



Newsletter – No. 13 9th December 2022

Message from Mrs. Mole

Andy Williams sang 'this is 'the most wonderful time of the year', and I think that he may have been right. Below you will see photos from the Year 1 and 2 Christmas performances as well as pictures of the children having fun during making morning, visiting Father Christmas, munching on Christmas lunch and enjoying their wonderful Christmas in the Classroom organized by The Friends. We have received some lovely comments from family members who came to see the shows and hopefully the children will be buzzing with the fun of everything that they experienced at school today.

The fun doesn't stop here though, we still have the Reception Christmas Nativity show to enjoy. Playschool and the children in Squirrel and Badger classes will be watching the dress rehearsal on Monday and then parents and carers will have the pleasure of seeing their children perform on Tuesday morning. I can't wait to be enchanted by them.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: Seren for writing brilliant sentences in literacy!

Squirrels: Eloise for working so hard in all areas of school this year!

Badgers: Kai for being a kind, polite and caring member of Badger class!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: Gian for being a kind, caring friend to all.

Squirrels: Valentyn for being resilient and courageous in our school play!

Badgers: Flynn for being so courageous and saying your words so confidently in our Christmas play!



Forest School Star of the week:

Rabbits: Oscar for good listening and creating a fabulous Christmas tree.

Squirrels: Annabel for showing your creativity and making a unique Christmas design.

Badgers: Elisa for being a caring friend and showing your creativity in today's Christmas craft activity.

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.

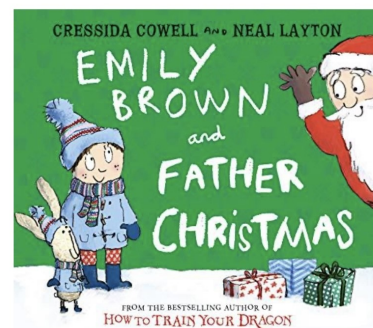
Advice about finding the right school for your child, and guidance around the admissions process, can be found in [this Surrey Matters article](#).

Book Recommendation of the week - from Mrs Binding—

Emily Brown and Father Christmas by Cressida Cowell & Neal Layton

Emily Brown and her sidekick Stanley are back for the festive season, ready to save the day when Father Christmas runs into a few unexpected logistical problems on Christmas Eve. The delightfully down-to-earth Emily Brown has no trouble coming up with solutions – but with a no-stockings Christmas looming, will she and old grey rabbit Stanley be able to sort Santa out in time?

Mrs Binding is looking for book recommendations from parents/carers or the children. Please get in touch if you would like to share yours.



E-Safety Tip

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The website below is helpful in spotting early warning signs of mental health issues in young children. There is also a new app, funded by Children in Need, which acts as a virtual friend to support children to communicate their feelings. <https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/morearticles/early-warnings-how-to-spot-when-your-child-needs-emotional-help>

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

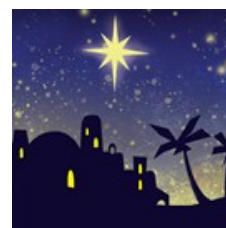


EFFINGHAM, SURREY. KT24 5JP. 01372 458934 (this voucher cannot be used in addition to club members discount)

Reception Class Christmas Nativity

We are really looking forward to welcoming Reception parents to our Christmas Nativity that will take place on Tuesday 13th December at 9.15 am to 9.45 am (approximately).

NB. We will not be issuing tickets this year but are restricting numbers to no more than 2 people per family. **We request that you do not bring siblings, unless they are one of your two tickets.**



Reception Class making Christmas decorations at Forest School





Message from The Friends

Christmas at Polesden - 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 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 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 the Movie Night, through this online platform here - just click "buy tickets"

<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.

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 \(in addition to payment\)](#)

If you have any questions please email plisfriends@gmail.com

Happy (nearly) Christmas!

The Friends

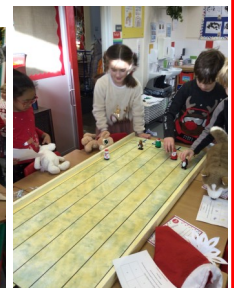
Photo's of the children enjoying the various Christmas activities



Look who came to Polesden Lacey Infant School today.....



Christmas in the Classroom—organised by the Friends



Stay and Read

At 2.30pm on Thursday 12th January 2023 we would like to invite parents in for a stay and read session. We would like as many parents as possible to come in and share a story with the children. The children will be able to choose which adult they would like to listen too. To help with planning for this event, if you are willing and able to come in please e-mail Mrs Cummings at office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk to sign up.

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!

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

School Dates

Autumn Term 2022

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