



# Newsletter – No. 27 28th April 2023

## Message from Ms. Mole

Despite the weather trying to keep us in winter time we have been fortunate that the real cold and rain has come outside of school hours meaning that the children have had lots of fun outside both in class time and at playtimes. The children have been busy building and making and you can see some of their handiwork in the pictures below. I was with some visitors on Thursday afternoon when Squirrel class were in the woods and orchards and one of the visitors produced a 'wow!' and then said 'what a wonderful time the children are having'. It was lovely to be able to share just what a special place our school is with other people.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs. Buchanan, our School Business Manager, will be leaving us at the end of June. She has been a wonderful addition to the Polesden Lacey Infant School team but she has recently been offered a job very local to where she lives. I am sure that when the time comes for her to leave you will join me in wishing her well. Her departure does however mean that we are now looking for a new School Business Manager! The role is advertised on eteach and can be accessed using this link: <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-business-manager-1326695?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y> Directly relevant experience is not essential and flexible working during term time is available. If you would like to have an informal discussion about the role please contact me or Catherine Buchanan (School Business Manager).

I hope that you all have a great May Bank Holiday weekend and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday morning.

## Star of Week

**Rabbits:** Sophie for brilliant writing and being a great friend

**Hugo** for fantastic writing and reading!

**Squirrels:** Theo C for working hard to embed the phonics sounds and make great progress in his reading!

**Badgers:** Henry for wonderful reasoning skills while explaining your ideas in Geography this week, you shared your understanding so confidently!

## Values Star of the week: .

**Rabbits:** Ralph for encouraging his friends when finding something tricky.

**Squirrels:** James T for demonstrating curiosity when estimating capacity and volume!

**Badgers:** Arabella for being a caring friend to everyone in Badger Class!



## Forest School Star of the week

**Rabbits:** Seren for showing imagination making your mud giant.

**Squirrels:** Ellie for showing your artistic flare creating a Richard Long inspired sculpture.

**Badgers:** Oliver for being really helpful building our nature wall.

Well done to all the winners this week.



### Fairtrade - Z is for ..... Zaytoun Extra Virgin Olive Oil

In 2009 Zaytoun Extra Virgin Olive Oil, grown by Palestinian farmers, was the world's first olive oil to be awarded Fairtrade certification. The olives are grown by family farmers whose Palestinian ancestors have tended their trees by hand for generations. They remain a firm favourite with UK shoppers: Zaytoun's olive oil was voted the nation's favourite organic product in the Soil Association's 2021 BOOM (Best of Organic Market) Awards.



### Platinum Reading Medal

Well done to Maxine and Anastasia in Squirrel Class who have read over 200 times at home since September! They have been awarded their Platinum Reading Medal!



### Book Recommendation of the week ..... By Harry G in Year 1

#### Under the Sea

"I like the stone fish, the nemo fish and the shark.

My dad had a nemo fish but it died."



### Google Form For Change of School Hours – Reminder

Please can we remind you that the last day for completing the google form regarding the change to school hours is today. An e-mail was sent to all parents on Thursday 30th March with a letter attached explaining what is proposed and why. If you haven't already done so, and would like to add your views please click on the following link; <https://forms.office.com/e/jf8H4BuHQm>

### Safeguarding Briefing Session for Parent Volunteers—Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 9am

We will be running a Parent Volunteer Safeguarding session for any parents who would like to help out in school with the various events that the Friends run, like the Christmas making morning, movie nights 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](mailto: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.

## Year 2 Singing (again!)

Year 2 have had a very musical start to the Summer Term. Last week they went to St. Peter's School in Leatherhead, on Tuesday afternoon over half of the class went to sing at St. Nicholas' Church in Bookham and on Wednesday morning they joined children from other local schools in the Effingham Learning Partnership schools Infant music festival. Later on this term they will be taking part in a wonderful musical event at The Yehudi Menuhin School. A huge well done to the children and Miss. Joslin for all their hard work in learning the songs and performing them so beautifully.





