



Newsletter – No. 25 31st March 2023

Message from Ms. Mole

On Tuesday Squirrel class went back in time to Medieval times. The classroom was filled with knights, dragons, princesses, princes, kings, queens, a horse and a castle. The children had a turn at jousting and making their own coat of arms. The dining room was turned into a banquet hall where the children entertained one another with music, poems and jokes whilst they ate their lunch.



On Wednesday Rabbit and Badger children all planted a tree in our new hedge in front of the school building (Squirrel class will be planting after the Easter break) I would like to say a huge thankyou to Elisa's mum for helping with this, the children seemed to enjoy it and hopefully they will see the trees take root and provide homes to wildlife in the coming years.

Thursday was filled with fun organized by The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School. The morning started with the Easter Egg Hunt. Rabbit children were looking for Easter themed pictures and Squirrel and Badger children had to find eggs with letter clues attached. The children loved racing around the grounds looking for the clues and they were equally egg-cited when they collected their eggs at the end of the day. The day was finished off with a scrumptious cake sale. Thank you to all those who donated the cakes and all those who bought cakes.

I hope that you have a great break from school and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 17th April.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: **Skye** for being a star and a greta friend to all! We will miss you!

Charlie S for being an amazing friend and brilliant phonics! We will miss you!

Squirrels: **James** for sharing his amazing maths knowledge and working hard!

Badgers: **Alex** for your wonderful lighthouse!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Arthur** for being curious about football players from around the world.

Squirrels: **Willow** for being a wonderful member of Squirrel class—we will miss you!

Badgers: **Kitty** for brilliant resilience and creativity when making your lighthouse!

Well done to all the winners this week.



Forest School Star of the week

Rabbits: **Ralph** for being courageous and resilient during our Easter activities.

Squirrels: **Emily** for being a curious explorer and a great team player.

Badgers: **Harrison** for being caring and encouraging to others.

Well done to all the winners this week.



Fairtrade - X is for eXplore Fairtrade Products

If you haven't already managed to explore the various brands that supply Fairtrade goods the quote opposite is a good reason why you should try and consider it.

There are some eXcellent Fairtrade Easter Eggs out there!

Fairtrade brings benefits and empowers us women. Through the Fairtrade Premium we have been able to learn a lot about trade because we have been given training. Now, I am providing for my husband—it used to be the other way around.

Fati Bramah, Banana Farmer from Ghana

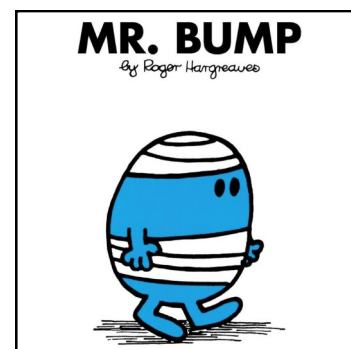
Flyers advertising activities in the local area.

We often receive flyers for events that may be of interest to parents and carers. Rather than fill up your in box we usually display them in the office window. Mrs. Cummings changes the posters as they go out of date and adds new ones in as they arrive. Please do check to see if there any things that are useful to you.

Book Recommendation of the week By Felix in Year 1

Mr Bump by Roger Hargreaves

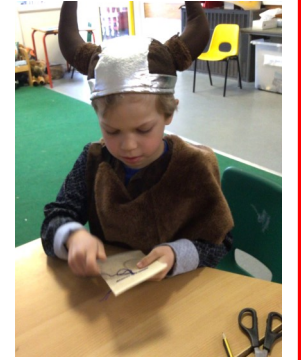
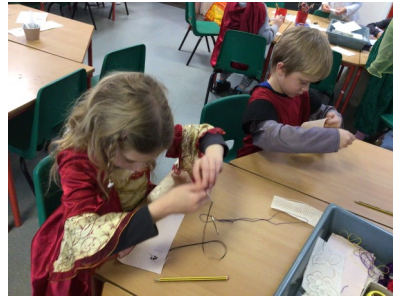
I like this book because it makes me laugh especially when he gets his foot stuck in a plant pot.



Colouring Book Donations

We are on the hunt for any colouring books (not yet coloured or mostly uncoloured) that you may have at home and are willing to donate to our lunchtime colouring corner. Many of our children love to colour at lunchtimes and I'm sure they will make good use of any books donated. Thank you in advance for any donations received!

Year 1 Medieval Day



Toys, Sweets & items from home

Can we please remind you that the children should not bring in items from home unless the teacher has specifically requested or given permission for them to do so. This includes all toys, including soft toys, cars, purses, beads, trinkets etc. Children get very upset when they get lost or damaged which can happen very easily.

