



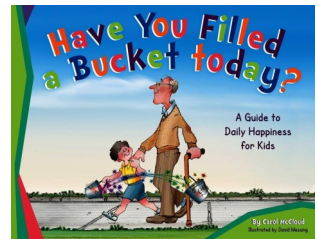
**Polesden Lacey
Infant School**

Newsletter – No. 12 29th November 2024

Message from Ms. Mole

In school we have been talking to the children about being a 'bucket filler'. This is based on a lovely book by Carol McCloud called 'Have you Filled a Bucket Today?' The concept behind this is that we all have an invisible bucket and every time that we do something nice or someone does something nice for us it fills our invisible bucket and a full bucket helps us to feel happy. The reverse of filling a bucket is to bucket dip. When we are unkind and dipping into someone else's bucket it makes them feel sad. The children seem to relate to this idea and can easily identify kind behaviours and when behaviours are unkind or hurtful.

This relates to learning that Year 2 did earlier this term about friendship and bullying. They thought about bullying, what it is and what to do if they believe that either they or someone else is being bullied. They learned that bullying is not ok and it must be stopped. Mrs Tredger helped the children to understand the difference between hurtful and unkind behaviour and bullying. (Bullying is intended to hurt, it happens more than once to the same person or people. Something that happens once may be mean and hurtful but it is not necessarily bullying.) This week the Governors reviewed our Anti-Bullying policy and I have attached the approved policy to the newsletter email. You can also access a copy of it on our website in the policies section.



In our circle time in two weeks the children will be discussing our 'Be a Bucket Filler code', which I will share with you when the children have worked their collective magic on it.

Sunday is the first day to open advent calendars! If you haven't got one yet why not make it Fairtrade

I hope that you have a good weekend and that your buckets are filled to be overflowing!



Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: **Annie** for working **so** hard on her letter formation and handwriting.

Squirrels: **Joshua** for working really hard in English this week to plan and write your lost toy poster.

Badgers: **Bella** for amazing singing during Christmas play rehearsals!

Values Star of the week

Rabbits: **Sammy** for being a fair and caring member of Rabbit class.

Squirrels: **Zac** for understanding the importance of being caring towards our friends.

Badgers: **Mia** for being a curious learner and working hard to write an interesting report on the Great Fire of London!



Forest School Star of the Week

Rabbits: Annie for being resilient in the cold and for gathering loads of leaves to make your hedgehog house.

Squirrels: Taylor for making a brilliant hedgehog house with a roof and entrance with your group.

Badgers: Rilee for working brilliantly in your team to make an impressive hedgehog house.

NUMBOTS Star of the Week

Rabbits: Lettice

Squirrels: Manuel

Badgers: Gian



Attendance Cup: Squirrels

Social Media

Don't forget to look at our school facebook page for more photo's and information about things going on at school.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PolesdenLaceyInfantSchool>



Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/polesdenlaceyinfant>



New Parent Governor

The School and Governing Body would like to welcome Charlotte Diprose as a new parent governor. Charlotte brings with her a wealth of experience, with 15 years teaching experience, as well as being a current Reception parent. Welcome Charlotte.

Reminder—An exciting opportunity to be help with research into the impact of Forest School

One of our parents is undertaking research around Forest School, as part of her studies and she would like to invite the families of Polesden Lacey Infant School to complete a survey to help her with the research. Any adult members of the family, who spend time with their Polesden Lacey Infant School child (grandchild, niece or nephew, child minder child) on a regular basis can complete the questionnaire. The questionnaire should take approximately 7 minutes to complete and relates to the school's Forest School sessions and nature connection. Closing date is 30th November 2024.

Tomorrow!

The questionnaire can be accessed either on a laptop/desktop or mobile phone.

The following link will take you to the live survey which will record your responses: https://qualtricsxmdwcz4smjk.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cBdq5MzDZ0Ry59Q

The more data that she is able to collect the greater insight she will have on the themes she is exploring, so please do click on the link and complete the survey.

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 11th 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 17th December at 9.00am to 9.45am approximately.

