



Newsletter – No. 10 17th November 2023

Message from Mrs. Mole

One of the questions that I often get asked by prospective parents, is how can we help our child get ready for school. My answer always involves enjoy spending time with them and reading to them. Many of you will have already received the information below from me but not everyone has! Reading to your child and talking about books is so important and makes such a difference.

Researchers in the United States who had looked at the impact of parents reading with their children quoted the following figures about their findings:

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

A report by the Department for Education in July 2023 states that, *'parents who engage their children in books prepare them to become committed and enthusiastic readers: they can transform their attitudes to reading. Their children learn to focus and share the enjoyment of the story; they learn how stories start and finish, and how a plot unravels and is resolved; they learn that books can transport them elsewhere.'* and *'book-related talk introduces children to language that they might not hear in ordinary conversation, especially the vocabulary of the book itself. This primes them to understand what they read later, in their leisure reading and across the curriculum'.*

I hope that you can all curl up on a chair and enjoy some time reading to your child this weekend.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: Charlie for super spelling and writing this week!

Squirrels: Rilee for working carefully to create his Andy Warhol toy painting.

Badgers: Isobel for super effort in all of your learning this week!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: Rory for being a caring and courageous member of Rabbit Class.

Squirrels: Enid for always being a caring friend.

Badgers: Emily for always being so respectful of other people's feelings and ideas!

Forest School star of the week:

Rabbits: **Thomas** for working really well with your partner and looking at the patterns of nature to make your rangoli pattern.

Squirrels: **Charlie M** for taking time to create a beautiful symmetrical design on your Diva light.

Badgers: **Maxine** for making a beautifully detailed rangoli pattern using hawthorn berries.

Remembrance Day— Year 2 Poppy Pictures

As part of the Year 2 art curriculum the children looked at a painting by Georgia O’Keeffe entitled ‘Oriental Poppies’. They then did their own paintings which have been taken to Huggins Edwards and Sharp Estate Agent in Bookham, where they are on display. Please pop down and have a look if you haven’t already done so.



Oriental Poppies by Georgia O’Keeffe



Love in a Box

Many thanks to all the families and local community who filled boxes full of gifts to send to children in Eastern Europe. Once again your generosity is amazing to see and I am sure that come Christmas there will be much joy on the faces of those receiving your gifts. We collected 21 boxes in total and they were picked up on Thursday to be shipped out in time for the festive season.



The Toy Museum

Year 1 enjoyed looking at, learning about and classifying toys from past years. The box of toys is on loan from The Elmbridge Museum. The children treated them with a great deal of both curiosity and respect.

There were toys such as spinning tops, Rubik cubes, Jacob’s ladders and old dolls. Some of the items the children recognized and a few of them were new to the children. If you have any old toys from Grandparents or from your younger years that you would like to show the squirrel children please contact either Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Mullins, as they would love to show them to the class.



Infant Council

On Thursday afternoon Thomas, Anastasia, Felix and Savannah went to The Royal Kent School to take part in the local Infant Council. The children had been elected via a secret ballot to be the representatives of Polesden Lacey Infant School.

Miss Joslin "All of the children were wonderful ambassadors for our school. They should all be very proud of themselves! They made lovely contributions to group discussions about saving the oceans and all showed how caring they are."

Anastasia "It was good because we got to answer a lot of questions."

Thomas "We got to have yummy biscuits and juice." "It wasn't really my thing."

Felix "I didn't really like it"

Savannah "It was fun working in groups because I got to see Archer and we spoke about how to save oceans."



Playground Monitors

Well done to the newly selected Playground Monitors. These children have already demonstrated a mature, helpful and respectful attitude to the playground and playtimes. We are sure that they will continue to do an excellent job for the rest of the term.



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 Wednesday 13th December at 9.00 am to 9.30 am (approximately).

The Year 1 show (which includes the Year 2 children) will take place on Tuesday 5th December at 9.00am to 9.45am approximately.

