



Newsletter – No. 2 15th September 2023

Message from Mrs. Mole

On Thursday and Friday this week we have had all three classes in school and it was fabulous. A huge congratulations goes out to our new Reception children who have settled into Rabbit class so quickly. I couldn't resist putting in some pictures of them having fun in their new class!.



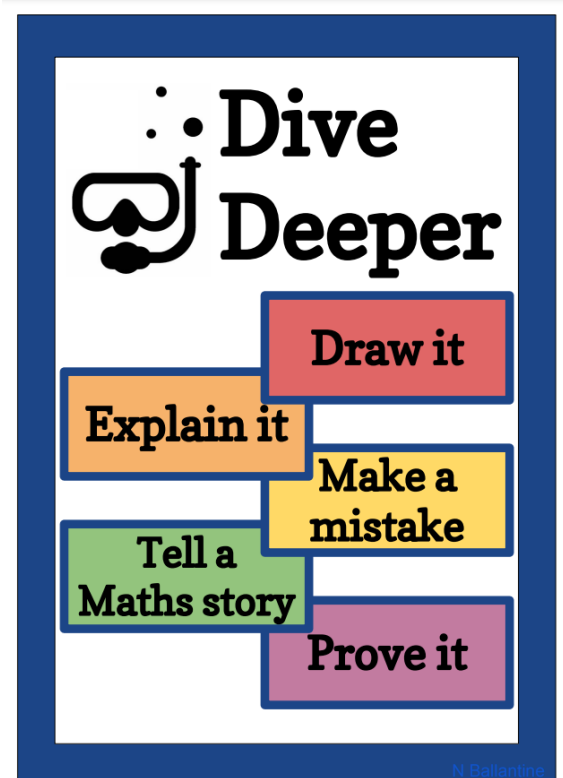
Have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher



Diving Deeper

This week we have introduced a new initiative to stretch and challenge our children in their maths learning, called 'Diving Deeper'. As part of our whole school mastery approach to maths we have a great focus on developing the children's reasoning and problem-solving skills. These skills are vitally important for ensuring that our children become confident and competent mathematicians who are able to think logically and apply their knowledge in various contexts. Our new initiative aims to encourage our children to extend their learning through a variety of activities (draw it, explain it, make a mistake, tell a maths story or prove it). The children in Squirrel and Badger class have really risen to the challenge and are having lots of fun with it!



Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: Everybody for settling in to school life so well :)

Squirrels: Kenny for showing great learning behaviours

Badgers: Ruah for amazing effort and focus in phonics all week!

Values Star of the week: .

Squirrels: Lydia for being respectful of the classroom environment and equipment.

Badgers: Savannah for being a courageous mathematician and 'diving deeper' into your learning this week!

Forest School star of the week:

Squirrels: Seth for getting ready independently and super searching for colours in nature.

Badgers: Anastasia for helping to keep the forest clean and tidy by collecting litter.

Forest School and PE

Miss. Aylett has started Forest School sessions with the children in Year 1 and Year 2. PE sessions have also started. Please can you make sure that your child has their Forest School and PE kit in school.

Whilst the weather is so warm, the children will not be using their waterproofs. If your child has some lightweight leggings and a lightweight long sleeve t-shirt that would be great to use. It protects them from any insects in the woodlands that think they look tasty.

Remember to ensure that everything is clearly named - it is easier for us to help reunite your child with their things if they are named rather than relying on the children to say, 'I know it is mine because it smells like mine!'



Attendance

As a school, we know how important it is for children to be in school, both to support their learning and to spend time socializing with their friends, As we move into autumn and the weather changes some common illnesses start to reappear. This can sometimes make it difficult to know if your child is well enough to attend school. The NHS have handily produced information to guide you and be reached by following this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Message From The Friends

Welcome back!

Welcome to all our new parents and welcome back to all our Squirrels and Badgers! As a new committee we're already planning away and getting ready for an exciting year of fundraising events and community activities ahead. Not only do we aim to raise much needed funds for the school, but also aim to create some fantastic opportunities for parents and carers can also get involved and have fun!



