



Newsletter – No. 20 9th February 2024

Message from Mrs. Mole

On Thursday this week we celebrated Safer Internet Day . This is a day that we spend time taking part in activities, discussing and thinking about how we use the internet. It is the most amazing thing and has so many positives but at the same time there can be risks and understanding how we keep ourselves safe on-line enables us to take advantage of the good bits and hopefully avoid the not so good bits!

Mrs. Mathews sent you a link to 'saferInternet.org' <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers> on Wednesday. Here you can find tips to help you navigate the online world with your children. Remember It's never too early to talk about life online! Here are their top tips which are expanded upon when you visit the link above.

- * **Inspire change by spending time online together**
- * **Make a difference by having regular discussions about the online world**
- * **Manage influence by being aware of the different things which engage your child online**
- * **Navigate change by having a clear picture of your child's developing interests**

We also started to celebrate Chinese New Year with the children. Miss. Joslin led an assembly for all the children on Monday and Rabbit class were treated to a visit from a parent who will be celebrating The Year of the Dragon in the coming week. A big thank you for your time and your experiences to enrich the children's lives.

Rebecca Mole
Headteacher



Forest School star of the week:

Rabbits: **Sebastian** for making a lovely nature picture using different materials.

Squirrels: **Rilee** for being kind and fair working with your partner.

Badgers: **Isobel** for creating a unique design for your dream catcher.



Star of Week

Rabbits: **Billy** for being a super mystery reader and making his friends and teachers smile.

Squirrels: **Edward** for giving excellent explanations in maths this week.

Badgers: **Dsahel** for writing a wonderful dragon poem in English this week!



Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Seth B** for being a curious learner and carefully thinking about how to build his vehicle.

Squirrels: **Seth F** for being a curious learner investigating dinosaurs.

Badgers: **Ruah** for being a respectful member of Badger Class.

Book Recommendation by Finn in Year 1

"Supertato - Evil Pea Rules!"

"I like all the Supertato books but I especially love the Evil Pea and I like doing his voice."



E-Safety Questionnaire - Prize Winner

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the e-safety questionnaire before Christmas! The random winner chosen is Pablo Bonne- please pop to the office to collect your prize.

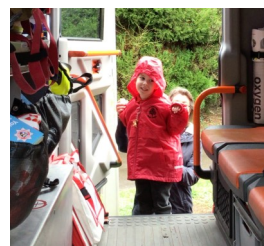
World Book Day — Thursday 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March** and would love for the children to come dressed as their favourite character from a book they love (no superheroes, football kits or princesses please!) It would be great if they could bring the book with them to share with their class and the school.

We also have an exciting visitor coming to see us! A published author will be spending the day with the children talking about their journey to becoming an author and sharing their books with the children. You will also have the opportunity to purchase the books after school too. More details regarding this will be sent out after half term.



Reception Class Fire Engine & Police Officer Visit



Message From The Friends

Get ready to put your dancing shoes on for the **Polesden Lacey Infant School Disco!** Our DJ is curating the ultimate playlist, and the lights are set to dazzle.

The Friend's are excited to be holding our first ever school disco in the school hall on Friday 23rd February from 4-5pm for Rabbits, Squirrels and Badgers. [Click here](#) to book your ticket(s) now. Tickets are £5 and include a drink and a snack, so don't forget to also complete your [permission form here](#). We've also added the option of requesting your favourite songs, ensuring the children showcase their best moves on the dance floor.

For those who wish to extend the fun, we've arranged tea and coffee in Badgers class. It's the perfect opportunity for parents to chat while the children boogie.

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.

Please purchase your child/ren's ticket/s by Tuesday 20th Feb AND please ensure that you have ALSO completed the [permission form](#)

Dates for your diary:

- Fri 23rd February - School disco (4-5pm)
- Fri 8th March Book Swap
- Fri 22nd March – Spring Bake Sale
- Thurs 28th March – Easter Hunt
- Fri 26th April – Gardening afternoon
- Thurs 23 May - Sponsored Bounce & Picnic
- Sunday 14th July – Summer Fair



Parent Volunteer Safeguarding Briefing Session

On Thursday 22nd February from 8.50am to 9.20am, we will be running a Parent Volunteer Safeguarding session. These sessions are for any parents who would like to help out in school with the various Friends events that are run, like the Easter Egg Hunt, movie nights, school disco, etc or would like to volunteer to come in on a regular basis and listen to the children reading or help out with the school library etc.

If you fit into any of these categories please email office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk to book a place.

We require all volunteers to undertake this session to ensure that we are able to keep all our pupils safe. Some of you may also be asked if you would be willing to be DBS checked so that you can support the children without the need for a member of staff to be present.