## This Week at Forest School





### **Dyslexia Information Coffee Morning**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 9.15am**

We are holding a coffee morning for Parents and Carers of children from St. Matthews Infant School, Eastwick Infant School and Polesden Lacey Infant School to attend a talk/coffee morning on the subject of dyslexia. The session will start with a presentation by Katrina Cochrane, founder of 'Positive Dyslexia', with a focus on infant age children. Katrina has spent nearly 25 years in education and is in her 20<sup>th</sup> year as a Dyslexia Specialist. She has held pivotal roles for both Dyslexia Action and The British Dyslexia Association. She has also co-written two books on dyslexia and is an inspiring leader in dyslexia training, supporting both children and adults impacted by dyslexia.

Please do come along to find out more about dyslexia and positive ways to support it.

The format of the morning will be as follows:

9.15am - Presentation about dyslexia by Katrina Cochrane

10.15am – Opportunity for Q&A

10.45am - Finish

Please would you kindly confirm your attendance with the school office by completing this online form: <https://forms.gle/wPNBtnxXYfAxeFaE7>

### **PE kit list**

Black tracksuit

Red T Shirt with or without logo

Black shorts

black plimsolls or plain black trainers

All the above items can be purchased from the The Kit Shop Ltd, 232 Cobham Road, Fetcham, Surrey. Telephone Number 01372 378303. Alternatively, non logoed items can be purchased from any supermarket or high street shop.



### **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

### A Right Royal Bounce on Friday 5th May

Don't forget that next Friday 5th May will be the 2023 Sponsored Bounce with a Coronation Theme!

The children will be bouncing during the school day and we will "crown" a King or Queen of the Bounce for each class (the child who registers the most bounces in 60 seconds) and there will be a small prize.



### A reminder of the actions for you to take please

1. If you have already given your permission for your child to bounce you don't need to do anything further.
2. If you have not yet given permission please do so via this link **by Wednesday 3rd May** (without it your child will not be able to take part) [Sponsored Bounce Permission Form 2023](#)
3. We'd very much appreciate sponsorship donations via this link please [https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/Sponsored Bounce 2023](https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/Sponsored_Bounce_2023). Please feel free to send it around to family and friends too! All funds raised are used by the school for the direct benefit of all children at Polesden Lacey Infants. We are currently discussing new funding requirements to follow our successful fundraising for the outdoor classroom, installed last summer.



Then don't forget to stay after pick-up, with your children, for the school's Coronation Picnic from 3pm. There might just be more bouncing opportunities for all children attending the picnic!

### 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 and pop into the black plastic collection box at the front of school:

- ♦ 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
- ♦ Any grey or brown fluffy fabric



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 sign up. If you have completed a safeguarding session and are available to help please email [plisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:plisfriends@gmail.com). Thank you!

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

If you're keen to help out with any of these activities and events, or have any questions, please email [plisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:plisfriends@gmail.com).

**To be able to help you will need to have attended one of Ms Mole's Safeguarding Briefing sessions please.**

Fri 28th April—Second Hand Uniform Sale 3pm

Fri 5th May - Sponsored Bounce during the school day

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

Friday 9th June - Gardening Afternoon (3pm-5pm)

Friday 7th July - Mufti Day

Sun 9th July 12pm-3pm - Summer Fair

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

### **School Dates**

#### **Summer Term 2023**

***1st May—May Day—School Closed***

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

5th May—am—Reception Class Pet Show

pm—Friends Sponsored Bounce—all classes

Afterschool—Coronation Picnic—All welcome Parents to take care of own children

***8th May—King's Coronation—School closed for additional bank holiday***

***12th May—Dyslexia information coffee morning***

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

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

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

**Saturday 17th June—Bookham Village Day** (all children and families invited to join the parade)

**Sunday 25th June - Bookham Open Gardens** (Pupil tour guide volunteers to show visitors around our school grounds.)