



# Newsletter – No.26 26th March 2021

## Message From Ms. Mole.

We had a lovely opportunity for us all to get together this week. Mr. Gregory has been working in Surrey schools for 25 years and we thought that it would lovely to mark the occasion with the children all singing 'For he's a jolly good fellow' to him, presenting him with a small gift and a chocolate cake from the staff. It is difficult to see in the picture, but Mr. Gregory is blowing the candles out with Mrs. Secker's Forest School bellows. We felt that blowing on the candles on the cake and then eating it would negate all our COVID safety procedures! Here's to the next 25 years!



Take care, stay safe and Kia Kaha

Rebecca Mole Headteacher

## Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Arabella** for being a lovely friend and great writing.

Squirrels: **Henry P** for starting to think about a great story and coming up with some excellent ideas for his dragon story.

Badgers: **Austin** for always being ready to learn, contributing to lessons and being a caring and thoughtful friend and pupil.

Forest School: **Holly** for setting herself challenges!



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

Below are some of this week's leaves:

**Poppy** showed resilience by retrieving the Frisbee from behind the toy boxes.

**Ava** was a caring and supportive friend when they were leaving sad.

**Finn** was caring at playtime by helping his friend Holly on the trim trail.

**Sofia** was caring when she cheered her friend up.

**Erin** was caring towards Sophie when she fell over at break time.

**Calvin** was very courageous when encountering new insects and big worms when putting in his first vegetable patch. He was also curious about them and the vegetables.

**Mia G** showed courage having 2 covid tests over Christmas.

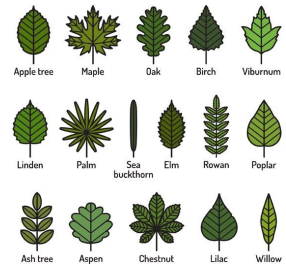
**William G** was very caring and asked if someone was ok when they were looking sad.

**Max** showed resilience by not letting his wobbly tooth distract him from his work.

**Austin** was caring to Kai at breakfast club praising his skill at noughts and crosses.

**Chloe G** was very caring and went to help another child who was finding work tricky.

**Charlie** was caring towards Kai at breakfast club, praising him after he was upset because he lost a game.



### Parent Consultations

Many thanks to all those who attended their parent consultation appointments on line. The feedback we have received has been positive for the use of the online booking system and the teachers appreciated seeing you via the video. We hope that you found the meetings informative and that you have a good understanding about how we can work together to support your child with their learning.

### Remember you can get Symptom Free Test Kits

The government has announced that if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a school pupil, college student or of a staff member, you can get twice-weekly symptom free tests. You can use any testing offered by your employer, **book** an appointment online at a symptom-free testing site, **collect** a home-testing kit from a designated collection point, or if unable to travel to a site, **order** a kit online. Find out more at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

## Fairtrade

It's lovely to receive a chocolate egg at Easter, so why not make it a **Fairtrade Easter egg**? According to the [Fairtrade Foundation](#) "Fairtrade chocolate makes a real difference to the lives, and futures, of over 179,800 farmers in the developing nations." So this Easter why don't you help contribute to a fairer world as you tuck into your chocolate egg on Easter Day.



## ECO Tip

Another one of Badger class wrote to the Prime Minister recently. This time it was to enlist his support in reducing the amount of plastic in the sea. He had learnt about Sea bins <https://seabinproject.com/> and about the Great Pacific Ocean Garbage Patch and he wants the Prime Minister to help develop a plane (solar powered of course) that can drop Sea bins and collect the plastic. Again we are looking forward to the Prime Minister's reply.

## Reading

Reading with your child is one of the most important things you can do to aid their development. Taking the time to read with your child allows opportunities for conversations both about the book and all sorts of other topics. Please see the separate attachment with this weeks Newsletter from the Education Endowment Foundation suggesting helpful tips and questions you can use with your child during this time.

### **Mole valley Easter holiday activities**

This year, Mole Valley District Council put together a range of fun virtual activities including dance, yoga and bodyweight training as well as putting together fun activities families can do outdoors such as walking trails, sports activities and general fun things to do outdoors like our park bingo.

For more information on these activities, they should visit - <https://molevalley.gov.uk/holidayactivities>.



### **Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy Consultation**

Thank you to all those who responded to the Relationships, Sex and Health Education policy consultation. I have had a chance to briefly review the feedback and will be looking at it in more detail next week. I will use this to inform any changes or alterations to the policy and then take it back to the Governing body for approval. Once approved it will be made available to you via the website. Once again many thanks to those who made comments and who had evidently taken time to consider the policy and how it can support our children's development.

### **Bikeability Cycling Instructors**

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors and we would be very grateful if you could please forward the link below to your parents and carers or add it to your next school newsletter. We hope that with your assistance this may appeal to those looking for a rewarding role. We find that often parents are very interested in this role even if they are not actually looking at job sites.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=12911>

### **Dates**

#### **Spring Term**

1st April 2021—school closes at 1pm for Easter Holidays

#### **Summer Term**

19th April 2021—all children return to school