



# Newsletter – No. 13 4th December 2020

## Message From Ms. Mole.

Thanks to the generosity of the Woodland Trust and Surrey County Council we received over 100 trees to plant for hedging, along with 3 larger trees, a hazel, hornbeam and silver birch. We made a good start planting the trees this week before the weather took a turn for the worse! You will see the trees that we have planted in front of the school and we hope that, as the trees grow and mature, they will provide a home for many creatures and provide a corridor for them to move from one place to another. Next week we will resume our planting and hopefully we will have them all in situ by the end of the week.



We have also been putting the final touches to the wildflower terracing that was so beautifully built by several of the Squirrel dad's earlier this term. I enlisted the help of some of the playschool children to move the low nutrient top soil to the beds. Even with their little shovels they emptied a significant quantity from the bag. The beds will be ready to plant up with the wildflower seeds and we can't wait to see what it will look like next year.



**Rebecca Mole - Headteacher**

### Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

**Rabbits:** Rocco for trying hard in all his learning and being a brilliant friend.

**Squirrels:** Isla for working really hard in maths.

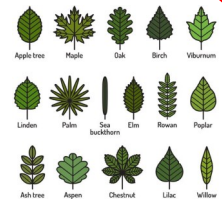
**Badgers:** William P for working really hard on his handwriting.

**Forest School:** Lily for her sensitivity towards others.



**Values Leaves:** Fair, Resilient, Respectful, Caring, Courageous and Curious.

Below are some of this week's leaves:



**Florence** was caring to Kitty, helping her get up when she fell over.

**Rocco** was curious about everything that he was learning in Rabbit class.

**Sierra** was resilient in sounding out her words, reading 2 books in one day..

**Maël** has been very resilient practicing his reading every evening before sleep.

**Jessica** was very resilient when she carefully decorated the gingerbread men and reindeer she had baked.

**Mia G** did great writing and showed great resilience by doing a bit by herself while Daddy was on a call.

**Sam** was really kind and caring when he swept up crumbs from the floor so his puppy didn't eat them.

**Alice** was super helpful and caring by helping dad clean the kitchen and doing the dishwasher.

**Arthur** is very caring and considerate to all the nature in his garden. He's been leaving oats for the little birds to eat.

**Holly** was caring and helpful when putting up the Christmas tree and decorations.

**Poppy K** was caring and helpful when putting up the Christmas tree and decorations.

**Max** is respectful because he always remembers to say 'thank you'.

**Aya** was caring when she helped another child at playtime.

**Oliver** was very caring to Anais when she fell over.

**Charlie** was very caring and helped Aya with her tray.

### Mystery Reader

We are still looking for zoom mystery readers. If you would like to be a zoom mystery reader for your child's class please e-mail Mrs Cummings at [office@polesdenlaceyinfsch.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@polesdenlaceyinfsch.surrey.sch.uk) to book in. These stories will take place each Friday at 2.30pm. The children will not be told who is going to read to them, hence the term Mystery Reader.

### Christmas Mufti Day

Wednesday 16th December is Christmas Lunch day and wear mufti and a Christmas Jumper to school day.

We would like to ask for a £1 donation which will go to the Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School.



### Christmas Tree on the gates

Mrs. Leggatt has kindly volunteered to create a Christmas Tree on the fence at the entrance to the school (Where the Rainbow and the Poppy have been).

If you have any spare green tinsel, green bags or green fabric she would love to have it to use with the children to create our festive tree. Please leave any donations in the box by the main entrance to the school offices.



### Applications for Year 3

Much as we would love to keep your children with us at Polesden Lacey Infant School, the time has come for you to consider the choice of Junior school for the next stage in your child's educational journey.

Below you will find the information from the Surrey Admissions team (<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>) about the process.

Although we are unable to guide you with regards to choice of school we are more than happy to help with the process so if you do have any questions please ask. Applications open on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### Parking

Unfortunately, we have once again had complaints about some of the parking on Howard Road, which has been dangerous. We realise that it is a tiny minority who are not considerate and put the safety of the children and other members of our community at risk. We have sought the assistance of the local police to help us work with our families to ensure that all parking is legal and safe as well as being considerate to the local residents.

If you are able to park on Crabtree Lane there is significantly more room and the road is wider which makes it easier for cars to pass one another.



### 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 9 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.

### 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 2020

**10 %** OFF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE



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

### Fairtrade Fact

Workers on Fairtrade certified plantations invested 50% of their Fairtrade Premium in Education services and housing improvements. The symbols below show Education and Housing—Which symbol do you think is which and why?



### Eco Tip

This week's tip comes courtesy of Surrey Heritage. Why not make some Christmas cards or present labels using paper and card that would normally go into the recycling?

[Make Scrap Paper Christmas Trees with Surrey Heritage - YouTube](#)



### **Cold in School**

Please be aware that in compliance with the Covid guidelines we have the windows and doors open throughout the school day to increase the amount of ventilation in all areas. This includes the classrooms, school hall, library and offices. As a result it can get quite chilly in school and especially in Reception Class as the classroom door is open for most of the day, although to be fair most of the children don't seem to feel it! If your child feels the cold you might like to dress them with extra layers to keep them warm in class, as well as hats, scarves and gloves for lunch and playtimes.

### **Reception Class—School Entry Questionnaire (Children & Family Health)—Reminder**

If you haven't already done so can you please return your completed questionnaire to the school office by Monday 7th December.

### **Costumes for the Christmas Performance—Reminder All Classes**

Can you please ensure that your child's costume for the Christmas Performance is in school by Monday 7th December ready for rehearsals and filming!

### **Dates**

#### Autumn Term 2020

16th December 2020 - Christmas Jumper & Mufti Day (£1 donation to the Friends)

“ “ Christmas Making Morning

“ “ Christmas lunch for the children

18th December 2020 Last day of Term: school closes at 1pm