



# Newsletter – No. 3 23rd September 2022

## Message from Mrs. Mole

The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School had their first meeting on Thursday evening and it was great to see some new faces. I heard from some parents that they had wanted to come along but couldn't make it, so I wanted to outline just how important the Friends are to the children and the school.

The thing that most people think of when they hear about a PTA is fundraising and The Friends do an amazing job of this. In the past few years, they have bought iPads, programmable toys, gardening resources, provided money for the teachers to buy extra things for their classes as well as committing to funding the outdoor classroom. They do however do so much more than this. The events that they organise bring our community together and both the adults and the children seem to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Plans for this coming year include a quiz night for adults, movie nights for the children, a summer fair, a book swap and Christmas jumper swap, a bake sale, bulb planting, Christmas in the classroom and fingers crossed Father Christmas confirms that he has time to pop into Polesden Lacey Infant School in December! These events add so much to the experiences that the children have and would not be possible without the parents who form The Friends and all those that offer some of their time and or skills. They welcomed in new parents at the coffee morning today and are getting ready for the Gardening Day on Sunday 16th October. Put the date in your diary! It is lots of fun, adults and children get involved and the Friends provide a yummy lunch to keep us all going.

If you want more information on anything The Friends do, just ask one of the committee or email [plisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:plisfriends@gmail.com) and remember many hands make light work!

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher



The grand opening of the outdoor classroom at the summer fair in July

## Individual School Photos

Children's individual school photos will be taking place during the morning of **Monday 3rd October**.

Remember to take extra special care when getting ready for school so that you can look your best! (We will remind you again next week)



### Star of Week

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

**Rabbits: Kenny** for being a great friend and enthusiastic about everything he goes!

**Squirrels: Willow** for challenging herself and stretching her brain!

**Badgers: Oliver** for amazing effort, enthusiasm and focus in phonics this week. You are an amazing role-model for everyone in Badger Class!

**Values Star of the week: .**

**Rabbits: Charlie B** for being such a kind and caring friend!

**Squirrels: Lara** for being a resilient and courageous learner!

**Badgers: Chloe** for brilliant resilience in your maths learning this week. You are a SUPERSTAR!

### Fairtrade

#### A is for Alstroemeria

Alstroemeria are beautiful flowers that are often called Peruvian Lilies. This is a picture of a Fairtrade bouquet of alstroemeria with red roses. Fairtrade Alstroemeria can often be bought in shops like Marks and Spencer, Asda and the Co-op.

Written by Addison.



### Reading Meeting—Tuesday 4th October 7.30pm—8.30pm

Mrs Binding is holding a Reading meeting at school on the evening of Tuesday 4th October. The purpose of the meeting is to give you an introduction to the Little Wandle scheme that we are now following and an insight into how we teach reading. All parents are encouraged to come along and find out more.

### Save the Date!

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 8pm

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm we have organised an e-Safety meeting to support you to keep your child safe online. It will be run by two ex-safeguarding Police who are going to share information, ideas and insights into online child exploitation and how best to support your family. It has been organised at this time (8pm) as the meeting is not going to be suitable for young ears, please be aware of this before joining the meeting. Joining details to the meeting will be sent in the near future. Please see this website for more information and get the date in your dairies now- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 8pm!** <https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

Mrs Mathews

### E-Safety Tip

**Age Ratings!** See <https://pegi.info/> to check whether the apps and games your child is using are appropriate. There are two levels of information which are the age labels and the content descriptors! Often common games and apps are aimed at either 3 or 7 years' old which may surprise you!

### Mystery Reader

After the success of Mystery Reader last year we would love volunteers again. Mystery Reader is exactly that - the children do not know who is coming to read their class a story of their choice and are always so excited when the mystery is revealed.

Mystery Reader will take place on Friday afternoon at 2.40pm.

Please email your class teacher direct if you would like to be a mystery reader.

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### Forest School and PE

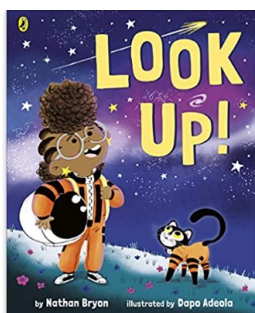
Forest School and PE sessions have now started with the children.

There were a few children who did not have their kits in school!

Please can you make sure that your child has their Forest School and PE kit in school at all times as we do not have enough spares to cover them all.



### Book Recommendation of the week from Mrs Binding



Look Up! is a book about a little girl called Rocket and her love for space and wanting to share this with her big brother who is always looking down instead of up. A fun story with a subtle message about screen time which the children have been discussing in class.

### Message from The Friends

#### Gardening is good for the soul!

Come and join us for a fun family gardening day on Sunday 16th October 10am - 2.30pm.

One of the wonderful features of our school is its grounds. From the trim trail and the orchard to the pond and the woods, our children can have an adventure every day.

But it's a big job to maintain everything, so we're asking for volunteers to help prune, cut, chop and tidy - no experience necessary! It's a day for all the family with lots of areas where children can help too. Drinks and biscuits will be available throughout the day, with lunch provided at midday.

If you would like to help, please click the link and fill in your details for lunch ;

[Gardening day attendance](#) by Friday 7th October. So put your wellies on and come along with the whole family – everyone welcome!

#### Dates for your diary:

Gardening Day - Sunday 16th October

HairyScary/Mufti day—Friday 21st October—more details to follow

### Dates

#### Autumn Term 2022

3rd October—Children's Individual School photos

4th October—Reading Meeting at school 7.30pm—8.30pm

18th October Lego Stem Workshop during the school day

Half Term; 24th October —28th October 2021

2nd November 2pm—3pm Open Afternoon Year 1 & 2, Stay & Play for Reception

23rd November Flu Immunisation's for all classes (Parents must sign up for this online—  
see separate e-mail for more details)

Last day of Term; Friday 16th December 2022 school closes at 1pm