



# Newsletter – No.20 5th February 2021

## Message From Ms. Mole.

Many thanks to all of you who took the time to complete the Remote Learning survey this week. The feedback that we have had is overwhelmingly positive. 91% of respondents said that the online offer is better now than it was in the first lockdown and 81% of those who took the survey said that the amount of online learning was about the right amount with the others either saying it was too much or too little.

We have had a wide range of positive comments, some of which can be seen below:

‘The morning Zoom lessons are such a great start to the day.’

‘the teacher led sessions are invaluable’

‘I think the teachers at Polesden have done a brilliant job in setting up lessons, catch ups and extra support sessions. The work load is just right for working parents and the pressure to complete all tasks is minimal which helps with the balance. Thank you everyone!’

‘I am also pleased with how the school have helped by lending us a laptop and printing the work...’

‘...loves the live lessons, videos and feedback which really helps him to feel connected with his teachers and friends whom he is missing a lot. We really appreciate all the effort, time and love that goes into the work provided.’

We are, however, always keen to improve and so we thank all of those who asked further questions, made comments or suggestions. The teachers and I have started to analyse these to see how and where we can improve and move that 91% up to 100%!

You will have seen an email from us yesterday regarding our upcoming mindful Monday. We hope that it is a positive experience for you all. Please do send us pictures of what you get up to!

Take care, stay safe and look after yourselves

**Rebecca Mole - Headteacher**

## Star of Week

**Well done to all the winners this week.**

Rabbits: **Chloe** for learning so many new sounds.

**Addison** for trying really hard with her home-learning and developing her independent learning skills.

Squirrels: **Sophie** for taking pride in her handwriting and making such great progress.

Badgers: **Rosie** for working very hard at home and joining in well on zoom.



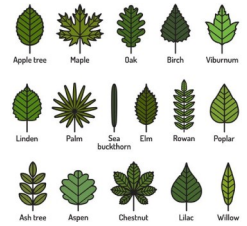
**Values Leaves:** Fair, Resilient, Respectful, Caring, Courageous and Curious.

Below are some of this week's leaves:

Throughout lockdown we will be continuing awarding values leaves so please do let the teachers know if and how your child or children have demonstrated one of the Polesden Lacey Infant School values.

**Joseph** was curious, wondering whether the oceans' currents move sea creatures to different parts of the world.

**Hailey** was resilient - for stretching her brain this week and working so hard completing tasks for both maths and English and being super curious about learning life processes in different animals.



### Independent play and learning

Playing and communicating with your child are really important. However, independent play when children learn to amuse themselves (separate from screen time) is important too as it develops self-reliance, confidence, creativity, imagination and problem solving. Parents also need this time for adult tasks, especially if they are working from home or supporting siblings with home learning. Independent play should mostly be child initiated and child led. Many children do this automatically but some need encouragement and suggestions.

From next week you will see some home learning tasks starred like this:

★Independent learning task - no adult support needed.

The independent learning tasks will be suggested play based learning activities that are adult initiated but can be enjoyed without adult intervention.

In addition, Year 2 are capable of completing many of the home learning tasks independently once an adult has set up the screen learning and provided any worksheets.

### Parents video's for understanding and managing anxiety.

Targeting Mental Health in Schools (TaMHS) have created some webinar presentations to support you as parents, in supporting your child(ren) with understanding anxiety, and some strategies to manage anxiety with the current circumstances of COVID and Lockdown in mind.

Each webinar is under 25 minutes long and can be paused at any time. They are thought provoking and informative and are presented in a Webinar type format. They recommend that you begin by watching the 'What is Anxiety?' and 'Strategies to Manage Anxiety' webinars, as these will provide a general understanding, and may be referred to in the other webinar presentations.

The link to the videos can be followed [here](#) or in the PDF attached to this newsletter email.

