



# Newsletter – No. 10 18th November 2022

## Message from Mrs. Mole

Please do take time to read through the newsletter. There is information about some of the things that we have been up to this week, as well as information about upcoming events. Squirrel class had a fabulous visit from The Elmbrige Museum to enrich their learning about toys from the past and they had a huge amount of fun making spinners, which they loved showing me. Below you can see some photos of the children in action. The Museum also left toy artefacts which the children will be exploring over the coming weeks. They are also asking family members if they have any recollections of toys from the 1960s onwards—I think that this will be a question for grandparents/ great aunts and uncles and slightly older relatives!

You will see below, information about the upcoming Christmas productions. Please pop the date or dates in your diary and watch out for the letter with additional information in your child's bag.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca Mole  
Headteacher

## Mole Valley Family Centre

Mole Valley Family Centre offers a lot of help and useful information to parents on all sorts of parenting issues. If you would like to know more about what they offer please visit their website [Welcome to the Mole Valley Family Centre | Mole Valley Family Centre](#)

Examples of leaflets and services that they offer;

- **Early Days** – weekly friendly and supportive group for parents of non-mobile babies
- **Freedom programme** - an educational programme exploring the abusive tactics, controlling behaviours and belief systems of a perpetrator of domestic abuse and the effects on survivor's health and well-being.
- **Language and Learning** - interactive and engaging 10 week programme you will learn different ways to encourage your child's speech and language development through games, play and songs.
- **Lego club** - An after school therapy group for children with Social Communication difficulties (no diagnosis needed) aged 6-11. £40 for the 8 week course (with a break for half term), payable in advance
- **Parenting Puzzle** - Raising children can be puzzling at times, but puzzles have solutions – and the Parenting Puzzle provides them.
- **SEND group** - informal group meets monthly and is a chance to meet other parents who have children with additional needs for support and sharing our struggles and our successes. We will have lots of time for coffee and chat as well as advice and information about a number of issues.
- **Speech and Language stay and play** - A Stay and Play group for young children where there is a concern about development of speech and language skills (talking, listening, understanding and interacting). Parents attend the group with their child. Ideas and strategies to use at home with your child will be provided and the staff will be able to advise you about how to support speech and language development.
- **Time out for Dads** - Time out for Dads is a 5 week workshop and is suitable for Dads of children under 16 years old.

### Star of Week

**Rabbits:** Ben for great focus and concentration on the carpet!

**Badgers:** Leo for writing an amazing diary entry in English.

### Values Star of the week:

**Rabbits:** Skye for always being kind and being fair when playing Scaredy Cat!

**Squirrels:** Anastasia for being a resilient learner and trying hard to complete her maths challenge.

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**Badgers:** Harrison for great curiosity about the Great Fire of London!



### Forest School Star of the week:

**Rabbits:** Charlie S for being curious and caring when exploring insects in their homes.

**Squirrels:** James for brilliant focus and organizational skills working on the task in a group

**Badgers:** Mael for great communication when helping to structure your story-telling group.

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

### Applications for Reception and Year 3 Places

Primary, infant and junior school admissions for 2023 are now open as of 31st October. Parents and carers with a child who was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 (or a child leaving Year 2 of an infant school in July 2023) will have until 15 January 2023 to apply for their child's 2023 school place.

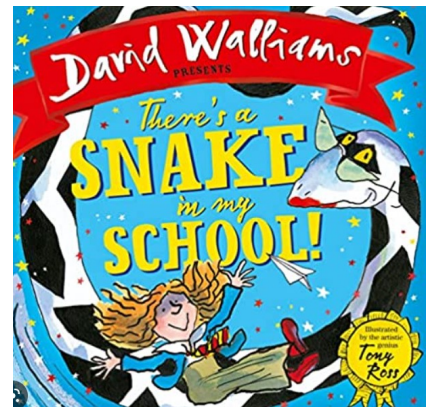
Advice about finding the right school for your child, and guidance around the admissions process, can be found in [this Surrey Matters article](#).

### Book Recommendation of the week

**There's a Snake in my School by David Walliams - recommended by Theo Case and Family**

Theo thinks this is wonderful book because it's about snakes and he also loves his teachers (even though the teacher gets eaten!!). It is a great book that's so much fun and shows it's ok to be a different!

Mrs Binding is looking for book recommendations from parents/carers or the children. Please get in touch if you would like to share yours.



## Fairtrade - I is for ..... Ice Cream!

Written by Florence

There are lots of fairtrade ice creams. I tried Ben and Jerry's and it was yummy. We know it is fairtrade as it has a fairtrade sticker on it. The fairtrade ingredients they use are sugar, cocoa, vanilla, coffee and bananas. This helps farmers get paid fairly.



