

Message From Ms. Mole.

At last the sun has come out to shine and just in time for half term. The change in the weather was greatly appreciated by Rabbit class when they went on their first school trip to Nower Wood. By all accounts, from children, staff and parents it was an amazing day. Please see some photographs below and check out the website gallery to see even more pictures.

Squirrels have continued to immerse themselves in the Amazon Rainforest. They have made fact files about it, researched the animals that live there using the Chromebooks and the internet, written an imaginative diary about an imaginary journey there and painted pictures in the style of John Dyer. The photographs below show the children working with partners to carry out some research on the creatures in the Amazon. I have been inundated with squirrel children knocking on my door to show me their learning, which they are so proud of.



Take care, continue to stay safe and have a fabulous half-term break. See you all on Tuesday 8th June.

Rebecca Mole Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Flynn** for fantastic independent writing.

Squirrels: **Sam** for taking care and ensuring his rainforest drawings and diary were completed to a high standard.

Badgers: **Lily** for concentrating and trying really hard in every lesson.

Forest School: **Scarlett** for her honesty and brilliant teamwork!



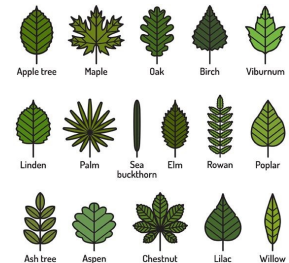
Values Leaves: Fair, Resilient, Respectful, Caring, Courageous and Curious.

Below are some of this week's leaves:

Ava was caring helping her friend when she was sad.

Emma was caring giving her lolly to a friend who didn't have one and curious when she learnt to count to 20 in French

Finbar was courageous and resilient when riding his new bike - he 'really is a mountain biker now, really.'



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->

Fairtrade

We have attached a couple of our Fairtrade posters to this email. Remember to buy Fairtrade when possible, it really makes a difference to people's lives and they in turn can take care of some of the world's most precious environments.



Eco Tip

We have been learning about habitats in school and what creatures live where. During half term why not go on a bug hunt and see what you can see.

Could you build a mini bug hotel or collect some pieces of wood to create a space for different animals to live in. Here is a link to a bug hotel that Chester Zoo made.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OexxoXo9uFk>



Contact Tracing and Lateral Flow and PCR tests

Please would you inform us if your child tests positive for Coronavirus within 48 hours of them attending school, that is up to and including Sunday 30th May 2021. Please contact us via office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk After this date, please follow the contact tracing instructions provided by the NHS.

Testing

Please do remember that if your child or a household or bubble member develops COVID symptoms, you should not use the Lateral Flow kits that are for symptom-free testing only. In this case, you should book a free PCR test at gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119.

COVID Local Support Grant

Surrey County Council will ensure help is available for families struggling as we transition out of lockdown, through the Government's COVID Local Support Grant. It is designed to directly help families and individuals who have been hardest hit by the pandemic, with the majority set aside to ensure children do not go hungry during school holidays.

The council, through schools, will ensure support to all 17,000 children in the county eligible for Free School Meals. There will also be a grant for care leavers, and direct support to families of younger children eligible for the pupil premium.

The remainder of the funding will be given to the Surrey Crisis Fund and made available to residents who are struggling. This money will provide support towards food costs and utility bills, but also emergencies such as replacing broken white goods, to guide people away from long lasting debt.

Surrey County Council will administer the funds, which must be spent by 20 June 2021. As the funding is only available for a limited time, Surrey have asked us to share this message with eligible families.

Enquiries should be directed to the Community Helpline: 0300 200 1008. More information can be accessed on the [government website](#) or the [Surrey Crisis Fund webpage](#)

Reception Trip to Nower Wood



Releasing the butterflies

Reception class have been looking after some caterpillars which have, this week, emerged from their chrysalises as beautiful butterflies. Can you spot the butterfly in the picture on the right?



Hats and Sun cream

Now that the weather is improving please remember to send your child in with their sun hats and sun cream applied.

(Make sure you write your child's name in the hat so that we can identify lost hats and return them to their rightful owner!)

If you need a sun hat we do have a supply available for sale at a cost of £3.50 from the school office.



Bookham Space

The Treasurer and Company Secretary of South Bookham SPACE, is stepping down from the role and a replacement is being sought. If you are an accountant or at least someone with financial training who lives in the Bookham area and are interested in helping please see below;

South Bookham SPACE is a charity and the role is unpaid, probably taking about a hour or so per week with additional time for year end accounts, budgets etc. The management team meet six times per year. Anyone interested in knowing more should contact Trevor at trevorgw@outlook.com

Dates

Summer Term

31st May—4th June—School Closed—Half Term

Monday 7th June—school Closed—Inset Day

Wednesday 16th June—Class Photos

Thursday 17th June—Year 1 trip to Wisley

Thursday 24th June—Year 2 at Yehudi Menhuin School—Singing Festival (am)

Wednesday 7th July—Sports day 1.30pm start

Thursday 8th July—Athletes in School (am)

Wednesday 21st July—School Finishes 1.00pm for the Summer Holidays