## Fairtrade

**Roses are red, violets are blue, and we at Fairtrade couldn't do it without you**

Make this a Valentine's to remember as your love helps transform the lives of over 1.6 million farmers and workers in developing countries. Flowers are a favourite gift for loved ones, but your loving gift doesn't have to come at the expense of someone else.

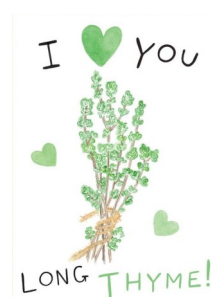
Fairtrade means that the people producing your gifts get a fair deal. From flowers to chocolate and even beautiful Fairtrade gold jewellery, you can find that perfect present for your special person.



## Eco

While it's fun to remind our friends and family how much we care about them, making eco-friendly Valentine's Day cards shows them how much you care about them AND our planet! A quick google or the use of imagination and I am sure that you can all come up with loads of ideas.

This year why not widen the range of people that you send cards to and spread the love around your family and friends.

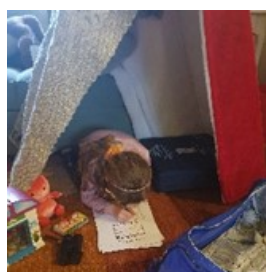
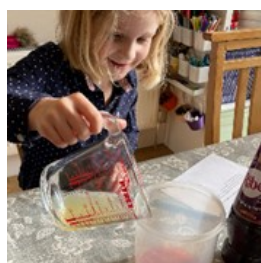




Here are some pictures from this week.







## Dates

### Spring Term

8th February 2021 Mindful Monday—no official learning tasks will be set for this day

12th February 2021 Break up for half term

15th - 19th February 2021—**School Closed for Half Term**

**22nd February 2021 INSET day (No children)** This is the spring INSET day which has now been set

## Surrey's Family Help Hub

The design team at Surrey CC have been working in partnership with parents and professionals to develop and build an online Hub to help parents looking for additional information about how to support their children. It provides information for all age groups from babies to teenagers and everything in between. Whilst it is in its infancy the focus is primarily on behaviour but the intention is that this builds to be much more comprehensive in terms of what it offers.

We have been asked to share the following link with you; <https://www.surreysfamilyhelphub.org.uk/?view=category> so that you can visit the site and then provide feedback to Surrey CC on what you think.

During the next few weeks Surrey CC will be continually testing and improving the site based on parent's feedback (the feedback link is at the top of the page on the family hub site).

Please do have a look at the site and provide your feedback as this will help Surrey CC to gauge whether it is of use to you as parents and allow them to make decisions on its long-term viability and whether they invest further.

## Can you help?



**SURREY URGENTLY NEEDS MORE FOSTER CARERS**

**Do you have a spare room?  
Could you open your home  
and heart to a child?**

Have you considered fostering? Meet a foster family in your local area and hear about their experiences.

Email foster carer **Cindy** at [Cindyajmorris@gmail.com](mailto:Cindyajmorris@gmail.com) for more information and/or to request to join the online event.

Call **07851654544** if you have trouble joining the event!

Find out more about fostering: [www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering)



**Tuesday**  
9<sup>th</sup> February 7:45pm

**Friday**  
26<sup>th</sup> March 7:45pm

**Thursday**  
8<sup>th</sup> April 3pm (half term)

Surrey County Council has been extremely busy during COVID and now urgently needs new carers in Surrey. You may have seen on the news how carers across the country have had to shield or how mental health due to covid has caused a higher amount of families needing support, Surrey urgently need new carers to come forward.

Cindy a Foster Carer for Surrey CC, is holding online information events monthly over the next year to tell people what it is like to have children in their lives and support them to reach their full potential. She will also have a young person with her to talk about what it is like being in care.

"I have had young people join our family now for many years through fostering. I have seen personally the massive changes we, as a family could make in young people's lives, as they have in ours. If like me, you think you could make a difference and support some of the children in your home do please join me."