## E-Safety Tip

### E-Safety Rules and Guided Access

Follow the steps in the link below to lock an iPad onto a particular app, you can set the screen to remain on one app by pressing the home button 3 times and entering your passcode. This is especially helpful for our younger technology users and a way to ensure they are remaining on apps you feel are suitable for their age.

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT202612>

Share the Polesden Lacey e-Safety Rules with your child before the holidays to make sure they are aware of how to remain safe online.

## Year 1—Toys from the Past Workshop

Year 1 had a visit from Elmbridge Toy Museum as part of their topic looking at toys from the past.



## 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 December.

### 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.

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THE VINERIES GARDEN CENTRE LOWER ROAD EFFINGHAM

**CHRISTMAS TREE VOUCHER** ON PRODUCTION OF THIS VOUCHER 2022

**10 %** OFF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

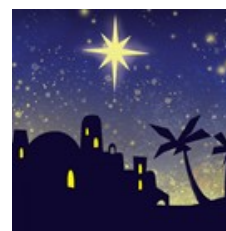


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### Christmas Performances

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas performances.

This year there are three dates, one for Reception and two for KS1. 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. NB. The show for KS1 will be exactly the same on both dates but has been split to allow more room for parents at each show. We will not be issuing tickets this year but are restricting numbers to no more than 2 people per family per performance. **We request that you do not bring siblings, unless they are one of your two tickets.**



The Reception's Nativity will take place on Tuesday 13th December at 9.15 am to 9.45 am (approximately).

The Year 1 show (which includes the Year 2 children) will take place on Tuesday 6th December at 9.15am to 10am

The Year 2 show (which includes Year 1 children) will take place on Thursday 8th December starting at 9.15am to 10.00am .

If Year 1 & 2 parents are not able to attend on the date allocated for their child's class performance please speak to the school office as there may be capacity for you to attend on the alternative day. (The show for both dates is exactly the same)

**Letters providing costume details, song lists and words to learn will be coming home in the next few days so look out for them in your child's school bag. Costumes for year 1 & 2 will simply consist of a specific coloured t-shirt along with PE tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls.**

## Message from The Friends

### Christmas at PLIS - Friday 9th December

We can definitely hear the faint sound of sleigh bells as Father Christmas and the reindeer tune up for their annual visit!



**Friday 9th December** will be a full day of Christmas fun and activities at Polesden Lacey Infants, with a special visit from FC himself to his Library Grotto, a Christmas Making Morning, AND Christmas fun and activities in the classrooms in the afternoon.

### Parent Help Needed

If anyone is free on Thursday 8th December from 1pm to 3pm to prepare the magical Library Grotto the elves would very much appreciate some help.... no elf outfits required....?

Parents will also be very welcome to come in during the Making Morning on Friday 9th Dec (9am to 11.30am) when the children will be creating some decorative goodies.

We'd also love some assistance in the classrooms on Friday 9th Dec from 12.30pm to 3pm please to assist the children with their "Christmas in the Classroom" games and activities.

If you can help with any of these please email Cathy at [plisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:plisfriends@gmail.com)

Further details about permission forms and donations for all of these activities will follow shortly.

## School Dates

### Autumn Term 2022

23rd November Flu Immunisation's for all classes (Parents must sign up for this online— see separate e-mail for more details)

25th November — Perform workshop for all 3 classes

6th & 8th December 9.15am — 10am Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - admission will be limited to 2 adults per child further details to follow later.

13th December 9.15—9.45am — Reception Class Nativity—more details will follow nearer the time.

**Last day of Term; Friday 16th December 2022 school closes at 1pm**



### **Dates for your diary 2022/23 - The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School**

We have been very keen and set out our complete plan for the year. Please pop these dates in your diaries for now - more information will be shared closer to each date.

If you're keen to help out with any of these activities and events, or have any questions, please do email [plisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:plisfriends@gmail.com).

We will ask for specific volunteers nearer the time where they are needed, but always welcome your interest!

Fri 9th December - Christmas Grotto, Making Morning and Christmas In the Classroom

Wed 14th December - Movie Night for all classes (details tbc)

Fri 3rd February (tbc) - Quiz Evening

Thurs 2nd and Fri 3rd March - Book Swap for World Book Day

Thurs 30th March - Easter Activities and Bake Sale

Thurs 27th April - Sponsored Bounce

Thurs 8th and Fri 9th June (tbc) - Making Mornings for Bookham Village Day (Sat 17th June)

Sun 9th July - Summer Fair

Thurs 13th or Fri 14th July (tbc) - Summer Movie Night and Mufti