



# Newsletter – No. 16 20th January 2023

## Message from Mrs. Mole

Breaking News from The Friends... The Quiz is back!

After an enforced break of several years (due to the pandemic) the Polesden Lacey Infant School quiz is returning on Friday 3rd February and we can't wait to have a social for parents, carers and staff. More information can be found below in the newsletter and I am looking forward to seeing the school community enjoying one another's company, with an edge of competitiveness, a bit of money being raised and lots of laughter. Get your tickets and see you there!

You will have seen in the news that the National Education Union has indicated their intention to take strike action on several dates in the next couple of months. The first day of strikes is scheduled for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please see the letter, attached to this newsletter email, communicating what this means for the school. Unless a resolution between the Union and the Government is found, Polesden Lacey Infant School will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 1st February. This was not a easy decision to take. As you know we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available. We realise that this is likely to cause difficulties for many of you but we hope that by giving as much notice as possible it makes organising alternative arrangements a little easier.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

## Star of Week

**Rabbits:** **Bella** for always doing the right thing, making amazing progress in reading and being a star!

**Squirrels:** **Lara** for working **SO** hard to improve her reading!

**Badgers:** **Chloe** for working so hard in your phonics!

### Values Star of the week: .

**Rabbits:** **Edward** for always being respectful to his friends and teachers.

**Squirrels:** **Poppy** for being a caring and polite member of Squirrel Class!

**Badgers:** **Oliver** for being a courageous and resilient learner—you always try your best and are so keen to learn!



### Forest School Star of the week:

**Rabbits:** **Tabitha** for being curious and resilient in the cold weather.

**Squirrels:** **Theo** for showing your creative ideas and being enthusiastic.

**Badgers:** **Florence** for being kind and fair when working in a group.

### E-Safety Tip

#### Home Smart Speakers

Have you ever explored the risks and benefits to using a smart speaker at home with your child? Why not take a look at the website below to ensure your family are kept safe when using this type of technology!

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/smart-speakers>

### Message from The Friends

**It's quiz time! 7pm for a 7.30pm start on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.**

Come and test your knowledge at our fun quiz evening and raise money for our school at the same time. Tickets are £7.50 each and teams can be any number up to 8 people. If you don't have a group, don't worry, buy your ticket and we'll assign you to a team. We'll email you the week before the quiz to ask who's in your team or whether you want to join a team.

It's 'bring your own' picnic, nibbles and drinks. Get creative and share a cheese board or a meat platter! Don't forget plates, cutlery and glasses. You can bring your own alcoholic drinks and we'll also have a bar with wine and beer. Cash and card payments accepted. And there'll be a raffle too!

Buy tickets here - <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/PLIS-Friends-Quiz-Night-2023>

If you have any questions please email [plisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:plisfriends@gmail.com)

See you there! PLIS Friends



### Fairtrade - O is for .....

Written by Jacob

#### O is for...Oil

It has all sorts of uses in our homes and lives, from cooking to medicine and soaps. Fair trade oil means that the people who make it get a fair payment for their quality product so everyone is happy!



### Book Recommendation of the week .....

During assembly & circle time this week, Ms Mole and the children have been discussing ways in which we can save electricity at school and at home, and why it is so important.

These two stories follow a similar theme of recycling and why this is so beneficial to our world.



### 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 ...







### Anti-bullying

Polesden Lacey Infant School is committed to working with staff, pupils and parents and carers to create and maintain a happy and thriving school community where bullying is not tolerated. The school Anti-Bullying Policy has been developed with due regard for our duties and obligations under existing legislation and public sector duties for the safeguarding and wellbeing of all our pupils and we will take all steps to ensure their safety.

Although there is no legal definition of bullying, we recognise that it is repetitive, intentional and hurtful. The hurt can be physical, verbal or psychological.

At Polesden Lacey Infant School we promote the positive behaviour of pupils through our Behaviour Policy and our Friendship Code: A good friend is someone who... Listens to you; Makes up if you fall out; Does not get you into trouble; Looks out for you when you are sad; Says and does things that make you feel good; Co-operates with you; Takes it in turn to choose the game; Doesn't mind if you sometimes play with other people; Is polite to you.

At the young age of our children, bullying is rare but we know that it can happen. We tell the children that if they have any concerns that someone is being treated unkindly or being bullied or that they are being treated unkindly or being bullied they must tell an adult. This could be a member of staff or an adult at home and they will help to stop the unkind behaviour or bullying.

We hope that this is not something that your child experiences and we work to stop any unkind behaviour before it becomes bullying. You can read our policy, which was approved by our Governing Body in their last meeting, by following this link: <https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/information/policies>

### **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](mailto: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.**