



# Newsletter – No. 9 4th November 2021

## Message from Mrs. Mole

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. I hope that you were all able to enjoy the break ; the children and staff have definitely returned refreshed.

This week you have had the opportunity to come into school and meet with the class teachers to discuss your child's progress and how you can support them. I hope that you found this both beneficial and enjoyable. We certainly loved having you back in the classrooms and we hope that you were pleased that you could see the place where your child does lots of their learning. Your support at home, with all aspects of learning, makes such a difference. Many of you will have seen, in recent letters from us, the statistics from a study carried out in America to see what difference reading to a child makes to their vocabulary. For those who haven't seen this yet, the findings, which are below, are eye opening! The study in America worked out how many words a child would have heard by the time they were 5 and the difference reading to them made.

*Here's how many words kids would have heard by the time they were 5 years old:*

*Never read to, 4,662 words;*

*1–2 times per week, 63,570 words;*

*3–5 times per week, 169,520 words;*

*daily, 296,660 words;*

*and five books a day, 1,483,300 words.*

Access to language opens up opportunities for our children, so please do keep reading great stories, poems, articles and books to your children.

Take care over the weekend, especially if you are watching any firework displays.

**Rebecca Mole, Headteacher**

## Star of Week

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

Rabbits: Felix for being a kind friend

Squirrels: Chloe for thinking of fantastic words and always trying her best

Badgers: Brooke for being a great mathematician



### **Safeguarding information session for parent volunteers**

On Wednesday 17th November from 2pm to 3pm we will be running a parent volunteer safeguarding session. This is for any parent that currently volunteers in school or any parent who would like to volunteer in the near future.

If you fit into one of these two categories please email [office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk) to book a place.

We require all volunteers to undertake this session to ensure that we are able to keep all our pupils safe.

### **Mystery Readers**

The children and staff at Polesden Lacey Infant School love reading and listening to stories. After the success of the mystery reader over the past 2 years we are excited to offer this opportunity to our parents again. If you would like to come in to school and read a story to your child's class then please e-mail [office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk) and Mrs Cummings will forward it on to your child's teacher. We currently have enough volunteers to take us up to Christmas but would love you to volunteer for January 2022!

These stories will take place each Friday at 2.40pm. The children will not be told who is going to read to them, hence the term Mystery Reader.

### **Celebration and Healthy and Active lifestyles**

#### **Celebration Books**

As Polesden Lacey Infant School we like to celebrate! We have two books that we use to put in different things that the children, families and staff might like to share and celebrate. Previous examples have been a new pet, Mrs. Mathews getting married, taking part in a Park Run, getting a swimming badge and learning to ski. If your child has anything they would like to celebrate with us please do send them in with a picture and some words to say what they did.



### **Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors**

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. If you are looking for a rewarding role please take a look at the following link.; [Surrey County Council - Job details \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/job-details)

## COP26

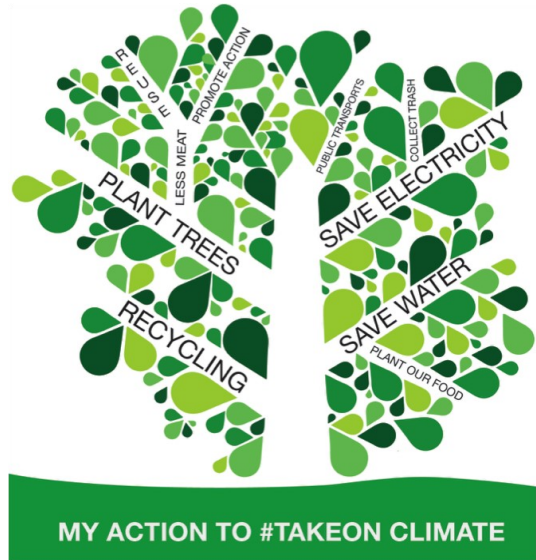
In assembly this week we have been talking about COP26 (the 26th Conference of the Parties) taking place in Glasgow at the moment. Over the next couple of weeks we will be talking about why the conference is taking place and what the outcomes might be. We will also be thinking about individual and school pledges that we can make to make a difference in reducing global warming and climate change.

Once we have made our pledges, we will publish them in the newsletter so that everyone can see what we will commit to do to make a difference.

Why not make a pledge as a family and let us know what you decide to do.



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## DIWALI

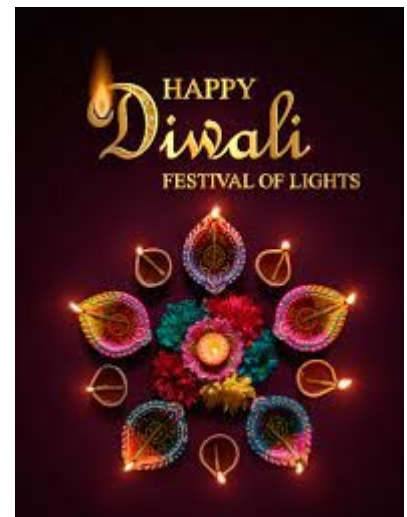
**Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world.**

Diwali, which for some also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations, is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.

The festival is usually some time between October and November, with the date changing each year.

This year Diwali takes place over five days from 2 November to 6 November with the main day of celebration on Thursday 4 November. Year 1 and Year 2 have both been learning about this festival. Why not have a go at the BBC quiz to see what you already know and then look on their website to learn some more. Follow this link to the quiz:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/diwali-quiz>



## 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:

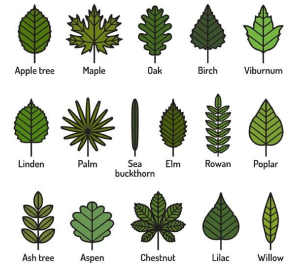
**Riley** for always being caring and kind to mum and helping around the house

**Molly** was caring to a friend when they were praised

**Mael** was very kind and helpful tidying up his room

**Frederick** is always respectful, he greets me politely and always has a happy face.

**Henry** persevered with his buttons. Super work!



## Message from The Friends

The Friends would like to thank everyone for supporting the Halloween events, we raised an incredible £181.20! The cake sale had a fantastic response and hopefully the children all enjoyed the mask making and mufti day. All the money we raise this year is going towards the outdoor classroom so thank you to everyone for getting involved, your contribution really does make a difference.

All left over cakes were donated to the Bookham Community Fridge.

Hopefully you will all have seen the Christmas card and order form that was sent home in your child's bag on Wednesday. If you would like to purchase Christmas cards, gift tags, mugs, tea towels, eco-bags or wrapping paper decorated with your child's festive picture, please complete the order form and return it to the box outside the school office, no later than **Friday the 12th of November**.

Payment can either be in cash in the envelope provided or by bank transfer into the Friends account.

The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infact School

Account number: 51406043

Sort Code: 40-27-07

Reference: Your childs name/CARDS21

The cards will be blank inside for your own greeting.

Your order will be sent home in your child's bag week commencing the 29th of November.

## Dates

### Autumn Term 2021

15th November Guide Dogs for the Blind are visiting Year 2

17th November 2pm—3pm Safeguarding session for parent volunteers (Please e-mail the school office if you would like to attend)

25th November—Year 1 Victorian Day

6th December Year 1 Trip to Victorian Playroom

7th December Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

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