The Year 2 show (which includes Year 1 children) will take place on Thursday 7th December starting at 9.00am to 9.45am approximately.

If Year 1 & 2 parents are not able to attend on the date allocated for your child's class performance there is capacity for you to attend on the alternative date. All we ask is that you let the school office know so that we can put out the correct number of chairs. (The show for both dates is exactly the same)

Please keep an eye inside your child's book bag for letters providing costume details, song lists and words to learn. Some have already been sent home others will be coming home over the course of the next week. If you don't think you have received anything by next Friday please check with your class teacher.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day – 12th December

On the 12th December the school catering team will be serving up a delicious festive Christmas lunch. We've also chosen this day as our Christmas Jumper day, where children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper, full Christmas outfit, or their own weekend clothes. This year we would like to fundraise for Billy in Rabbits, to help provide support for his family, and help bring moments of joy and laughter and memories that they can cherish forever, especially over the Christmas period.

To help us with this, we would like to ask you to donate £1 per child, which will be collected on the day and then donated to Billy's parents via their just giving page.

Message From The Friends

Support Our School through the Mole Valley Lottery

We're pleased to have joined up with the Mole Valley Lottery, you can now sign up to support us when you play.

By playing the Mole Valley Lottery you can earn cash prizes of up to £25,000 each week.

Tickets cost £1 and we get 50p from every ticket. (see poster below)

To start supporting us, visit www.molevalleylottery.co.uk search for Polesden Lacey in the Causes. Please share with family and friends who may also like to support us this way.

Wreath Making Workshop - Just 2 tickets left!

We have just 2 tickets left for our **Wreath Making Workshop** on Friday 24th November, 7.30-9.30pm. Why not come along with a friend or parent? If you're interested in these last 2 tickets please email plisfriends@gmail.com

Tickets are a only £30 and include everything you need to make a stunning festive wreath along with a mince pie and hot drink.

Our very own squirrels mum and florist Sophie is running the session for us and has been busy planning everything, thanks Sophie!

We are very grateful to Wellers Hedleys Law Group for sponsoring this event, which means that more of the money raised can go straight into supporting the school.

Christmas Volunteers Needed

Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to support our upcoming Christmas events next month, we still have a few spaces, sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/LAA77>

If you'd like to be the first to know about volunteering opportunities at school we'd be pleased to add you to our Friends WhatsApp group, send the team a message at plisfriends@gmail.com and we'll add you.

Don't forget to attend one of the Safeguarding sessions being run by Ms Mole if you plan to volunteer, all details were in Week 9's newsletter.

Dates for your diary

- 24th November - Wreath Making Evening
- 8th December - Santas Grotto & Christmas Crafting Morning
- 14th December - Christmas Movie Night (in the classrooms after school)

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.

THE VINERIES GARDEN CENTRE. LOWER ROAD. EFFINGHAM. KT24 5JP

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ON PRODUCTION OF THIS VOUCHER 2023

50p WILL BE DONATED TO SCHOOL FUND



10% OFF



YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE WITH THIS VOUCHER

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Telephone no: **01372 458934**

Dates

22nd November (am) Reception Class are joining Playschool to watch a show called Little Einstein

29th November (am) Reception Class to visit St. Nicholas Church, Bookham (more details to follow)

5th & 7th December 9am—9.30am approx —Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance

8th December—**NO Judo Club**

wk cmg 11th December **NO Art, Gardening, Lego, Multi Sports or Judo Clubs**

12th December - Christmas Jumper Day

12th December — Christmas Dinner

13th December 9am—9.30am approx.—Reception Class Christmas Performance

Last day of Term; Friday 15th December 2023 school closes at 1pm

Winter Term

2nd January 2024—School Closed Inset Day

3rd January 2024—School Closed Inset Day

4th January 2024—All children return to school

11th January A-Life Healthy Eating and fitness workshop—all classes

26th January RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

1st February Fairtrade Day

7th February Safer Internet Day

12th—16th February Half Term



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