



Newsletter – No. 12 2nd December 2022

Message from Mrs. Mole

It is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas at Polesden Lacey Infant School. An Elf appeared in the kitchen to welcome the children into lunch yesterday and a small Christmas tree adorns the serving area. Christmas production rehearsals are progressing and the sound of the songs rings around the school in the afternoon. Year 1 melted the hearts of prospective parents, as I gave them a tour of the school on Wednesday afternoon. The children were practicing one of their songs in the classroom and did not hear or see us enter. The prospective parents were held captive by their voices and they erupted into spontaneous applause, as soon as the children had finished singing. Being in an Infant School at this time of year is just the most wonderful experience, there is even more joy in the children and their excitement is infectious.

We are looking forward to sharing the Christmas productions with you over the next couple of weeks (dates included below as a reminder). We are also anticipating a wonderful day next Friday 9th December. We have a wide variety of activities planned, Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper/mufti day and to top it all, we hope that Father Christmas is going to be able to find time in his busy schedule to pay us a visit. Fingers crossed that we have all been good over the past twelve months!

Have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: Margot for brilliant phonics and writing!

Squirrels: Ava B for working so hard to improve her reading!

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

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: Enid for showing resilience at school and home!

Squirrels: Eloise for being a curious courageous learner.

Badgers: Emi for your great resilience and determination!



Well done to all the winners this week.

Applications for Reception and Year 3 Places

If you or anyone you know is looking for a Reception place we have 2 tours left in January that can be booked. Thursday 5th January & Monday 9th January at 10.15am—11.30am. Please contact Mrs Cummings to book a place.

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 - Mrs Binding

This weeks book recommendation is slightly different! Michael Rosen is a highly acclaimed Author and Poet. As well as enjoying his classic stories such as 'Were going on a bear hunt' the children at Polesden also love listening to his poems. Particular favourites are 'Don't!' and 'Chocolate Cake'. You can find these poems in a number of different poetry books he has published and also enjoy watching him perform his poems on YouTube. Make sure you let us know which one you enjoy the most!

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 - K is for Kids.

Written by Frederick

Fair trade helps kids because it looks after the planet for the future.



E-Safety Tip

Online Resilience

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/digital-resilience-toolkit/>

Follow the link above for information on how to support children in becoming resilient whilst using technology. By sowing the seeds of online resilience and safety at a young age we are able to prepare the children for independent life in the online world.

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 now be sent 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 2022

10 % OFF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

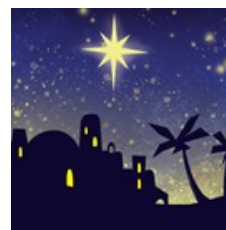


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Christmas Performances

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 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**



🎁 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 watching A Giant Jack Christmas (Rated U) and **pick up is 3.45pm** and Squirrels and Badgers will watch together in the Hall Arthur Christmas (Rated U) and **pick up time is 4.45pm** 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 💷

**** REMEMBER to buy your childrens' tickets for our Christmas Grotto and Classroom Activities by Tuesday 6th December and Movie Night by Friday 9th December please ****

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.

Message from The Friends—continued

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 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

Happy (nearly) Christmas!

The Friends

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

Spring Term 2023

2nd January—School Closed Bank Holiday

3rd January—School Closed—Inset Day

4th January—School Closed—Inset Day

5th January—All children return to school

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. To be able to help you will need to have attended one of Ms Moles Safeguarding Briefing sessions.

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 -

- ♦ **Rabbits will be watching A Giant Jack Christmas (Rated U) and pick up is 3.45pm**
- ♦ **Squirrels and Badgers will be watching Arthur Christmas (Rated U) and pick up time is 4.45pm**

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