



Newsletter – No. 15 13th January 2023

Message from Mrs. Mole

Yesterday afternoon, Rabbit children had a real treat when some parents, carers, grandparents and local residents came into school and read to them. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and delighted at the stories they listened to.



On one of my recent school tours one of the prospective parents asked what she should do to prepare her child to start school. I gave a few practical suggestions like helping the child to become independent in getting dressed and undressed, personal care and cutting up their food to get them ready for school lunches! Other than these ideas, my other words of wisdom were to read with their child and enjoy spending time doing things together. Researchers in the United States who had looked at the impact of parents reading with their children quoted the following figures about their findings: 'Here's how many words kids would have heard by the time they were 5 years old:

Never read to, 4,662 words

1–2 times per week, 63,570 words

3–5 times per week, 169,520 words

daily, 296,660 words

Five books a day, 1,483,300 words.

These figures never fail to astound me. Who would think that something so enjoyable, as reading to a young child on a regular basis, could make such an impact?

Have a lovely weekend, the weather is due to be a little wet on Saturday, so why not curl up with some good books and share them with your children!

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week



Rabbits: **Gian** for always behaving beautifully and being a role model to others!

Squirrels: **Thomas** for always trying his best and thinking carefully about his work.

Badgers: **Gabriel** for amazing enthusiasm and focus in your learning this week!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Lydia** for being a kind and caring friend and curious in her learning!

Squirrels: **Felix** for being curious and resilient when writing his egg poem.

Badgers: **Leo** for being a caring and respectful member of Badger Class!

Well done to all the winners this week.

Applications for Reception and Year 3 Places—Closing date is Sunday 15th Jan 23

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to submit your application form for your child's year 3 place for September 2023.

Parents and carers with 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

Have you or your child been gifted a new technology-based game for Christmas? Why not take a look at Childline's top tips for keeping safe online whilst gaming.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/online-gaming/> The rules involve ensuring we measure the amount of time we are spending online or gaming to keep our minds and bodies healthy!

[Online gaming | Childline](#)

Make sure your nickname does not include your: . full name; school's or college's name; date of birth; address or the town you live; mobile number; If you're able to use a profile picture, try using an avatar that doesn't show your face.

www.childline.org.uk

Message from The Friends

This 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 very soon, so please put the date in your diary!

Activities for next term

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

Fairtrade - N is for Nuts!

Written by Henry

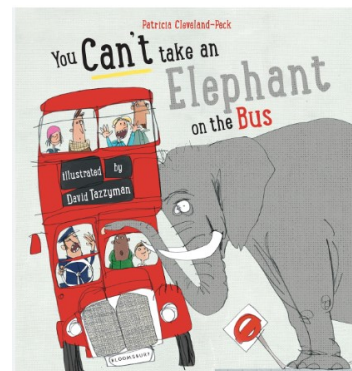
Nuts are healthy and good for you, they give you energy and fibre. It's really nice to give farmers who work really hard lots of money so buy fairtrade nuts!



Book Recommendation of the week

This week's book is recommended by Riley B and his family.

Riley very kindly donated this book to the school in celebration of his Birthday and for Miss Joslin to read to Badgers. They loved it so much I just knew it had to be our recommendation this week!



Request for Good Quality Spare Tights, socks, pants

If you have any good quality, clean but no longer needed, school tights, socks, pants or knickers that you would be happy to donate we would love to take them off your hands. Children often have toilet or water accidents and need changing and we are running extremely low on these items.

Also, if your child ever borrows any of these school items could we please ask that they are returned to us ready for another child to borrow as and when needed.

This week at Forest School ...



.... the children went wassailing.

Wassailing is a Twelfth Night tradition, with pagan roots, practised in Britain for centuries. The purpose is to encourage the spirits into ensuring a good harvest the following season. It takes place on the twelfth night after Christmas and involves a visit to a nearby orchard for singing, dancing, drinking and general merrymaking. Miss Aylett made some delicious hot apple juice punch, which the children enjoyed, either around the fire hexagon or in the outdoor classroom, whilst sheltering from the torrential rain!

Stay & Read

A huge thank you to all the visitors that came in and read to the children, they absolutely loved it.



Attendance

At Polesden Lacey Infant School, it is our aim that all of our pupils achieve their full potential throughout their time at our school. We believe that pupils need to attend school every day to give each of them the chance to take advantage of the educational opportunities we offer. Ultimately, missing lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind; research demonstrates that children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school. It is our expectation at Polesden Lacey Infant School that pupils will achieve an attendance of at least 96% each year.

Most of the children at Polesden Lacey Infant School do have excellent attendance but we know that, at this time of year, with lots of bugs going around there maybe days when your child is too unwell to be in school. The NHS has produced a handy page of guidance information entitled, 'Is my child too ill for school?'. The information can be reached by following this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> We hope that you find it helpful.

Ms. Mole will be contacting parents/carers of those children whose attendance is currently below 90% in the coming two weeks.

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!

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

Spring Term 2023

27th January—Whole school birdwatching day

3rd February—Fire service visit to Reception Class

9th February—9.15 am—9.45am Year 1 assembly

13th—17th February—Half Term

21st February—Year 1 visit to North West Surrey Synagogue—More details to follow

2nd March—World Book Day + Stay & Read at 2.30pm (more details to follow)

15th March— 2pm—3pm Open Afternoon for Year 1 & 2, Stay & Paly for Reception Class

21st March—3.30pm—7pm Parent Consultations—details to follow

23rd March—3.30pm—7pm Parent Consultations—details to follow

28th March—Year 1 Medieval Day—details to follow

31st March—9am Reception Class Pet Show—details to follow

31st March—last day of term 1pm finish.