one of our small Tiggers when they bounced last Thursday!

Between us we raised an amazing **£967.50** - including Gift Aid.

We're so grateful for every bit of support we receive - from local company Jamie's Bouncy Castles, who provided the inflatable castle for us at a special price, to the parents who came in to count the bounces, the children who had such fun trying to bounce as many times as they could within a minute and, of course, the staff who supported them. Thank you all.

The funds raised will go straight towards the new outdoor classroom which will be appearing very soon!

## Friends Movie Night — Monday 18th July

The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School present: Summer Movie Night 2022!

### Monday 18th July

As the end of term fast approaches we like to treat the children to a fun Movie Night with an age (and attention!) appropriate film in their classroom.

We have slightly altered our original plan and all classes will now hold their movie nights on **Monday 18th July**. Pick up times will vary, as they are all watching different films in different classrooms.

Tickets are £5 each, to include popcorn and a drink

- ◆ **Rabbits** will be watching the ever-popular Zog, followed by Zog and The Flying Doctors (Rated U) and can be picked up at **4pm**
- ◆ **Squirrels** will be watching The Bee Movie (rated U) and can be picked up at **4.45pm**
- ◆ **Badgers** will be watching Encanto (rated PG) and can be picked up at **5pm**

If you would like your child to attend please complete a permission form and pay for your child's ticket online (this is a change from our previous bank transfer method as we try to find ways to make it easier for you)

If you are able to stay and help please e-mail The Friends at the address below. Without enough helpers they may not be able to show all the movies.

Click here to give your child/ren permission to attend (one form per child please)

[Movie Night Permission Form](#)

AND please click here to pay [Movie Night Payment Link](#)

**Please complete both forms by 5pm on Thursday 14th July.** Thank you

Please email [plisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:plisfriends@gmail.com) with any questions

## Skilled Carpenters?

Are any of you skilled at mending wooden things? We are having a new play boat built on the bank but have plans to turn the old boat into a beautiful planter. (see photo below). We have applied for and been given a grant for the plants, we are sourcing top soil from Free Cycle but need to make the structure secure before we can take the next steps. We are excellent at teaching your children to read and write but our carpentry skills are sadly lacking! Any offers gratefully received, just contact Ms. Mole or the school office.



Help us go from this.....



to this

## **Do you want to become a paid Walking Instructor?**

Our school is assisting Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team to help them recruit for Walking Instructors, as part of their new Walking Training programme for primary schools.

### **What is the Walking Training programme?**

The Walking Training Programme is a road safety and active travel skills awareness course that will be aimed at children ages 7 to 8 years old (Year 3). It will provide pupils with road safety skills to better enable them to safely walk to and from school with their parents and carers and prepare them for independent travel.

[Further information about the Walking Training course can be found here.](#)

### **What is a Walking Instructor?**

A Walking Instructor will be able to lead a small group of Year 3 pupils in the playground and on the road, outside the school gates, to provide them with necessary road safety skills and knowledge. Delivering an informative, robust and entertaining programme of learning that highlights the necessary road safety skills, providing Year 3 pupils with the foundation to feel safe and comfortable as a pedestrian navigating Surrey's roads.

There are many benefits to becoming a Walking Instructor, including: being at the forefront of a new active and sustainable travel programme in Surrey; working with pupils to encourage walking to school and providing them with the necessary road safety skills. We will also provide you with a competitive salary, flexible working that can be based in and around the school day as well as full training, including safeguarding and First Aid.

### **Who would be an ideal Walking Instructor?**

[Someone that has experience working with primary aged children, in either a professional or personal manner.](#)

Interested in encouraging primary school-age pupils to feel more confident traveling actively and sustainably to school.

Interested in road safety and or active travel.

Confident engaging children of 7-8 years old both in the classroom and during the on-road training elements of the course.

Confident working on your own, as some courses may not have another Instructor attending with you.

Looking for a flexible, term time position.

Competitive salary.

Full training provided, included safeguarding and First Aid.

If this sounds like a job you or someone you know may be interested in, please find further information on the job profile and how to apply below:

[Apply to become a paid Walking Instructor](#)

### Friends Events 2022

Friday 8th July - Summer Fair Mufti Day

Sunday 10th July - Polesden Lacey Infant School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summer Fayre

18th and 19th July - Movie nights for all classes with popcorn, straight after school

### **The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School**

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Cashback for us from your shopping: [Easyfundraising Registration](#)

### Dates

#### Summer Term 2022

Wed 6th July - Sports Day (Reception 9.15—10.15, Year 1 & 2, 10.30—12midday)

Wed 13th July - Open Afternoon (2.30pm onwards)

Fri 15th July - School Reports home to parents

Wed 20th July - Year 2 Leavers Assembly (am) (more details to follow)

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