



Newsletter – No. 17 19th January 2024

Message from Mrs. Mole

This week I have had the opportunity to meet with all the teachers and look at the learning and academic progress of the pupils across the school. I am very fortunate that I do get to be with the children and see them learning on a daily basis but it is also great to step back and reflect on their achievements with their teachers and celebrate all the things that they have done and are learning to do. In an infant school, we are privileged to see rapid progress as all new ideas fall into place and the children fly. For me it is also lovely to celebrate with the staff who have helped, guided and challenged your children. We all know that often, when we are doing something every day, we may not notice the steps that are being made. Only when we take a step back do we appreciate how much something has changed. My meetings this week were an opportunity for the teachers to celebrate what the children have achieved and look forward to what will come next.

On a completely different matter our wrap around care providers, S4K are running a holiday club over the February half term at Polesden Lacey Infant School. They ran a two day club during the Christmas Break which was successful. The February club is open to children from our school and those from the local area. For those in school who have older siblings why not sign them up as well as your child who is still here? They have fun and you have some time to do the things you need to/want to do! The flyer for the camp is attached to the newsletter and there is a discounted price if you sign up before January 22nd.

As some of you may be aware, Mark Rogers, Oliver Schuster and I met with Sir Andrew Carter and Jenna Allen for Great Bookham School on Monday. The meeting was amicable but we continue to object to their proposal for an increase in admission numbers in Reception and Year 3. This is a view shared by the other local schools who have also written to state their objections. The consultation closes today and if you have not yet written to share your views please do. You can e-mail them to:

admissions.gbs@sfet.org.uk

Have a lovely weekend, wrap up warm and enjoy the frosty weather!

Rebecca Mole

Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: **Katie** for working hard to blend our new digraphs and trigraphs!

Squirrels: **Arthur** for working really hard in his learning especially in phonics and English.

Badgers: **Ava B** for amazing effort in all of your learning!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Taylor** for being courageous and resilient in your new class!

Squirrels: **Whole class** for being very respectful and curious learners on the trip to the synagogue.

Badgers: **Theo** for resilience in writing this week!

Forest School star of the week:

Rabbits: **Rory** for being curious learning to identify different garden birds.

Squirrels: **Evie** for making a fabulous woven bird nest using flexible branches.

Badgers: **Ruah** for following safety instructions perfectly when using the bow saw.



Warm Forest School Clothes

Now the weather has got much colder can we please ask you to send in warm socks, gloves and coats for Forest School . The children are outside for approximately 90 minutes and it can get very cold under the trees.

Surrey County Council's Warm Welcome Scheme is once again open to all Surrey residents in library and community venues

Since Warm Welcome venues opened their doors in November 2023, over 11,000 Surrey residents have attended sessions, getting a free hot drink, energy advice, winter essential items and much more. Many venues offer additional services such as free hot meals, debt and employment advice, as well as social activities. These include board game and arts and crafts sessions, cooking classes and in one case, a children's entertainer attends so children can run around after school while their parents relax and have an opportunity to speak to our volunteers.

With the current cold weather, Surrey CC would like to remind residents Warm Welcome venues are open to everyone this winter free of charge – no matter your age or situation. You can find a full list of Warm Welcomes on their website: [Warm Welcome Venues in Surrey - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/warm-welcome-venues).



RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch 26th—28th January 2024

On Friday 26th January we will be taking part in the Big Schools annual Bird watch. If you would like to take part in the Big Garden Bird Watch at home, the RSPB website <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch> has lots of ideas about food to leave out and how to make things like fat balls and cakes as well as ideas on making a bird house. If you don't put food out already you can start doing so now to try and attract the birds in readiness for the big count. If you really wanted to challenge yourself you could try and identify what bird you are hearing.

Message From The Friends

Planning is under way for this terms activities, we'll share more info soon.

EasyFundraising Reminder:

This New Year Why Not Consider Supporting Our Wonderful School Each Time You Shop?

The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online.

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really can add up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.

It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/polesdenlaceyinfsc/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1



Your View Matters! Have your say on the River Thames Scheme

On 15 January, the River Thames Scheme (RTS) launches a communications campaign called Your View Matters to support the launch of its Statutory Consultation.

Statutory Consultation is a six-week period where in-person and virtual events take place from 00:00 on Monday 22 January 2024 to 23:59 on Monday 4 March. The scheme uses this period, to formally consult with local communities and key stakeholders, to ensure the final project design is informed and influenced by those who live, work, and use the area. We are keen to ensure all those who have an interest in sharing their views on the final design for the RTS, know where, when and how to take part.

The RTS is an integrated scheme, working in partnership between Surrey County Council and the Environment Agency. It aims at reducing the risk of flooding to homes, businesses and infrastructure, in addition to improving access to quality green and open space, creating a more sustainable travel network and increasing biodiversity.

Are you interested in learning more or having your say?
Find out more:

<https://www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk/consultation>



Dates

26th January RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

29th January Yoga for Year 2 (pm)

1st February Fairtrade Day

7th February Safer Internet Day

7th February Police Officer visit to Reception Class (am)

12th—16th February Half Term

7th March World Book Day— Author Visit—Elaine Slade

13th March Open Afternoon Year 1 & 2, Stay and Play Reception (2.30pm—3pm)

14th March Year 1 Assembly (After drop off for approximately 20 mins—all parents and carers welcome)

19th March Parent Consultations (3.30pm—7pm) More details to follow soon

21st March Parent Consultations (3.30pm –7pm) More details to follow soon

22nd March Olympic Athlete Visit (all day)

28th March Last day of term—school closes at 1pm

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