



Newsletter – No. 15 18th December 2020

Message From Ms. Mole.

What an amazing term we have had! Way back in September, December seemed so far away yet the past few months have flown by and although many of the things that we would liked to have done have not been possible, the staff and families of Polesden Lacey Infant School have found creative solutions to make the seemingly impossible possible. One of the things that we wanted to make sure of was that we kept all of our community as safe as possible whilst maintaining a sense of normality for the children. Looking at the engagement in their learning and all the progress of the children alongside the smiling happy faces that we see everyday I believe that we have been pretty successful in meeting our aim.

This week we have had a wide and varied selection of activities including our Christmas Nativity, making morning and Christmas lunch. An email was sent to parents yesterday with a link to both a video of the Nativity and to some beautiful pictures taken of the children as they prepared for and did their performance. If you haven't looked at them yet I urge you to do so and they will help to get your in the Christmas Spirit (to date I am aware of at least two people who shed a tear whilst watching the video).



Finally, thank you to everyone for their support and kind words over the past months, we really appreciate everything you do for us and your children. I will write to you prior to the start of the term on January 5th 2021 with any updates regarding Government guidance but in the meantime please do take care, stay safe and have a lovely Christmas and a happy new year filled with fun, family and lots of love.

Rebecca Mole - Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: Marnie for being a kind and helpful friend.

Squirrels: Emma for fantastic singing in the Christmas play.

Badgers: Poppy for being a fabulous member of Badger Class.

Forest School: Frederick for promoting great teamwork at Forest School.



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

Below are some of this week's leaves:

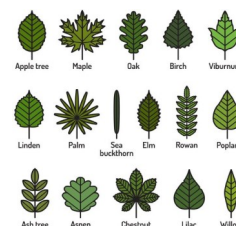
Holly for caring for her sister when she was upset and gave her a toy to make her feel better.

Poppy K for showing great confidence while at stage Coach by getting up and teaching the class the 'Sheep Shimmy'

Mia G has been super helpful and caring this half term by getting herself ready for school and making her bed before coming out of her bedroom in the morning.

Alice was respectful and resilient by continuing and completing her chores even when she was tired, bored and upset.

Mael was helpful and caring when he tidied up and set the table for dinner.



Covid—19

The Government has asked that headteachers continue to support them with the track and trace aspect of Covid – 19 for the first 6 days of the holiday. I will do this by checking the

office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk email on a daily basis until Thursday 24th December.

Therefore, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please email the school on the office@ account and we will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Where a pupil or staff member test positive for coronavirus (Covid – 19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, then you must follow contact tracking instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Applications for Reception 2021

We are delighted that we have been able to show over 50 prospective parent families around our amazing school (all in small groups to ensure that we were following Government guidance and keep everyone in school and visiting safe). We are however aware that there are a few families that have been unable to attend any of the previous tours, therefore we are running one additional day of tours on Saturday 9th January.

If you know of anyone who is looking for a Reception place for September 2021, please do signpost them to us. Tours can be booked by calling the school office on 01372 456533 or emailing office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk

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 2nd November and close on 15th January 2021.

Eastwick have released some additional dates for tours after the Christmas break and more information can be found here: <https://eastwickschools.uk/News/Open-Morning-Dates-School-Tours/>

The Dawnay have also added a couple of dates, these were emailed to you last week and can be found on their website at: www.dawnay.surrey.sch.uk

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

There are over 4,500 Fairtrade products available to buy in UK shops

Think Fairtrade is just bananas, coffee and tea? Think again. You can also find Fairtrade ice cream, wine, vodka, gin, flowers, spices, gold, footballs, rugby balls, massage oils, shaving oils, lipstick, hand balm, sun screen, face cream, face masks and even non-drinking coffee for enemas! And this isn't even the full list.



Eco Tip

Waste Buster activities

Attached to the newsletter email is a PDF from Waste Busters to help us all thing about how to Green over the Christmas period. (It is called Homework but it is not compulsory to do) One of the sheets is for a competition about what you will/have done to be Green at Christmas. We will be running this as a competition and the closing date is Thursday 7th January.

I can't wait to see the children's ideas.

I'M DREAMING OF A GREEN CHRISTMAS

Write or draw how you are going to make your Christmas green this year!



Christmas tree voucher - In case you still want/need to get a tree!

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

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