



**Polesden Lacey
Infant School**

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Message from Ms. Mole

During the week of 27th January, we will be taking part in the Big Schools annual Bird watch. In Forest School this week all the classes were starting to think about the best place and way to watch birds. They soon realised that if you want to see birds they needed to be quiet and not disturb the wildlife.

If you would like to take part in the **Big Garden Bird Watch** at home, which is happening on **Friday 24th, Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th January 2025**, 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.

Why get involved? Every Birdwatch counts

Across the UK, over 600,000 people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch 2024, counting a whopping 9.7 million birds! House Sparrows took the top spot, but counts of these chirpy birds were down by 60% compared to the first Birdwatch in 1979. In fact, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. Every bird you do – or don't – count will give the RSPB a valuable insight into how garden birds are faring and it is a really fun thing to do with your children!

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: Khloe for working hard to retain all of the taught sounds and writing fantastic codes in drawing club!

Squirrels: Finn for making a fantastic poster to help us to know how to look after the world.

Badgers: Arthur for amazing work in Science and Geography this week!

Values Star of the week

Rabbits: Ben for being resilient when faced with a tricky number problem—super thinking!

Squirrels: Taylor for always being respectful towards your friends and the adults.

Badgers: Poppy for being resilient and always completing tasks with enthusiasm!



Forest School Star of the Week

Rabbits: Asher for moving around the woods with stealth and finding a great bird watching hide out.

Squirrels: Calista for super silent bird observing skills and sharing what you saw.

Badgers: Amelie for being a brilliant bird watcher and for drawing a fabulous blue tit.

NUMBOTS Star of the Week

Rabbits: Asher

Squirrels: Thomas

Badgers: Mia



Attendance Cup: Rabbits

Reading

Hopefully you will have seen that the board outside the main entrance has been updated. Mrs. Bryan has chosen a variety of wonderful books to entice people to read. Some we have in school and some are available from the local library and all are in good bookshops. How many have you read? Is the front cover calling you to read any particular book?



Book Recommendations

We would also like to feature a book recommendation in the Newsletter each week. If your child has a favourite book, fiction, non-fiction or poetry, please let us know and share a short message about why they like it so much. We will then pick a recommendation for each week that you might like to read.

Please send book recommendations to the office email address:

office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk.

Message from the Friends


School Disco




We have been working hard to put the finishing touches to the 2nd Annual Polesden Lacey School Disco, taking place on **Friday 7 February**. The lights have been polished, the playlist is being curated and our resident DJ is prepping his decks for an evening of dancing and fun for the children.

Information on how to sign your child up to attend, and to complete the required permission form, will be circulated next week.

 Ticket Price - £5 (including a drink and a snack)

 Timing – 4.00pm – 5.00pm

 Location – Polesden Lacey School Hall

 For Parents wanting to stay during the event, we will ask that you join us in Badgers Class for refreshments, whilst the children boogie.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Don't forget that the uniform sale will be running after school this Friday. Please pop along for any uniform that you may need, or feel free to email us if you can't make the sale and need something specific!

Can You Help?

We are looking for volunteers to help re-roof the Friends' shed, located at the front of the school near the scooter shed. If you would be willing to help with this activity, please email us at:

plisfriends@gmail.com.



We are also looking for some new plastic storage containers to help us store the donated school uniform. If you have any spare boxes that you would be willing to donate, please email us at plisfriends@gmail.com.



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/polesdenlaceyinfsch/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1



New Local Authority Governor

The School and Governing Body would like to welcome Marion Pidgeon as the new Local Authority Governor. As the Local Authority Governor, Marion will act as the link between the Local Authority, Surrey County Council, and the school and therefore will have a wider understanding of any local priorities and educational developments. Marion has a wealth of experience in the education sector having been a Governor at another Surrey infant school for 15 years, of which she was Chair for 5 years. The School and Governing body would like to welcome Marion.

Rethink Waste – Why Not Put the Environment and Our School at the forefront of your New Year resolutions?

I'm pleased to announce that Polesden Lacey Infant School has been awarded a place on the Rethink Waste Surrey Schools programme again this year. But we need your help!

By creating an account on the website not only can you take part in lots of activities and learn how to reduce your environmental impact, you can also earn points to donate to our school, and points mean prizes!! In last year's programme several Surrey schools, including a small school like ours, received some much-needed money to spend on improving the learning environment for their children. But we can't do it without your help!!

So please, if you haven't already done so, visit the website: rethinkwaste.co.uk/schools and start collecting points.

Alternatively, we are expecting to receive a banner from Rethink Waste, in the next day or so, that will have a QR code on it. Scan the QR code, register and you are ready to go.



Dry Wood for Forest School Fires

With all the rain we had over the holiday time, much of the wood that Miss Aylett had collected and dried to use during forest school in the fire hexagon has become damp and needs to dry out before it can be used to make a fire. She has changed the storage location and it will hopefully be dry in a few weeks. In the meantime we would like to ask if anyone has some spare dry fire wood that she could have to use. If you do please either give it to Mrs. Cummings in the office or put it on the bench at the front of the school and Miss. Aylett will store it in a dry place until she needs to use it.

Many thanks for anyone who is able to help out with this.



Social Media

Don't forget to look at our school facebook page for more photo's and information about things going on at school.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PolesdenLaceyInfantSchool>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/polesdenlaceyinfant>



Dates For Your Diary

Spring Term 1

22nd January—Puppet Show—all classes (pm)

27th January— Bird Watching Week

28th January— Year 2 trip to Woking Mosque

11th February—Year 1 trip to North West Surrey Synagogue—more information to follow

13th February—Little City visiting Reception (am)

17th February—21st February—Half Term—school closed

24th February—all children return to school

6th March—World Book Day—more information to follow

13th March—2.30pm—3pm—Year 1 & 2 Open Afternoon. Reception Class Stay & Play.

18th March—Parent Consultations—more details to follow

20th March—Parent Consultations—more details to follow

25th March—Year 1 Class Assembly—after drop off

2nd April— 2pm—3pm—Year 1 & 2 Grandparents Tea Party—more details to follow

4th April—Last day of term—**1pm finish**

7th April—21st April—Easter Holidays—school closed

Spring Term 2

22nd April—All Staff & Children Return

Friends Events:

Friday 7 February – School Disco

Thursday 6 March – World Book Day Book Swap

Friday 28 March – Easter Bake Sale

Tuesday 1 April – Easter Hunt