



Newsletter – No. 33 16th June 2023

Message from Ms. Mole

The lovely outdoor classroom has been wonderful this week in the heat. I took one of my reading groups in there on Thursday and the children have loved having it as a place to be in the shade at play and lunch times.



I am really looking forward to Village Day tomorrow and can't wait to see all the children parading with their masks of endangered animals and Badger class performing their Lion King Dance (Mrs. Parry and I have been practicing and we are improving - we are channeling our Growth Mind-set and firmly believe we will have learnt all the moves by Saturday, with the help of the children!)

Rebecca Mole
Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: **Edward** for fantastic maths—even testing Mrs Binding!

Squirrels: **All of Year 1** for fantastic effort in the phonics challenge!

Badgers: **Elisa** for confidently helping your friends learn songs for our class assembly. You are a great singing leader!



Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Oscar** for being resilient when learning his phonics and making great progress!

Squirrels: **Dashel** for being a caring member of Squirrel class

Badgers: **Kitty** for your amazing resilience which has allowed you to make fantastic progress in all areas of your learning!

Forest School Star of the week

Rabbits: Seth for helping to look after our woodland area.

Squirrels: Eloise for being helpful and working hard to take care of our woodland area.

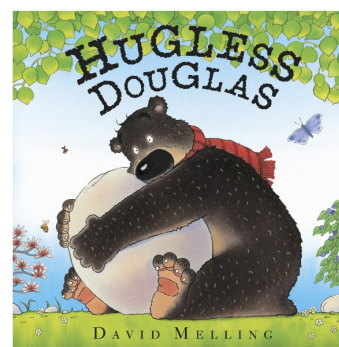
Badgers: Oliver for being helpful and a good team player.



Well done to all the winners this week.

Book Recommendation of the week By Mrs Mathews

Mrs Mathews and her daughter Lottie enjoy reading Hugless Douglas whilst snuggling up for cuddles! There are many books in the series so why not take a look!



Sports Day—Request from Mrs Mullins

Sports day is fast approaching! This is a last minute plea to anyone who has any unwanted ball pit balls for one of our activities. We have already sourced quite a few from some kind donations from parents and the local community but the more we have the better! If you have any balls that you are willing to donate please pass them on to Mrs Mullins.

Bookham Village Day—2023

As you know, we will again be taking part in Bookham's very popular Village Day on Saturday 17th June. There is a Childrens' Parade down the High Street and into the arena on the Barn Hall field.

Attendance is optional but we would love you to join us in showing off our wonderful school community and our creativity. We have a reputation to protect too, having won the Infant School Category last year!

We will be making our costumes during the Making Morning on Thursday 8th June - each class will be representing one type of endangered safari animal. Some of the adults will be dressed as conservationists.

If you're able to attend, the timings are as follows:

11.10-11.25am - gather in our designated space on Bookham High Street (we will confirm exact details nearer the time). **Parents must accompany your children please.**

11.40am - Parade starts and processes down the High Street, Church Street and onto the Barn Hall field. Parents can walk alongside

12pm - Children gather in the arena to hear the results of the judging. Once this is completed the children will be returned to you

12.55pm - Badgers Class (Y2) will perform a dance in the Arena, led by Ms Mole, so please stay around to take part or support us!

This week at Forest School



PLIS Summer Fair - Sunday 9th July (12pm-3pm)

Planning is well underway for this year's main Summer event - the PLIS Summer Fair!

Raid your cupboards!

If you're having a sort out in the next couple of weeks we'd love to give a new home to any of the following which are in good condition:

- Soft toys
- Other toys and games
- Unused craft kits or any other craft items (for our Reduce/Reuse Craft Stall)

Any unwanted BBQ tools so that our BBQ-ers don't have to bring their own!

Please pop them in the large black plastic box which will be back out in front of the school next week.

We will also be holding our usual Jolly Jar competition - more details to follow but, if you can, start saving a jar or two, and asking for bottle donations on the Mufti Day on Friday 7th July.

We will be asking for volunteers to help set up on Saturday 8th July from 3pm-5pm and then from 9am -12pm on Sunday 9th July plus, of course, helpers to man our stalls from 12pm-3pm. A volunteer rota will be sent out shortly. We'd love your help please to make this a super-summer extravaganza!

Important—Sun Hats & Sunscreen

Even though it isn't always particularly sunny at the moment the UV levels are high and can cause skin damage through the clouds. To help protect your children please remember to send them to school with sun hats, apply sun cream before you come to school and bring a rain coat. The weather has been unpredictable so far this year so we need you to plan for all eventualities! Whether it is sunny or wet we love to be outside in it!

It is your responsibility to make sure that sunscreen has been applied to your child before they come to school. Unless there is a very good reason, ie history of skin cancer or the like, staff do not have the time to be reminding and reapplying sunscreen at lunchtime. Most good sunscreen will last for the duration of the school day so for the majority of children we would not expect them to have sun screen at school. If sunscreen is required you must complete a medical form and hand the form and sunscreen in to the school office. It must not be left in your child's school bag.

We strongly recommend the legionnaire style sun hat as this helps to protect the children's necks and ears as well as keeping the sun off their heads and faces. If you do not have a sun hat at home we do have them for sale in the school office at a cost of £4.00. Payment can be made by cash or bank transfer, Mrs Cummings can give you the school bank details.

If your child does not have a sun hat with them, they will be allowed out to play, but will only be allowed in the shady areas. This may restrict the games that they want to play with their friends.

Please note that year 1 and 2 are only really outside for 15 minutes at break time and 45 minutes at the absolute most at lunchtime and this is in 2 separate stints as they go out for a bit, then come in for lunch and then go out again afterwards. Reception children will be in the sun more than that as they also play outside throughout the school day. If the weather is particularly hot and sunny we open up the woodlands at break and lunchtimes for all children to play in as it is shaded by the trees and therefore reduces the amount of sun exposure.

Unwanted Games and Puzzles

We are looking at updating our games and puzzles in the classrooms ready for September! If you are having a clear out over half-term and you are planning on donating any board/ card games or complete puzzles in good condition, we would love to take them off your hands! Please hand them to Mrs Mathews in Squirrel Class.

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.

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

Sat 17th June—Bookham Village Day

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

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

21st June—Olympic Athlete Visit

23rd June—Yr 2 Yehudi Menuhin singing Picnic—more details to follow

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

29th June (PM) - Sports Day followed by picnic (optional after school)

6th July—Open Afternoon Yr 1 & Yr 2, Stay and Play for Reception—more details to follow

19th July—(am) Year 2 Leavers Assembly—more details to follow

21st July—Last day of term—school finishes at 1pm