Dear Parent or Carer



Reception have been learning about fire safety using Surrey Fire and Rescue Service's learning activity box and this week a crew came to visit. As part of our prevention work, we visit schools to teach children and young people key fire safety skills. We want all families to be safe from fire, so please take some time to ask them what they learnt.

In the session, we covered:

- What firefighters do
- Fire is hot so they should stay away
- 999 is the emergency number

Pupils also got to see firefighters in their fire kit and look around the fire engine.

How you can keep your family safe from fire:

In addition to discussing today's session with your child, there are steps that you can take to ensure your family is safe from fire and prepared in case of an emergency.

Common fire hazards at home include

- cookers / ovens
- candles and fireplaces
- matches and lighters
- electrical items
- barbecues / bonfires

We have taught your child to **stay away** from hot items such as these.

Always supervise your child when using cookers, and never leave lit candles, fireplaces, barbecues, or bonfires unattended.

Matches and lighters should always be kept out of the reach of children.

Electrical fires are increasingly common: replace damaged cables, allow hot electrical items sufficient time to cool in a safe place, and avoid overloading plug sockets with too many devices.

We advise you to check that all members of the household know **what to do in case of a fire**. Everyone should:

- Recognise and respond to a smoke alarm immediately and shout 'Fire!' to alert others
- Get out quickly and safely
- Once out, stay out, then call 999

You can help your family escape safely in case of an emergency by creating a fire escape plan and ensuring that exit routes are kept clear. Teaching your child to learn your home address will help if they ever need to call 999.

The key advice to remember is to **'Get out, Stay out and Call the Fire Service out!'**

Further information:

Following our session today, your child may ask questions that you cannot answer. If you would like further information about what we covered today and how to keep your family fire safe at home, please visit

www.surreycc.gov.uk/fire-safety-education

Why not have a go at our family fire safety checklist on the other side of this page to see how safe you and your family are at home?

For more information visit
www.surreycc.gov.uk/fire-safety-education





	YES We're fire safe	NOT YET We'll work on it
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Smoke Alarms

We have at least one smoke alarm fitted on each floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
We check the battery regularly, weekly is best!	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the smoke alarm starts to beep/chirp, we replace it immediately	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
All members of my family know never to remove the batteries from the alarm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fire Hazards at home

My family knows to be careful with the cooker / oven	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
We do not overload plug sockets and we replace faulty / damaged wires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
We use bonfires and BBQs carefully and only with adult supervision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fire Escape Plan

Our family has an escape plan and we have all practised it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If we detect a fire, we will shout 'Fire, fire!' to alert others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We have a designated safe meeting space outside the home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there is smoke, we know to get low and go, go, go!	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We know to get out, stay out and call the fire service out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know how to help anyone in my home who would struggle to escape in case of a fire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Bedtime Routines

We make sure all cigarettes, candles and fires are fully extinguished before we go to bed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We turn off and/or unplug electrical items that are not designed to be left on	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We clear exit routes so that we have a clear escape path if needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We close internal doors to protect ourselves and slow a fire's progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Calling 999

My family knows to call 999 only if there is an emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My family knows to get out before calling 999	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My children know to tell the operator the home address and post code	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have ticked any of the **red boxes** or more than 10 boxes in the 'Not yet' column, we would like to visit your home to conduct a Safe and Well Visit during which we provide tailored fire safety advice and install **free** smoke alarms if required. To request your Safe and Well Visit, please go to

www.surreycc.gov.uk/safeandwell



Dates

12th—16th February Half Term

22nd February Parent Volunteer Safeguarding Briefing session (am)

6th March Little City visiting Reception Class (am)

7th March World Book Day— Author Visit—Elaine Slade

13th March Open Afternoon Year 1 & 2, Stay and Play Reception (2.30pm—3pm)

14th March Year 1 Assembly (After drop off for approximately 20 mins—all parents and carers welcome)

19th March Parent Consultations (3.30pm—7pm) More details to follow soon

21st March Parent Consultations (3.30pm –7pm) More details to follow soon

22nd March Olympic Athlete Visit (all day)

27th March Year 1 & 2 Grandparents Tea Party (1.30pm—3pm)details to follow after half term

27th March Reception Grandparents Stay and Play session 2.30pm—3pm) details to follow after half term

28th March Last day of term—school closes at 1pm

Easter Holidays

15th April start of the Summer Term—all children return to school

6th May—May Day Bank Holiday—school closed

27th May—31st May Half term

3rd June—Inset Day school closed for training

4th June all children return to school

23rd July Last day of term - school closes at 1pm



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