



# Newsletter – No. 14 11th December 2020

## Message From Ms. Mole.

December really is the most wonderful time of the year in a school and we are so fortunate to be at Polesden Lacey Infant School. Everyone is going that extra mile this year to make it as special as can be. I started to get particularly excited as the costumes for the Christmas production began arriving and the children could be heard in the woods and on the bank singing their songs. After our first rehearsal we have decided to adopt a very Polesden Lacey Infant School approach to footwear and have all characters, including the angels, in their wellington boots! An unusual look but a very practical solution.



The Elf on the Shelf in the kitchen delights the children as they search for him as they are getting their lunch. On Thursday he had managed to escape the kitchen and was sitting amongst the tinsel on the splendidly decorated Christmas tree. I have included a photo of the Christmas tree as decorated by Breakfast Club under the supervision/direction of Mr. Gregory, I am sure that you would agree that it is tree-mendous. (I had no idea that you could get so much tinsel on a tree!)

The first of The Friends movie/panto events took place on Thursday afternoon and the children had a lovely time watching the film and munching popcorn. Hopefully Year 1 and Year 2 will be enjoying their panto as many of you are reading the newsletter.



With one week until we break up continue to stay safe and enjoy your preparations for the Christmas Holiday.

**Rebecca Mole - Headteacher**

### Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

**Rabbits:** Riley for great listening and following instructions.

**Squirrels:** Sophie for fantastic singing in the Christmas play practice.

**Badgers:** Daniel for his attention to detail and his careful work in maths.

**Forest School:** Charlie C for his focused effort making a winter shelter for animals.



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

Below are some of this week's leaves:

**Maël** was curious to know why Jesus was in Bethlehem and where he lived after he was born.

**Rocco** was very curious, always asking what different letters spell and what different numbers add up to.

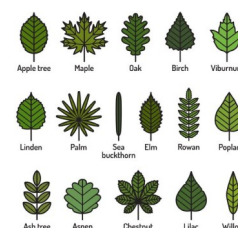
**Jacob** was very courageous having his operation without any fuss, showing only good behaviour.

**Harrison** was caring when he made lots of gifts for Mrs Binding's son Josh.

**Isobel** was really caring when clearing the table after dinner.

**William P** was courageous when he had to visit the dentist for his chipped tooth.

**Dana** was courageous coming into school and leaving Mummy.



### Mystery Reader

We are starting to get more and more parents offering to be a mystery reader and we are now taking bookings for after the Christmas break!

If you would like to be a zoom mystery reader for your child's class please e-mail Mrs Cummings at [office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@polesdenlaceyinfant.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.

### Last few days for you to bring in your fantastic Christmas cards.

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 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.

### Doorstep Carols in Bookham and Fetcham

The local churches (St Nicolas Church, Bookham Baptist Church, Eastwick Road Church and St Mary's Church) are encouraging everyone to join together in a doorstep sing-along on Christmas Eve, bringing comfort and joy to the local community.

The plan: at 6pm on Christmas Eve, everyone comes out of their houses onto their doorsteps to sing Silent Night and O Come, All Ye Faithful together with their neighbours.

All welcome, join in with instruments if you want! Singing led on Facebook Live by Rev Steve Elmes @bookhambaptist





## Fairtrade Fact

### BANANAS!

The first ever UK Fairtrade banana was sold in the year 2000.

With 1 in 3 bananas that are sold in the UK being Fairtrade. That comes to around 231,000 metric tonnes. All bananas sold at Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Co-op and Ocado are Fairtrade. Other shops sell Fairtrade bananas too so make sure to look out for the FAIRTRADE Mark.

#### WHERE DO BANANAS COME FROM?

Originally, bananas came from Asia but today they come from all over the world. Most of the bananas sold in the UK come from Latin America, whereas India produces the most bananas overall. 90% of all Fairtrade bananas come from Latin America and the Caribbean. There are currently 173 Fairtrade certified banana organisations (co-operatives and plantations), representing 25,000 farmers and workers in 18 countries.

#### IS A BANANA A FRUIT, HERB OR TREE?

It's a herb and a fruit! Distantly related to ginger, bananas are classed as an herbaceous plant rather than a tree because what appears to be a trunk isn't actually a trunk. Instead the leaves are tightly wrapped around a single stem, which leads up to a fruit-bearing flower stalk.

Find out more facts about bananas at <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/blog/top-12-facts-about-fairtrade-bananas/>



### Eco Tip

The woodland Trust have produced a selection of 18 great activities for you to do with your children. Which one will be your favourite?

[http://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activitymenu/?cat=winter&utm\\_campaign=2049682\\_14418\\_GTSAEmail\\_Dec20\\_20201203&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=woodlandtrust&dm\\_i=3JOZ,17XJM,GGWAZ,4DKZZ,1](http://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activitymenu/?cat=winter&utm_campaign=2049682_14418_GTSAEmail_Dec20_20201203&utm_medium=email&utm_source=woodlandtrust&dm_i=3JOZ,17XJM,GGWAZ,4DKZZ,1)



### 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



### Search for Santa in Great Bookham

Bookham and Horsley Rotary are running their Search For Santa Competition in the Great Bookham shops. Normally Father Christmas would be out on his sleigh all around the area but as he is isolating this year and the Rotary Club thought a light hearted competition would be fun for the children and perhaps help the village shops.

It is free to enter and they are keeping paper to the minimum by having the entry forms available on Facebook etc and submission by email - although they can be dropped into Wellers in the High Street as well.

A poster and the entry form are attached to the Newsletter email.

Have fun searching for Santa.



### 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 Rabbit class, 1.05pm Squirrel class, 1.10pm Badger class

#### Spring Term

4th January 2021 INSET day (No children)

5th January 2021 all children back to school

12th February 2021 Break up for half term

**22nd February 2021 INSET day (No children)** This is the spring INSET day which has now been set of this date.

23rd February 2021 all children back to school