As well as the events below, there are also other ways that you can help. You can sign up for **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 mount 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/polesdenlaceyinfo/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1 **Thank you so much!**

♦ **Preloved uniform sale - Friday 15th September from 2.45pm**

Help us rehome preloved uniform and save it from landfill. We have a selection of branded and non branded uniform items for sale, at very reasonable prices. All proceeds contribute to our fundraising for the school. Cash or cards are welcome. We would also love another volunteer to help with the sale, if anyone is free please let us know!

♦ **New Parent Coffee Morning - Friday 22nd September at 8.45am**

We will be holding a new parent coffee morning after morning drop off. A great chance to stay and chat with other new parents over a hot drink and a biscuit. Feel free to bring younger siblings along too. We will also have a little welcome package for you, so if you can't stay, please make sure you grab yours from outside of reception on your way out after pick up.

♦ **AGM and First Friends Team Meeting – Mon 25th Sept 8pm**

We'll be holding our AGM and first planning meeting in the school hall. Thank you to those that have already said they are able to make it. If you would like to come along, hear more and hopefully get involved, please do email us at PLISFriends@gmail.com and we will make sure there is plenty of wine and refreshments.

♦ **Gardening Day - Sunday 8th Oct 10 – 2pm**

Help our school look tip top and enjoy some outdoor time with your family. Pop in for as long as you can between 10am and 2.00pm on Sunday 8th October to tidy the grounds of the school and enjoy chatting and getting to know each other. As well as some general tidying, some TLC is needed for the raised beds in the allotment, so anyone with some woodwork skills please let us know if you can come along! The Friends of PLIS will provide lunch.

♦ **Halloween Scary Hair and Mufti day - Friday 20th October**

Our theme is spooky hair, but anything goes, with fancy dress or home clothes. Donation of £1 at the classroom door at drop off.

♦ **Halloween Cake sale - Friday 20th October**

Bring your cakes in the morning for an after school bake sale! If you'd like to help out on the stall please email PLISFriends@gmail.com

Monday 2nd October SAVE THE DATE!

On Monday 2nd October there will be an online information evening by The Two Johns who are ex safeguarding police. They will talk us through the current online issues that may affect all children, including our very young children. The Two Johns will share information on how best to support your children to be confident users of technology and support you to deal with issues if they arise. Keep an eye out for more information regarding the logging on link! **Please note this online meeting will NOT be appropriate for your children to observe.**



Technology Recycling Day!

Do you have old laptops or ipads hanging around at home? Do you have a box of old phones you don't know what to do with?

Bring them into school on Friday 29th September to help us to raise money for our school. We will have the items wiped and recycled or sold if possible! Please take the items to your child's classroom on the morning of Friday 29th September where they will be collected!



School Open Days

We're already getting ready for the 2024 intake and have a number of open days at the school. It really helps when prospective parents can talk to current parents about their experience at the school, especially as you all have such wonderful things to say about our special school. If you can spare a little time on any of these dates please do speak to Mrs Cummings or Ms Mole.

Wed 11th October 10am – 11.30am & 13.30pm – 15.00pm

Tues 31st October 13.30pm – 15.00pm

Thurs 9th November 10am – 11.30am

Fri 17th November 10am – 11.30am

Mon 4th December 10am – 11.30am

Thurs 4th January 24 13.30pm – 15.00pm

Wed 10th January 24 13.30pm – 15.00pm

Dates

Autumn Term 2023

19th September 2.30pm Meet the Year 2 teacher for Parents and carers of children in Year 2

20th September 2.30pm Meet the Year 1 teachers for Parents and carers of children in Year 1

29th September Technology Recycling Day

29th September Flu Immunisation's for all classes (Parents must sign up for this online—more details to follow)

2nd October (evening) Parent E-Safety Meeting - Online

9th October 7pm Reception Curriculum Evening

17th October—Lego Stem Workshops during the day for Year 1 & Year 2

17th October 3pm—4pm—Lego Stem Workshop for Year 1 & 2 only (booking details to follow shortly)

Half Term; 23rd October —27th October 2023—school closed

1st November 2.30pm—3pm Open Afternoon Year 1 & 2, Stay & Play for Reception

5th & 7th December 9am—9.30am approx —Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance

13th December 9am—9.30am approx.—Reception Class Christmas Performance

Last day of Term; Friday 15th December 2023 school closes at 1pm