



# Newsletter – No. 11 25th November 2022

## Message from Mrs. Mole

Last Friday, four of our Year 2 children went to St. Lawrence's Primary School to take part in the Infant Council Meeting. They were joined by children from other local infant and Primary Schools, where they discussed 'democracy' and fundraising for different charities. Mrs. Binding accompanied the children and raved about how brilliant they were at talking, articulating their points of view, being respectful to the others and generally participating in the event. It had probably helped that the four children had been elected by their peers following a democratic process. Firstly the children were able to nominate themselves, then they had to give a short speech saying why they should be elected to go and finally we held a secret ballot.



Well done to all of them for showing what wonderful, confident, caring and respectful children we have at Polesden Lacey Infant School.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca Mole

## 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:** Seth for super progress in phonics!

**Squirrels:** Alex A for writing a brilliant story using super spelling and full stops correctly!

**Badgers:** Kitty for always trying your best and being a fabulous friend to all in Badger Class!

### Values Star of the week: .

**Rabbits:** Ralph for always being fair, caring and respectful!

**Squirrels:** Asher for being a resilient and courageous learner—keep up the hard work!

**Badgers:** Rocco for being very fair in PE this week and encouraging your friends to work in a team!



### Forest School Star of the week:

**Rabbits:** Edward for showing resilience and great group work.

**Squirrels:** Harry for being enthusiastic and curious and being focused with your team.

**Badgers:** Emi for your resilience and enthusiasm exploring nature and working with your team.

### Applications for Reception and Year 3 Places

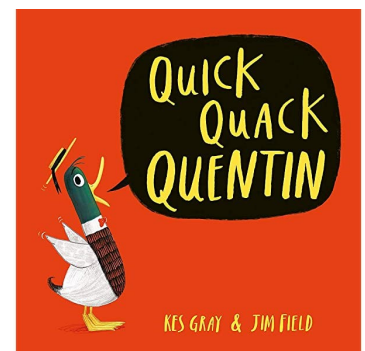
Primary, infant and junior school admissions for 2023 are now open as of 31st October. Parents and carers with a child who was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 (or a child leaving Year 2 of an infant school in July 2023) will have until 15 January 2023 to apply for their child's 2023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

Recommended by Seren Wright and Family.

This book is written by the same creators of the 'Oi Frog!' series. It is all about a duck who has trouble with his quack. Seren really enjoys this book because of how funny the animals all sound when they share their letters with Quentin. It's also a fun book to help explore different vowel sounds. Happy reading!



## Fairtrade - J is for ..... Jam

Written by Flynn H

You can buy fair trade jam from lots of different places. Fair trade means that your giving money to farmers so that they can live in nice warm houses, go to school and pay for food. Fair trade is being fair to every body .



## E-Safety Tip

### Reporting

Would you know where to go online to report something which has upset yourself or your child online? Follow the link below to find appropriate and authorised websites where you can share your concerns.

<https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/reporting/>

## Boys underwear—pants and socks

If you are having a clear out of boys underwear and they are clean and of good quality we would love to take them off your hands. As I'm sure you are aware children often have toilet or water accidents at school and need changing and boys underwear is something that we are desperately short off.

## 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 Decemeber.

## 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 2022

**10 %** OFF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE



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

## 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.**

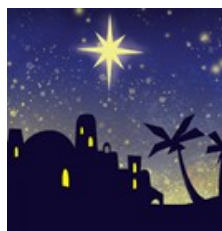
The Reception's Nativity will take place on Tuesday 13th December at 9.15 am to 9.45 am (approximately).

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 Polesden - Friday 9th December and Wednesday 14th December 2022

With December shaping up to be a mega Christmas celebration at Polesden Lacey Infants we have pulled together everything you need to know here:

 **What will happen on Friday 9th** 

This year we are going for an all-out Christmas activity day on Friday 9th December:

- It's a MUFTI Day! Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper, full Christmas outfit, or their own weekend clothes, whatever they are comfortable in. Christmas headgear is positively encouraged...
- After registration in the morning Father Christmas will be making a return visit to our school, greeting the children on the driveway as he makes his way to his Library Grotto!
- During the morning the children will visit FC in small groups with their classmates and receive a small gift
- When not popping into the Grotto the children will be making Christmas decorations and crafts with parent volunteers and their classmates in Making Morning
- At lunchtime the school catering team will serve up a wonderful, yummy Christmas lunch

After lunch there will be an afternoon of Christmas games and crafts in each classroom, **with a normal pick up time of 3pm**



## Message from The Friends—continued

### 🐰 What will happen on Wednesday 14th 🐰

On Wednesday 14th December the children can choose to stay on after school, if they'd like to, (no need to pick up at 3pm if you have signed up for Movie Night) and enjoy a film. Rabbits will be in their classroom (Film TBC) and will be picked up at 3.45pm and Squirrels and Badgers will watch together in the Hall (Film TBC) until 4.45pm or 5pm. We will offer them popcorn and a drink, so your permission for this is essential please. Please see the form link below.

### 💰 What you need to do please - Signing up for the Christmas activities 💰

In order to provide as magical an experience as possible for the children, and to continue our fundraising to pay for the wonderful outdoor classroom installed in the summer, we do need to ask for your financial donations please. We have kept these as low as we possibly can in order to cover costs and continue to try to meet our fundraising targets. You can pay for all of the activities, including Movie Night, through this online platform here - just click "buy tickets" and then select how many tickets you'd like, for each activity:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/PolesdenChristmas2022>

If you prefer not to make online payments please leave cash in an envelope with the school office and write the name of your child, their class and what it's for on the front.

No child will ever be excluded from taking part in any Friends' activity, if you wish them to. In the event that the suggested donation is a stretch at this time of year please speak to the office, Ms Mole, or your child's class teacher.

### 📄 What you need to do please - Permission to take part in Christmas activities 📄

All of our planned Christmas activities are taking part during the school day or immediately afterwards and therefore we need your permission for your child/ren to take part please.

By making your donation through the payment link above you are giving permission for your child to take part in the activities on 9th December. If you prefer to pay in cash please ask the office for a hard copy permission form

There is a supplementary permission form for Movie Night on 14th December, because it involves popcorn and a drink - as well as purchasing a ticket through the single link above please complete this form [Movie Night Permission Form \(in addition to payment\)](#)

### 🧸 Soft toys for rehoming 🧸

If you have any preloved soft toys to rehome we'd be very grateful for them for our Christmas soft toy lucky dip.

You can drop them off (preferably bagged please) into the plastic box in front of the school. Or please email PLIS [friends@gmail.com](mailto:friends@gmail.com) and we will arrange collection.

### 📄 Wrapping paper donations 📄

If you have any spare wrapping paper or brown paper that we could use to wrap the soft toy lucky dip, we'd be very grateful if you could drop it into the soft toy collection box please

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

Happy (nearly) Christmas!

The Friends



## Pictures from today's Perform Drama Workshops



## **School Dates**

### **Autumn Term 2022**

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.

9th December—Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper/Mufti day

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!

Tuesday 29th November 8pm—Rescheduled Friends' AGM on Zoom

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

Wed 14th December - Movie Night for all classes

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