



Newsletter – No. 20 24th February 2023

Message from Ms. Mole

I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 1 children to the North West Surrey Synagogue on Tuesday this week (pictures and write up are below). The children were absolutely amazing throughout the trip. They demonstrated an impressive depth of knowledge of what they might find in a Synagogue and why different things were important. They were respectful throughout the visit, following the rules and listening to our two guides and they showed their curiosity in the questions that they asked. One of the highlights for the children was to try the Challah Bread. Challah bread is usually braided and typically eaten on ceremonial occasions such as Shabbat and major Jewish holidays. It is an enriched dough using flour, yeast, sugar, eggs and oil and the children will tell you how delicious it was—most of them went back for a second or third helping! The feedback that I have from parents who I have spoken to has also been positive. The children were buzzing when they were picked up from school and wanted to tell their family what they had done, seen and learnt.

Well done to the teachers and children of Squirrel Class for being such stars!



Rebecca Mole,
Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: **Amelie** for brilliant writing!

Squirrels: **Harry** for completing all of his learning tasks and working hard in phonics.

Badgers: **Rocco** for amazing effort and enthusiasm and taking great care in all of your work this week.

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Ellis** for always asking questions and wanting to know more!

Squirrels: **Maddie** for resilient learning all week.

Badgers: **Keelia** for being a caring friend!

Well done to all the winners this week.



Black, Green & Blue Recycling

Please start keeping any black, green and blue recycling over the holidays. We are planning to use this packaging to create a whole school Fairtrade piece of art in celebration of Fairtrade Fortnight which is between the 27th February & 12th March!

Any other packaging is always welcome in Rabbit's for junk modelling!

Fairtrade - S is for Sugar!

Written by Leo in Badger Class

Fairtrade Sugar comes from the sugar cane. It is a big part of diets and lives. When eaten in small amounts, sugar can provide some of life's big pleasures, especially when eating sweets! My favourite sweets are Drumsticks!



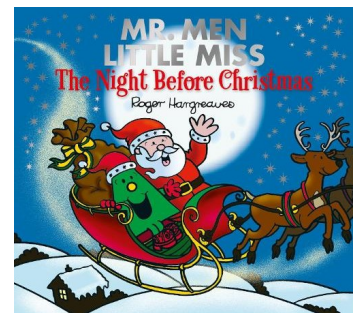
Book Donation from Eastwick Park Surgery

We would like to say a very big Thank You to Becky from Curiosity Crescent Books, an Usborne partner, and Eastwick Park Doctors surgery for very kindly donating a bundle of children's Mental Health books to us. The children will love reading them.

Book Recommendation of the week By Ava B in Year 1

Mr Men The Night Before Christmas by Roger Hargreaves

I got this book for Christmas. I really enjoyed it because it has lots of good pictures that I can look at.



Book Recommendation of the week By Archer in Year 1

Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets by J.K.Rowling

I love this book especially the basilisk snake and how the Phoenix helps Harry Potter to get rid of it. It is a really good book but might be better for older children as young children might be scared. Me and my brother aren't scared.



Year 1 trip to North West Surrey Synagogue

On Tuesday morning, Squirrel Class went to visit North West Surrey Synagogue. The trip supported the learning that the children had been doing around the Jewish religion and their places of worship. The children had a fabulous time, firstly travelling on a coach, then being shown around the synagogue, trying Challah bread (which was delicious) and finally a trip back on the coach. Gillian and Louis, who showed us around were very impressed by the children's knowledge and how thoughtful, curious and respectful they were.



Message from The Friends

Thank you to everyone who came to our quiz night before half term. We raised an incredible £550 through ticket sales and the raffle on the night. Thank you to all the PLIS parents and local businesses who donated all the fabulous prizes. We hope a good time was had by all.

World Book Day—Friends Free Book Swap

To celebrate World Book Day, we will be holding a free book swap on Friday 3rd March at 3pm at school pick up.

This is a fantastic opportunity to donate books you no longer read and pick up a few free books.

Please drop off any unwanted books, from this Monday in the container outside the office, labelled World Book Day. The more books we donate, the more books we can swap!

Please come along on Friday 3rd from 3pm and choose your free books to take home.



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3rd March** this year. Please note this is different to the official World Book Day date of 2nd March.

We would love for the children to come dressed as their favourite character from a book they love (no superheroes or princesses please!) It would be great if they could bring the book with them to share with their class and the school.

Strike Action

You will have seen in the news that the National Education Union has indicated their intention to take strike action on several dates in the next couple of months. The next day of strikes is scheduled for Thursday 2nd March. Please see the letter, which was sent earlier, communicating what this means for the school. Unless a resolution between the Union and the Government is found, Polesden Lacey Infant School will be closed to pupils on Thursday 2nd March. This was not an easy decision to take. As you know we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available. We realise that this is likely to cause difficulties for many of you but we hope that by giving as much notice as possible it makes organising alternative arrangements a little easier.

Dates for your diary 2022/23 - The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School

We have been very keen and set out our complete plan for the year. Please pop these dates in your diaries for now - more information will be shared closer to each date.

If you're keen to help out with any of these activities and events, or have any questions, please do email plisfriends@gmail.com. To be able to help you will need to have attended one of Ms Moles Safeguarding Briefing sessions.

We will ask for specific volunteers nearer the time where they are needed, but always welcome your interest!

Fri 3rd March - Book Swap for World Book Day

Thurs 30th March - Easter Activities and Bake Sale

Thurs 27th April - Sponsored Bounce

Thurs 8th and Fri 9th June (tbc) - Making Mornings for Bookham Village Day (Sat 17th June)

Sun 9th July - Summer Fair

Thurs 13th or Fri 14th July (tbc) - Summer Movie Night and Mufti

School Dates

Spring Term 2023

2nd March—School Closed due to Teacher's strike

3rd March—World Book Day

9th March— 9am—9.30am Year 1 assembly

15th March— 2pm—3pm Open Afternoon for Year 1 & 2, Stay & Paly for Reception Class

21st March—3.30pm—7pm Parent Consultations—details to follow

23rd March—3.30pm—7pm Parent Consultations—details to follow

28th March—Year 1 Medieval Day—details to follow

31st March—9am Reception Class Pet Show—details to follow

31st March—last day of term 1pm finish.