Unless there is a specific medical reason that the staff are aware of and have authorized, sweets should definitely not be in your child's bag, this includes throat sweets, mints etc. We have had cases of children swapping sweets in the cloakroom. This has the potential to be extremely dangerous should children with allergies become exposed.

Easter Egg Hunt



Save The Date—Village Day Saturday 17th June 23

We are rapidly approaching the annual Bookham Village Day on Saturday 17th June, when we will again be inviting all Polesden Lacey Infant School children to join us in the childrens' parade down Bookham High Street and into the event area behind the Barn Hall.

This year we have a reputation to protect, having won the infant school category last year!

So please put Saturday 17th June in your diaries for now. More details will be available after Easter.

You'll also see in the Friends' section below an appeal for materials which we can upcycle into costumes and a request for help....

Message From The Friends

That was the Spring Term.....

We can't quite believe that we're at the end of the Spring Term already! Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to our fundraisers this term - baking cakes, Quizzing, buying a ticket, donating a raffle prize, volunteering to help, or organising a whole event! We literally could not do this without your help - whether that's half an hour or half a day.

We pondered our way into 2023 with a brilliant Quiz Night, and then followed it with a free Book Swap for grown ups and children alike. We have finished the term with an egg-cellent Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Sale - hugely enjoyed by the children yesterday.

We're still adding up the exact numbers for recent events but can tell you that we've raised around £1500 so far this school year. We will be discussing with Ms Mole how she and the staff would like to spend this money and will keep you posted!

In the meantime we hope you have a very Happy Easter!

Summer Term

There's lots more coming in the summer term and a couple of things we would like to highlight:

Bounce for Polesden! - Thursday 27th April

Our favourite sponsored event is back for 2023 on Thursday 27th April. The children compete with their classmates to see who can bounce the most times in a minute on a bouncy castle. It's brilliant fun and all done during the school day.

All you need to do is give your permission for your child/ren to take part by filling in the form via the link below. If you would like to sponsor your child, please click the second link below and feel free to share with family and friends. There will be a prize for the most bounces in each class!

Here's what you need to do:

1. Give permission for your child/ren to take part using this link - [Sponsored Bounce Permission Form 2023](#)
2. Click the online sponsorship link here https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/Sponsored_Bounce_2023 if you'd like to sponsor your child
3. Click the 'donate' button and fill in your details including Gift Aid information and sponsorship amount
4. You will receive an email to tell you that your donation is confirmed

If you have any questions or are unable to make payments online please email us at plisfriends@gmail.com.

Thank you and happy bouncing!

Village Day 2023 - Saturday 17th June

As you will have seen in the school notices PLIS will again be taking part in Bookham's annual and very popular Village Day. The Friends traditionally help the school with costume making and therefore we have two requests for you please:

1. Last year our Upcycled Jubilee theme went down very well with the judges. Therefore we are again looking to create costumes and accessories for the children using as much upcycled material as possible. If you have any of the following we'd appreciate it if you could dig it out over the holidays and pop into the black plastic collection box at the front of school when we return:

- Surplus (but unused...) paper plates - white would be great but we can use patterned or other colours too
- Brown, orange, yellow card
- Cardboard tubes such as toilet paper tubes, kitchen roll tubes or the tubes from wrapping paper
- String
- Black, brown, orange, yellow, grey fabric

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- Any grey or brown fluffy fabric
- Large pieces of cardboard - which could be from a flat packed large box or similar (think "placard" size)
- Wooden poles or thick dowling (bamboo poles would work)

2. The children are involved with making their costumes and accessories and this year we have a Safari theme - we are finalising the exact details of the costumes for each class but will need some help on the mornings of Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June, please, to assist in putting together these wonderful creations.

In order to help you must have undertaken a safeguarding session with Ms Mole in the last 12-18 months - if you or a grandparent or another family member would like to help but have not yet completed a safeguarding session please email the office to find out the next available dates. If you have completed a safeguarding session and are available to help please email plisfriends@gmail.com. Thank you!

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!

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

Summer Term 2023

17th April—All children return to school

19th April Year 2 to St.Peter's—Singing Festival (am)

19th April—Splats Circus day for all classes (Year 2 will have their session in the afternoon)

26th April—Year 2 Howard of Effingham Music Festival

27th April—Friends Sponsored Bounce—All classes (pm) more details to follow

1st May—May Day—School Closed

4th May—Year 2 trip to the British Wildlife Centre (all day) more details to follow

8th May—King's Jubilee—School closed

22nd May—Year 1 trip to Wisley Gardens (all day) more details to follow

26th May—Reception Class Assembly— after drop off—more details to follow

29th May—2nd June - Half Term—School Closed