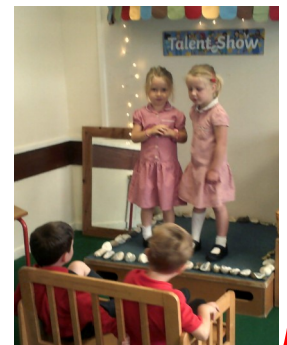
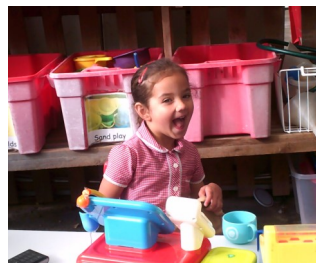




Newsletter – No. 2 11th September 2020

Message from Mrs. Mole

Our new Rabbit children started this week and they have all been amazing. Below there are a few photos of the children playing and learning both inside and outside. I am sure that you will agree that they look like they are having a good time and are engrossed in what they are doing. Thank you to all the parents and carers for preparing the children to be ready to start school and to the staff for providing an engaging, welcoming and nurturing environment.



Rebecca Mole - Headteacher

Star of the Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits—All of Rabbits have settled into school life brilliantly this week. They are all stars!

Squirrels - **Robbie**—for working hard in all areas of his learning.

Badgers - **William G** for working really hard and impressing his teachers.



Covid—19 update

As you will all be aware the Government is changing the regulations regarding meeting others from outside your own household bubble. There is now a limit of meeting with more than 6 people. We have been fortunate that so far this term we have had no positive tests for Covid—19. There are however at least 8 schools within Surrey where there have been confirmed cases and for some of these schools bubbles have been sent home to self-isolate for 14 days. Thank you to everyone who is helping to minimize the risk to our school community.

If you or anyone in your house develops a new and continuous cough, has a temperature or a loss of or change in taste and smell you should get tested and self-isolate until you receive the results. Keep the school informed that someone has symptoms and they are being tested. Once you receive the results (either positive or negative) please send them to the school via email: office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk

If the test comes back negative then, as long as your child is well enough, they can return to school. If the test is positive the person who had symptoms must continue to self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and the rest of the household for 14 days. If anyone develops symptoms within this time period they will need to be tested.

The fastest way to get a test result is to go to a testing site. Individuals will need a pre-booked appointment or they will not be given a test. People can also order home test kits to be sent directly to them. To book an appointment or order a home kit, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> From the experience of those who have had to have a test we understand there is currently a shortage of home kits and slots for local testing sites are at a premium. We are told that if you need to book a test at a test site then you should continue trying throughout the day as new slots are released regularly and new pop up test sites are set up depending on demand.

Once again a huge thank you for your support, cooperation and understanding, it is much appreciated.

On-line safety

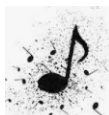
The children in Badger's class have been thinking about how they can keep themselves safe on-line.

Below is a song that was written by Joseph to help everyone remember to keep their personal information to themselves.

You need to keep these things to yourself

Phone number, password and address

These things are called personal information



Message from The Friends

Please save the date of Friday 25th September, for the Friends Harvest Festival.

Back for the second year running 'Decorate a Vegetable' competition! Any weird and wonderful animal, last year we had giraffes, a poodle made out of cauliflower, cucumber snakes and a menagerie of other animals. The children (and adults!) loved it!

- Please bring your creations into school on the morning of Friday 25th September.

Epsom Food Bank

This year more than ever, if you can bring a donation for Epsom Food Bank, this would be incredibly appreciated by the team who will collect from the school. More details in next week's newsletter on what they need at the moment.

We are also hoping to hold a Harvest stall, so if any of you are busily conserving and preserving your tomatoes, jams or sloes, and would like to donate them to our stall, please do let us know. These will be available for sale on Friday 25th September, with all proceeds going towards the Friends fund, which provides additional monies for this wonderful school of ours!

- Further details in next week's newsletter

Finally, if you would like to join the Friends Whatsapp groups (i know another one!), either on the committee or as a volunteer, please do join and introduce yourself, it's a great way to be involved in the school and meet parents and families from across Rabbits, Squirrels and Badgers.

Friends committee; <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LcBKgtLKRncEyMH1lFlj4F>

Friends volunteers; <https://chat.whatsapp.com/E0XsbmCNSXCBwtOfQumEfN>

Values Leaves

At Polesden Lacey Infant School we like to celebrate the different ways that children and adults show our school values of being Fair, Resilient, Respectful, Caring, Courageous and Curious.

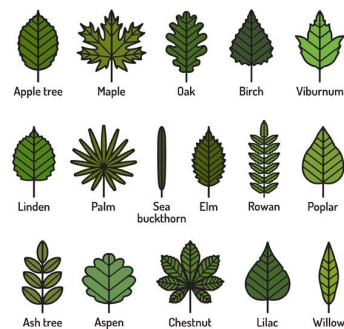
If you see your child doing anything that you think shows one of our Values please write it on a leaf and send it into school. Rather than sending pre-cut leaves home from school please could you cut out a leaf and write the reason on it. Maybe you could pick a shape from leaves of different trees. Each class will have a box to put the 'Values Leaf' in and they will be shared with the class during the week.

Below are this week's leaves:

Alice for being resilient and reading everyday during the summer holiday.

Henry H for being curious when sorting objects.

Poppy K for being resilient and managing to get her water bottle in her bag.



Outside Learning

We have been making the most of the beautiful weather this week with plenty of learning outside. Mrs. Secker has been in the woods with the children in Year 1 for Forest School, Mrs. Quinn has been in the allotment with Badger class and in the orchard collecting apples for their delicious Apple Crumbles that they made, Mrs. Mathews took the art onto the outside classroom and Rabbits have enjoyed lots of time in the sunshine.



Eco - Tip

Collect seeds to use for free plants for next year

Growing plants from seed is generally straightforward and inexpensive. It is an opportunity to increase the number of plants in your garden for free. Follow this link to get advice from the RHS on how to do this.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=675>



Fairtrade

V is for vegetarian and Vegan

Around 8% of the world's population identifies itself as vegetarian whilst meat-free and plant-based diets continue to rise in popularity. Fairtrade is happily keeping pace with this surge in interest and offers a wide variety of vegetarian and vegan products ranging from the more obvious fruit and vegetables to the less obvious clothing and accessories sold on websites like 'Ethical Wares'. Personal favourites are the ice cream and popcorn - perfect for a meat free movie night!

Pick Up and Drop Off—Reminder

To minimise the risk of contact for the children, staff and families can we please remind you to limit the number of adults coming to school with the children to no more than one per family.

Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Starts; 1st September 2020 (inset)

2nd September Year 1 & 2 Return

7th September Reception Class start (staggered start across the week)

14th September Reception Class go full time

15th October Flu Immunisation's for all classes

Half Term; 26th October —30 October 2020

2nd November - School Closed—Inset Day

4th & 5th November—Parent Consultations (we anticipate that these will be via telephone call—further details to follow in due course)

Last day of Term; 18th December 2020