



**Polesden Lacey
Infant School**

Newsletter – No. 13 6th December 2024

Message from Ms. Mole

THANK YOU!

Luckily we are very fortunate that one of our mums 'has Santa's telephone number and she called him.' (When I checked with her it turns out that Santa is living in 21st Century and she could WhatsApp him!) He made a wonderful entrance this morning to the delight of the children, staff and volunteers.

An enormous thank you to all the parents and carers who gave up their time this morning (and before today) to make Father Christmas' visit and making morning such a joyful experience. These events are impossible for us to organize and run on our own but we know how much the children treasure the experience and memories. I hope that all of those who were able to help out enjoyed the experience as well. Infant Schools are a magical place and this magic multiplies ten fold at Christmas.

In advance of movie night I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who are able to look after the children whilst they watch the films. I know some parents have reorganized work schedules to be able to do this and it is very much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: **Axel** for working so hard to record his ideas and write each letter carefully!

Squirrels: **Neveh** for fantastic learning about 3D shapes.

Badgers: **Rilee** for amazing work in maths this week!

Values Star of the week

Rabbits: **Luca** for being a caring and respectful friend—always with a smile on his face.

Squirrels: **Sebastian** for demonstrating curiosity whilst comparing the toys from the 1960's to now.

Badgers: **Sophie** for being respectful and supporting your friends.



NUMBOTS Star of the Week

Rabbits: Jasmine

Squirrels: Joshua

Badgers: Seth



Attendance Cup:

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>



Santa's Grotto



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 year group.**

If your child is in KS1 your 2 tickets can be used to attend one performance together or to have one person attend each of the 2 KS1 performances if you cannot make the same date. 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)



Christmas Jumper day – 18th December

On the 18th December we will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper day, where children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper, full Christmas outfit, or their own weekend clothes. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 per child, which will be collected on the day and donated to **“Billy’s Battalion”**.

For those of you that aren't aware, this time last year Billy was in Reception Class when he was diagnosed with a DIPG brain tumour. Unfortunately the tumour was terminal and despite a



valiant fight Billy very sadly passed away at Easter. In honour of Billy, who was the bravest little boy we knew, we will be donating any money collected to the charity that Billy's parents are setting up in his name “Billy’s Battalion”. This money will be used to support Abbie’s Army who help to raise awareness and funds to support much needed research into this dreadful disease. If you would like to donate more than £1 please feel free to do so.

Message from the Friends

We wanted to start this week's message by saying a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to support the Grotto and Christmas Craft Morning today, it was a fantastic morning of festive fun, the grotto in the library looked even more magical this year!! We really couldn't run these events without your support so a big festive thank you from the Friends Committee!

Tuesday 10th December – Christmas Movie Night

Those who have signed up will stay after school to enjoy a festive film in their classroom with popcorn and a drink.

If your child is staying, please collect them at the following times from the usual place:

Rabbits at 4pm

Squirrels and Badgers 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, please let the teachers know what you intend to do.

If you'd still like to book a ticket for £5 you can do so here: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/christmas-at-polesden-lacey-infants-2024>

We will also need your permission for the popcorn and drink on a separate form here: <https://forms.gle/ppNZcMqWKwR3AT4f7>

Thank you all again for your help and participation in these events – we hope the children have had a wonderful day and we can't wait for movie night on Tuesday!

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/?>

[char=206787&invite=52j5ox&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=206787&invite=52j5ox&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest)



Christmas Presents

Still looking for Christmas presents? Why not consider an ethical Fairtrade present?

The Fairtrade festive gift guide has a great range of options: [Explore the guide](#)



Dates For Your Diary

School Events:

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:

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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**CHRISTMAS TREE VOUCHER
ON PRODUCTION OF THIS VOUCHER 2024**

50p WILL BE DONATED TOPolesden Lacey Infant School SCHOOL FUND



10% OFF



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VOUCHER**

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