



# Newsletter – No. 12 1st December 2023

## Message from Mrs. Mole

We have had another great week in school with lots going on. Rabbit Class went on their first school trip on Wednesday. They walked down to St. Nicolas Church in Bookham to find out about the church and why it is a special place for Christians. They even had a chance to try ringing the church bells — Mrs. Binding was quite a skilled campanologist!



Over the past couple of weeks Squirrel Class have been reading Jane Hissey's books about 'Little Bear' and then they wrote short stories with the intention of reading them to the children in Rabbit Class. They finished the stories earlier this week and Thursday was the day that they went to read the stories. They did an excellent job with their stories and the Rabbit Class children were a brilliant audience. After hearing the stories each Rabbit class child was given a bookmark made by one of the Squirrel Class children.



Last week I wrote about some of the work that we do with the children around friendships, being a bucket filler and bullying. Attached to the email this week is our Anti-Bullying policy that was reviewed by the Governing Body this week. I hope many of you get a chance to read it and find it useful.

Lastly many thanks to all those who wished me a happy birthday, my bucket was definitely filled! I am also really looking forward to the Christmas Productions (The singing emanating from the hall and the classrooms show that the rehearsals are in full flow). I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

**Rebecca Mole, Headteacher**

## Star of Week

**Rabbits:** **Neveh** for working hard to focus and learn her sounds in phonics!

**Squirrels:** **Enid** for working hard to include adjectives and a conjunction in her lost toy story.

**Badgers:** **Harry** for having such a positive attitude to your learning and making everyone smile!

## Values Star of the week: .

**Rabbits:** **Finn** for being a welcoming and caring friend to our new Rabbit member.

**Squirrels:** **Evie** for being a caring friend by helping others with their phonics.

**Badgers:** **Maddie** for being so resilient and working so hard in all of your learning!

### Forest School star of the week:

**Rabbits:** James for using strategic thinking while playing our spider web game to escape the web.

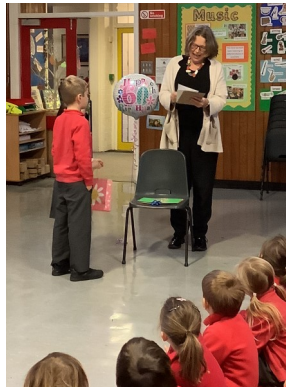
**Squirrels:** Mia for making a beautiful nature rainbow with your partner.

**Badgers:** Asher for being kind and helpful.

### We Celebrated Ms Mole's 'Special Birthday!'

Mrs Mullins wrote a beautiful poem that some of the children read to Ms. Mole in our special assembly.

Ms. Mole said, 'This has been the most wonderful birthday, I feel very special and lucky. My bucket is overflowing. Thank you!'



### 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.*

## Message From The Friends

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Our festive spirits are soaring high after a delightful Christmas Wreath Making workshop last Friday. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us! We hope your front doors look festive and cheerful with the beautiful hand-made wreaths you all created!

Here's a reminder of what else we have planned and how you can sign up!



### Friday 8th December – Santa's Grotto and Christmas Crafts in the classroom.

Santa's gearing up for a grand entrance on the 8th! Picture this: he'll be strolling down the school driveway, spreading cheer and joy to our little ones before retreating to his super-secret Library Grotto! During the morning, the children will visit Father Christmas in small groups with their classmates and receive a special gift. When not popping into the Grotto the children will be making Christmas decorations and crafts with parent volunteers and their classmates in the Festive Making Morning. Children will have the excitement of moving freely between classrooms as they collect their Christmas makes.

If you can spare any time at all to help put up the grotto on Thursday afternoon, help with Crafts in the morning or help in the afternoon to pack away the grotto please do sign up to our volunteer sheet here. We really cannot do it all without the help of others: <https://volunteersignup.org/LAA77>

### Thursday 14th December – Christmas Movie Night

The children can stay after school to enjoy a festive film in the classroom with popcorn and a drink. Rabbits will be picked up at 3.45pm and Squirrels and Badgers will be until 4.15pm. If your child usually does after school club on a Thursday, they can either go into after school club once the film has finished or they can be picked up. As children will be staying after school and we will offer them popcorn and a drink, your permission for this is essential. Please complete the form here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKYqOiK2FDVaPQuhBEpP8WwOmMsft1juQx0Av-fkUwH7SlZg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKYqOiK2FDVaPQuhBEpP8WwOmMsft1juQx0Av-fkUwH7SlZg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### 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, 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. Tickets for each event is £5 and you can pay through our online platform here - just click "buy tickets" and then select how many tickets you'd like for each: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/christmas-at-polesden-lacey-infants-2023>

By making your donation through the payment link above you are giving permission for your child to take part in the activities on 8th December. Because The Movie Night involves popcorn and a drink - as well as purchasing a ticket please ensure the permission form above is also completed.

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. We're here to make the season merry for everyone!



### **Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day – 12<sup>th</sup> December**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### **Dates**

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

8th December—**NO Judo Club**

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12th December - Christmas Jumper Day

12th December — Christmas Dinner

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

14th December— after school—Friends Movie Night

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**