Newsletter – No. 10 13th November 2020

Message from Ms. Mole

This week we spent some time in assembly learning about Remembrance Day, the history behind it, it's meaning and specific significance to individuals. It was moving to hear some of the children talking with pride about relatives who had been involved in conflicts and see the respect for these people from the children, whilst also seeing that the pupils wanted a world where there was greater peace and respect for others. Below are some pictures of our remembrance day.





Rebecca Mole - Headteacher

Star of the Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: Chloe for being keen to practice her name and sounds Squirrels: Matthew for planning and writing a fantastic story Badgers: Dana for being a superb mathematician Forest School: Flynn for spotting sticks that look like letters and numbers.



Second Hand Forest School Waterproofs

Many thanks to all the parents who have now brought in their children's Forest School clothes. We were wondering if any of you have any old waterproof trousers, coats or wellies that your children have grown out of which we could add to our second hand uniform supplies. If you do we would welcome your donations and hope to have a socially distanced, Covid appropriate, Forest School Second Hand kit sale on Thursday 19th November.

Any donations can be left on the table by the main door to the school.



Masks in School

Many of you will be aware that several local schools and nurseries are asking parents and carers to wear masks on school grounds when they drop off and pick up their children. As a school, we would rather not do this. We want to make it feel as normal as possible for our children, see the smiling faces of the grown-ups around them and having the 'everything is normal in school' feeling. In order to do this we are asking that you are particularly vigilant in maintaining your 2 metre distance, in particular from other adults even if your children are in the same bubble. To help with this, Mr. Gregory has spaced out the 30 cones 2 metres apart. If each adult stands directly by a cone you will be sure to be the appropriate distance from each other. We know that we all have times when we momentarily forget that we cannot be close to one another so we hope the cones will be a handy reminder.

Message from The Friends—Hot off the Press - Lockdown Cookbook

The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School Lockdown Cookbook is printed! It is beautifully done and has many scrumptious recipes in for you to enjoy making and eating.

Preorder your copy now by clicking on the following link - https://forms.gle/UszFLj2GdcnPim6p6

A Cookbook Preview - a wonderful community project and the perfect Christmas gift for all your friends and family, something that can easily be popped in the post in time for Christmas. All funds go to the school. Click on the following link for a preview. <u>Preview attachment Cookbook PREVIEW.pdf</u>

Christmas Wreath Kits - Pre-order now open - please see separate poster for further details. Stock is limited so reserve your kit early!

Thursday 10th December - Rabbit Class - Stickman Movie Afternoon -See separate poster for further details

Friday 11th December - Squirrels/Badgers Class - Jack and the Beanstalk - See separate poster for further details

Values Leaves: Fair, Resilient, Respectful, Caring, Courageous and Curious.

Below are some of this week's leaves:

Florence was kind to Gabriel offering her hand to help him balance.

Henry was kind letting his sister use his ride on tractor and fair sharing his Halloween sweets with his family.

Maël was resilient as his went on his weekly walk in the woods through the torrential rain, courageous as he went down the fireman's pole on his own, fair making sure his sister had as much passion fruit as him and curious abut foam in the bath and why is sticks to things and gets washed away by water.

Emma was very courageous when a wasp landed on her nose and she didn't move!

Ava G has been showing a real curiosity for our amazing bodies after watching the programme 'Operation Ouch!'

Holly showed great curiosity in wanting to push on and see which other animals she could find when walking in Norbury Park.

Poppy K showed great curiosity in wanting to push on and see which other animals she could find when walking in Norbury Park

Poppy T was curious and wrote lots of her own fact books



Charlie W & Oliver T were very caring when they helped a younger child who had fallen

Oliver T has been courageous and learnt how to do forward flips and use the monkey bars in the park.

Elizabeth, Chloe G, Daniel, Evie and Willam P were curious when asking some great questions about The Great Fire of London.

Aya was caring when she helped another children to pick something up that they had dropped.

Max G was curious when he asked where the food in the supermarket came from and who made it.

NB. Based on feedback that we have received we will only be sharing one leaf per child in the above list each week. All leaves that are sent in will continue to be shared in class and displayed on our values trees so do please keep sending them in.

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

CHRISTMAS TREE VOUCHER ON PRODUCTION OF THIS VOUCHER 2020

10 % OFF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE



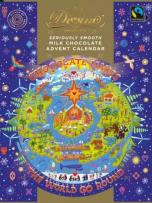
EFFINGHAM, SURREY. KT24 5JP. 01372 458934 (this voucher cannot be used in addition to club members discount)

Fairtrade tip

As December approaches why not get a Fairtrade Advent calendar.

The Divine Chocolate Advent calendars have a chocolate heart behind every door and the milk chocolate one includes the nativity story on the back of each door which builds up as you get closer to Christmas.





Eco Tip

Hedges in gardens are greatly appreciated by wildlife and you can mimic the traditional hedgerow in your own garden by planting a fruiting hedge. At school we are expecting the arrival of some hedging plants today (donated by the Woodland Trust) and will be planting them over the next couple of weeks

This is a good time for planting all trees and shrubs, as well as hedges, to give them plenty of time to get established before winter. If you have room in the garden, you might like to plan a mini-woodland or new shrub border to attract birds all year. Container-grown plants can be planted at any time of year, but you can save money at this time of year by opting for bare-rooted hedging, or root-balled trees and shrubs.

Updated information from the Government for parents

Please follow this <u>link</u> for the current guidance from the Government on what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, school and colleges in the autumn term. It has been updated to include information on the national restrictions which came into force on 5 November.

Dates

Autumn Term 2020

24th November Full Governing Body Meeting (If you would like to attend please inform the school office 2 weeks prior to the meeting)

Christmas lunch for children 16th December 2020

Last day of Term: 18th December 2020