The Year 2 show (which includes Year 1 children) will take place on Thursday 19th 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. (Costumes for year 1 & 2 will simply consist of a specific coloured t-shirt along with PE tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls). These will be coming home over the course of the next couple of weeks.



Christmas Cards

As an Eco School we are mindful of the impact we have on our environment at all times of the year and especially at Christmas. At Polesden Lacey Infant School we encourage the children, that would like to, to give one Christmas card to the whole class instead of individual cards. These will be opened in class and proudly displayed in their classroom. We hope this helps to reduce waste and cost whilst also celebrating this festive season.



Cards can be sent in any time from 1st December.

Something to add to your weekly shop please?

Back at the start of term a number of you very kindly donated boxes tissues for the children to use when they have a cough and cold. We're just starting to get to the end of these donations. If you were able to add a box or two to your weekly shop and drop it off with Mrs. Cummings in the school office that would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Message from the Friends

Ho ho ho! Santa Claus is coming to town and we're so excited! A reminder of the festive things in store over the coming weeks and what you need to do to get involved!

Friday 6th December – Santa's Grotto and Christmas Crafts in the classroom

Santa's gearing up for a grand entrance on the 6th! 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.

Thank you so much to those who have already volunteered to help with these events, we really couldn't do it without you! There are still a couple of spots left if you're able to spare any time on the afternoon of the 5th December to set up the grotto, or in Badger class for Movie night (10th December) - you can sign up here if you're able to help - <https://volunteersignup.org/3DYA9>

Tuesday 10th December – Christmas Movie Night

The children can stay after school to enjoy a festive film in the classroom with popcorn and a drink. Rabbits should be picked up at 4pm and Squirrels and Badgers should be collected at 4.15pm. If your child usually does after school club on a Tuesday, they can either go into after school club once the film has finished or they can be picked up.

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

To provide as magical an experience as possible for the children, and to continue our fundraising, we do ask for your financial donations towards these events, 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 - 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-2024>

By making your donation through the payment link above you are giving permission for your child to take part in the activities on 6th and 10th December. As children will be staying after school and we will offer them popcorn and a drink, your permission for this is essential. As such, please ensure the permission form below is also completed:

<https://forms.gle/ppNZcMqWKwR3AT4f7>

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.

We understand that the suggested donation could be a stretch at this time of year for some families, if this is the case for you, please speak to the office, Ms Mole, or your child's class teacher. We're here to make the season merry for everyone, and if you'd like your child to be involved, no child will ever be excluded from taking part in any Friends' activity.

Easyfundraising

And finally... we wanted to remind you about easyfundraising, a free and easy way that you can support the fundraising efforts for our school. Over 7,500 brands will donate to Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School at no extra cost to you, allowing you to raise donations when you shop online. Please see the link below for more details:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?>

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Dates For Your Diary

School Events:

6th December—Christmas Making Morning & Santa's Grotto

11th December—Reception Class Christmas Performance—after drop off

12th December—Rock Steady Concert—10am—for parents and carers of children that attend Rock Steady

17th December—KS1 Christmas Performance—after drop off

18th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

19th December—KS1 Christmas Performance—after drop off

20th December—Last day of term—**school finishes at 1pm.**



Spring Term 1

6th January 25—Inset Day

7th January — Children return

22nd January—Puppet Show—all classes (pm)

27th January— Bird Watching Week

28th January— Year 2 trip to Woking Mosque—more information to follow

11th February—Year 1 trip to North West Surrey Synagogue

13th February—Little City visiting Reception (am)

17th February—21st February—Half Term—school closed

24th February—all children return to school

Friends Events:

Santa's Grotto – Friday 6 December 2024

Making Morning – Friday 6 December 2024

Christmas Movie Night – Tuesday 10 December 2024

Christmas jumper day – Wednesday 18th December

Vineries Christmas Tree Voucher

Once again, the Vineries Garden Centre are offering 10% off Christmas Trees purchased from them with this voucher, plus a 50p donation, per tree bought, to our school. A mobile phone downloaded image of the voucher will be accepted.

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ON PRODUCTION OF THIS VOUCHER 2024**

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