



Newsletter – No. 14 16th December 2022

Message from Mrs. Mole

It has been a wonderful term and in the last weeks we have enjoyed all the Christmas celebrations and traditions that we associate with schools at this time of year. Today I was lucky enough to be invited to watch Playschool's Christmas performance. It was, as always, a delight to watch and be a part of. We are so fortunate to be a part of the Polesden Lacey Infant School and Playschool family. We are able to share the joy as the children take their next steps, marvel at what they learn and achieve and be proud of the parts that we play in supporting and guiding them on their journey.

Today was also a little sad, as we said Goodbye to Mrs. Cushnie. She has been the most wonderful member of staff over the past year and a half. Her dancing skills are now infamous (after her debut at Village Day last year). Both the children and the staff will miss her greatly but I am sure that you will want to join me in wishing her all the best, as she takes a step back from work to spend more time with her family.

I hope that you all have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Thursday 5th January.

Rebecca Mole

Headteacher



Star of Week

Rabbits: Finn for making great progress and being fantastic at play.

Squirrels: Archer for being a keen learner and kind member of Squirrel class.

Badgers: Oliver for always being really focused and enthusiastic about your learning!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: Enid for showing courage coming into school.

Squirrels: Ellie for being a resilient learner and challenging herself in Maths.

Badgers: Riley for being a caring friend!

Forest School Star of the week:

Rabbits: Sophie for being curious and passionate about nature.

Squirrels: Lara for being resilient in the cold and for careful focused work.

Badgers: Ava M for showing resilience working as a large group and in the cold.



Well done to all the winners this week.

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](#) .

E-Safety Tip

Set a digital sunset this Christmas!

Why not take a moment to edit the settings on your device to help you switch off this Christmas? You may also want to think about having a 'holiday' from social media this holiday. Don't forget perfect images posted online of perfect Christmas' may not represent true life! Have a wonderful Christmas with the people you love!

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT204321>

<https://support.google.com/android/answer/9069335?hl=en-GB>

Fairtrade - L is for Lollipop.

Written by Gabriel

Some lollipops are made of chocolate. Fairtrade helps cocoa farmers to earn more money so they are not so poor.



Message from The Friends

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends this term, especially our new Rabbits parents!

From gardening to Halloween spooky fun and the fantastic Christmas day, where Santa himself even made an appearance, we've had a great variety of activities that the children have really enjoyed.

Next term, our big event will be the quiz evening on Friday 3rd February (tbc). This is back by popular demand, after missing a couple of years due to Covid. It's guaranteed to be an evening of fun, laughter, good food and a touch of competitiveness! Tickets will be on sale in January, so please put the date in your diary!

Activities for next term

w/c 3rd January - Uniform sale

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

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

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year

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)

Christmas Services at St.Nicholas Church—everyone is welcome

Follow The Star THE GREAT INVITATION

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER

6.30pm NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

CHRISTMAS EVE

3.00pm CRIB SERVICE
(Suitable for Children Under 7)

4.30pm FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

6.00pm FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

11.30pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION
(In Traditional Language)

10.00am ALL AGE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
WITH HOLY COMMUNION

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St Nicolas Great Bookham

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.

A group of children in costumes are performing on a stage. The stage is decorated with a large cutout of a house on the left and a black backdrop with white stars. A boy in a white shirt and grey pants is kneeling on the left, holding a small object. A boy in a brown costume with a hat is sitting on a wooden chair. A girl in a blue costume with a headscarf is sitting on another wooden chair. In the foreground, two girls in white costumes with gold tinsel and headbands are visible. In the background, a woman is holding a young child.



Badger Class at Forest School—Burning the houses they made to represent the Great Fire of



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!

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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

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