



**Polesden Lacey  
Infant School**

# Newsletter – No. 2 13th September 2024

## Message from Mrs. Mole

Rabbit Class children have made an excellent start to their time at Polesden Lacey Infant School. They have been so wonderful and have settled so well that they came to our Celebration Assembly this morning.

We have also welcomed 3 new members of staff this term, Mrs Ede, who some of you may know from playschool, Miss Kinsey, also known to some of you as Coach Simone from Breakfast and Afterschool Club and Miss Izzy. We hope that you will join us in making them feel welcome and look forward to working with them.

For those new to school we have a weekly celebration assembly where we give out certificates to children who have done awesome things during the week. The names of all these children can be found below. It is also a time where we can celebrate things that the children and their families have done outside of school. We have two celebration books. One for general celebrations such as weddings, new additions to the family, exciting trips etc. Another one for active celebrations such as getting a swimming badge, running a race, playing in a game of rugby, going for a great walk or bike ride, winning a sporting medal, a family member taking part in a sporting challenge etc. If you have anything that you would like included in one of the celebration books please do send in a picture (hard copy or email) and we will add it to the appropriate book.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

## Star of Week

**Rabbits:** Asher for being a sensible and helpful member of Rabbit Class—super tidying too!!

**Squirrels:** Ava M for using her knowledge of primary colours to make her own painting.

**Badgers:** Charlie B for making everyone smile and always trying your best!



## Values Star of the week

**Rabbits:** Annie for being resilient and curious in her first week in Rabbit Class!

**Squirrels:** Bailey for being caring to another child who was feeling upset.

**Badgers:** Tabitha for your resilience and participation in Badger Class lessons this week!

## Forest School Star of the Week

**Squirrels:** Eliza for great enthusiastic participation to group discussion and working well in a team.

**Badgers:** Oscar for being curious and respectful to nature when you found a beautiful caterpillar.

## NUMBOTS Star of the Week

Squirrels: Sienna

Badgers: Evie



### Attendance Cup:

Shared between Squirrels and Badgers — Well done

### How Can we Help the School?

Last week, I wrote to you about the volunteers who helped the school by cutting down ivy from the woodland which was taking over a significant number of the trees, as well as thanking our other volunteers who help the children with reading or wider curriculum activities on a weekly or termly basis. However, we fully appreciate that not everyone has time to spare, as work and family commitments can take up a significant amount of time. So I thought I'd include a couple of other suggestions on how you might be able to help the school without using time.

With the cough and cold season fast approaching, you'd be surprised by the number of tissues the children get through. Would you be able to add a tissue box or two to your next weeks shop and drop it off with Mrs. Cummings in the school office?

As you can appreciate the school produces a lot of confidential paperwork and over the summer holidays our shredder broke. Do you have a shredder at home or work that you no longer need and could donate to the school? It would need to be a cross cut shredder and take ideally 10 sheets or more.

Unlike many schools we do not ask for contributions for visits from theatre groups, music workshops, dance workshops, drama workshops, cooking, gardening, parties, visiting poets, story tellers and authors. We use the school fund, which we ask you to donate to on a termly, yearly or one off for all three years basis. However, we are also able to accept additional donations. If you complete a gift aid form, we're able to reclaim 25p in every £1 that you donate and you may also be able to claim Tax Relief on this UK charitable donation. Payment can be made by BACs directly into our School Fund account, using your surname as a reference. The details of this account are as follows:

Account Name: Polesden Lacey Infant School Fund

Account No: 21454420

Sort Code: 40-27-07

If there are any other ways you think you might be able to help the school, please do speak with Ms. Mole.

### Walking & Waiting on Site

Can we please remind you all that it is imperative that all children and adults stay on the path when walking and waiting at school. We have a number of cars that are driving on site or leaving at the same time as drop off and pick up and it is becoming increasingly difficult for them to access the car park safely as there have been adults and children on the drive way. We want to make sure that everyone is kept safe and that staff and parents, with prior permission from Ms Mole, are able to park without fear of injuring someone. Ms Mole has also raised this with the children in assembly this morning so be ready for them to tell you off if you forget!



## Message from The Friends

We hope everyone has had a great first full week back! Just a quick reminder to make sure you sign up for **EasyFundrasing** at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/polesdenlaceyinfsc/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email1](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/polesdenlaceyinfsc/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1) to help raise **FREE donations** for us every time you shop online. Also, This year's **ASDA Cashpot for Schools** is another great way to help fundraise for us for free, whilst shopping with Asda. I you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose Polesden Lacey Infants and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### **Fun Family Gardening Day - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September (10am – 2pm)**

Help our school look tip top and enjoy some outdoor time with your family, grandparents, uncles, aunties and others also welcome!

One of the fantastic attributes of the school is our diverse grounds, including the woods, orchard, pond and allotment, where the children learn and explore every day. Needless to say, it's a big job to maintain and our gardening day is a great opportunity to bring the whole family along for a few hours to help chop, prune and tidy – no previous experience necessary just willingness and enthusiasm and plenty of jobs for little hands to help out too.

