



**Polesden Lacey
Infant School**

Newsletter – No. 18 23rd January 2025

Message from Ms. Mole

We are excited to update you on our partnership with The LEO Trust. Every application, by a school, to join an academy trust is reviewed by the regional director for the area where the school is located. At this stage they consider if due diligence was followed and if the partnership is appropriate and positive. If they consider this to be the case an academy order will be issued. We are delighted to tell you that the Academy Order has been issued and we are moving to the next phase of joining the family of schools that makes up The LEO Trust. We continue to be impressed with how LEO operate, the support already being given and their desire to learn from us. Every time I have a meeting with representatives from LEO, they always seem to coincide with a Forest School session and those visiting are bowled over with what they see. (I'm not sure if they book the time on purpose or it is purely coincidental but the wonder on their faces when they see the children enjoying Forest School fills my bucket every time!) You will also notice that we are using LEO mini-buses to take the children to trips that are coming up like Badger trip to a mosque, Squirrel trip to a synagogue and Rabbit trip to Pizza Express. This opens up wonderful opportunities to enhance the children's learning without the financial implications that using a commercial coach company bring.

Don't forget the **Big Garden Bird Watch** 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. We will be taking part in the Big Schools annual Bird watch during the course of next week.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: Jasmine for working so hard in phonics and improving her handwriting.

Squirrels: Rory for writing an excellent story using time words.

Badgers: Tabitha for all of your wonderful learning in maths this week!

Values Star of the week

Rabbits: Rafe for being fantastic at tidying up and respecting the equipment in the classroom.

Squirrels: Ava M for being caring towards our planet, by coming up with her own ideas of how to help.

Badgers: Edward for your curiosity when learning about insulators and conductors in science.



Forest School Star of the Week

Rabbits: Lettice for great listening and focus when using the palm drills to make Elder beads.

Squirrels: Taylor for being focused and dedicated while building a den with your team.

Badgers: Mia for strategic thinking and motivating your team.

NUMBOTS Star of the Week

Rabbits: Khloe

Squirrels: Sienna

Badgers: Bella



Attendance Cup: Squirrels

Donations Needed

Do you have any good quality wooden crates or pallets that you no longer have a use for? If you do we would love to take them off your hands. In keeping with our eco policy and trying to reuse or repurpose unwanted items, Mrs Bryan and Mrs Tredger are hoping to use them to make book cases for the reading areas in their classrooms during the February half term. See example pictures below of what they are hoping to make.



If you have something that you think would be suitable please e-mail us a picture to; office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk. Mrs Bryan and Mrs Tredger can then decide which ones they can use and arrange a time and place for them to be dropped of. Many thanks in advance.

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>

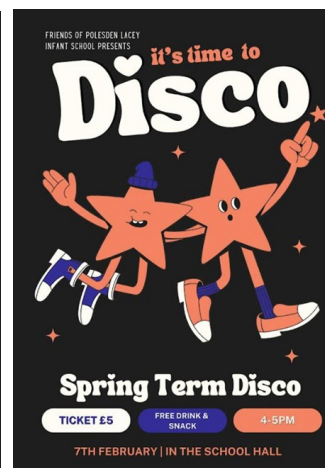
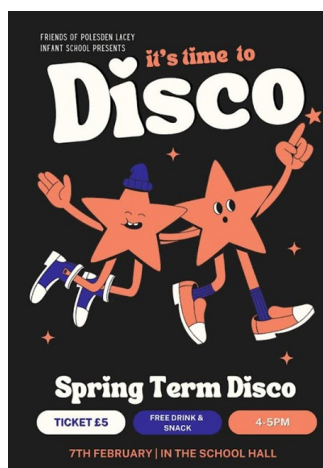
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Message from the Friends

We are delighted to invite parents to begin purchasing tickets for the 2nd Annual Polesden Lacey Infant School Disco. The lights have been polished, the playlist is being curated and our resident DJ is prepping his decks for an afternoon of dancing and fun for the children.

Everything you need to know to prepare for the afternoon is included below. Please ensure that you purchase your tickets for the event by Tuesday 4 February:



	Date – Friday 7 February Timing – 4.00pm – 5.00pm Location – Polesden Lacey School Hall
	Click HERE to purchase your tickets <i>Ticket Price - £5 (including a drink and a snack)</i>
	Click HERE to complete the Permission Form and to request your child's favourite song <i>Please note that children will not be able to attend without a completed form</i>
	If you would like to volunteer to help during the event, please sign-up HERE .
	<i>We are sorry that it will not be possible for Parents or siblings who are not volunteering, to wait in the School Hall during this year's Disco. For Parents wishing to stay during the event, we ask that you please wait in Badgers Class, where we will be serving refreshments.</i>
	<i>We appreciate that finances are tight for a lot of families so please be assured that every child at PLIS will be able to join the fun, as long as you have completed the permission form. Please feel free to have a confidential conversation with the office or Ms Mole if the donation causes you any kind of difficulty.</i>

Key Dates

- Friday 7 February – School Disco
- Thursday 6 March – World Book Day Book Swap
- Friday 28 March – Easter Bake Sale
- Tuesday 1 April – Easter Hunt

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, you can scan the QR code that is on the banner hanging on the fence as you come into the school playground.



This week at Forest School



Den building with Squirrel Class



Due to the extreme rain Rabbits did indoor Forest School activities this week



Dates For Your Diary

Spring Term 1

27th January— Bird Watching Week

28th January— Year 2 trip to Woking Mosque

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

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

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