Pop in for as long as you can between 10am and 2.00pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to tidy the grounds of the school and enjoy chatting and getting to know each other.

Drinks and biscuits will be available throughout the day, with lunch provided at midday. **If you would like to help, please click the link, and fill in your details for lunch - [Gardening Day Form](#)**



## Head Lice

Please be aware that we have had a case of head lice brought to our attention this week. Can we please ask that over the weekend you all check your children's hair and treat if required. If you need guidance on the best way to treat head lice please visit the NHS website.

### School Office Hours

As of the start of term the hours that the school office will be open to parents has changed. The office will now be open from 8.15am—3.15pm Monday, Tuesday & Friday & from 12midday to 3.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday.

If you need to drop off medicine on a Wednesday or Thursday morning please give it to your child's class teacher, along with the attached completed medication form.

If you have a child's absence to report for that day please e-mail [office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk) by 8am so that it can be recorded in that day's register.

We will aim to respond to urgent e-mails the same day that they are received, if sent on a Wednesday or Thursday morning this won't be until the afternoon. All other e-mails will aim to be responded to within 2 working days of receipt.

You are also welcome to call the school office on the following number 01372 456533, however please be aware that it may not be answered on the first time of calling on a Wednesday or Thursday morning.

### Parking—Reminder

#### For safety reasons

If you have to drive to school, cars should be parked in Howard Road, on the school side of the road, or preferably further out on roads such as Crabtree Lane, remembering not to obstruct zigzag lines and driveways. (We are committed to having a positive relationship with our neighbours and it is incredibly frustrating for them when our families park across driveways or in a way that prevents them from entering or leaving their property.)

**DO NOT** drive into the school grounds unless you are picking your child up with prior permission from the school office or in the case of illness. This includes when dropping off or collecting at before and after school clubs. *The exception to this if you are dropping off at Sport4Kids (S4K) Breakfast Club at 7.30am or picking up from Sport4Kids Afterschool care after 4.30pm. You may drive carefully on site for these purposes.*

Children are permitted to travel to school on bikes and scooters BUT they must dismount at the school gates and then push or carry the items whilst on school premises to avoid accidents to themselves and others. There is a cycle rack in front of the school. **NB.** Please note you must sign up to the safe scooting and/or cycling schemes to obtain a permit for your scooter and/or bike. Please see the separate policy and codes of practice on the school website <https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/information/policies>

**NO** parking should take place in Oakdene Close, in order to keep access clear for residents and emergency vehicles and to avoid the dangers involved with cars turning in this narrow cul-de-sac, especially when children are arriving and leaving school.

It is essential that emergency vehicles have access to the school via Howard Road at all times.

#### **Please do not obstruct the road**

Please remember that the road is in constant use and all pedestrians entering or leaving the school should use the pavements on either side of Oakdene Close

## Think Pharmacy

We have been asked to share the following information with you:

GP practices can be very busy, and sometimes your child might not need an appointment. If your child has any of the conditions listed below, you can go straight to your local pharmacy instead of waiting to see a GP. A trained clinical professional at the pharmacy can talk to you, give advice, and even provide medicine if needed, helping your child feel better sooner.

Pharmacies can help with these four common conditions in school-age children:

- Earache (ages 1-17)
- Sore throat (ages 5 and older)
- Infected insect bites (ages 1 and older)
- Impetigo (ages 1 and older)

Most community pharmacies in Surrey offer the Pharmacy First service. This means you can get quick help for these issues without seeing a GP first. So, if your child has an earache, sore throat, impetigo, or a suspected infected insect bite, remember to visit the pharmacy first.

For more information, visit: [nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies](https://nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies).

## School Open Days

We're already getting ready for the 2025 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.

Tuesday 1st October 2024	1.30pm—3pm
Wednesday 9th October 2024	1.30pm—3pm
Wednesday 23rd October 2024	9am—10.30am
Friday 8th November 2023	9am—10.30am
Monday 2nd December 2024	1.30pm—3pm

## Dates For Your Diary

### School Events:

9th—20th September—Fairtrade Fortnight

18th September (pm) - Puppet Assembly

23rd September 7pm—8pm—Reception Parents Welcome Meeting

26th September 2.30pm—3pm—Year 1 Parents Meet the Teacher

Year 2 Parents meet the Teacher—Date TBC

2nd October—Individual students school photos

3rd October—National Poetry Day

4th October—Splats Circus Skills

7th October –Flu Vaccines all children where consent given

23rd October—Lego Robotics Workshop—more details to follow

**28th October—1st November—Half Term—School Closed**

**4th November—Inset Day—School closed**

5th November—all children return to school

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### Friends Events:

New Parent Coffee Morning - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am

Gardening Day - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 10 – 2pm

AGM and First Friends Team Meeting – Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30 - 9pm

Halloween Scary Hairy and Mufti day with a Cake Sale after school - Friday 25th October