



# Newsletter – No. 34 23rd June 2023

## Message from Ms. Mole

What a wonderful time we had at Village Day on Saturday. A huge thank you to all the children and their families who joined in the parade and who stayed to dance or watch the dance. A great, albeit hot, time was had by all.

One of the groups who make this type of event possible are the Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School. They help to pick what our costumes should look like, rally support to collect the materials and come into school to help the children to make their costumes. You will have seen an email from Cathy Liversidge and me this week encouraging parents and carers to join their ranks, either as one of the elected committee or as part of the wider Friends team. Please do consider joining their ranks, their work makes a huge difference to the children and to the school and from all accounts those who volunteer also get a lot from the experience.

This Sunday we are opening our wonderful grounds to the public of Bookham as part of Bookham Open Gardens. There are 15 gardens that you could go and visit and we are number one on their guide. We have had offers from lots of children to show people around but there are still a few slots in the afternoon if you haven't already signed up and your child would like to be involved. You can either sign up on the form or come and see me on the day.

Rebecca Mole

Headteacher



## Star of Week

**Rabbits:** **Evie** for great progress in phonics! Well done!

**Squirrels:** **Heidi** for showing off her super skills with our athlete!

**Badgers:** **Alex** for your enthusiasm when sharing your knowledge of the moon landing!



## Values Star of the week: .

**Rabbits:** **Ralph** for being such a caring, fair and respectful friend to everyone.

**Squirrels:** **Eloise** for being a curious thinker and problem solver.

**Badgers:** **Gabriel** for your resilience when practicing the recorder this week!

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

### Forest School Star of the week

**Rabbits:** Ben for amazing focus and attention to detail making Andy Goldsworthy in spired sculptures.

**Squirrels:** Isobel for creating a fabulous layers of the rainforest picture using natural materials.

**Badgers:** Rocco for being really sensible and focused using the palm drill to make your Elder neck lace.



### Book Recommendation of the week ..... By Maddie Year 1

**My Naughty Little Sister - A Treasury Collection**  
By Dorothy Edwards, Illustrated by Shirley Hughes

"I love the My Naughty Little Sister stories because they're really nice. I like reading these at bedtime because they're all about mischief. The book is full of lovely drawings that fill your head with imagination."



### 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.

### Athlete Visit





### This week at Forest School



### Message From The Friends

#### 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.

### **FAMILY DAY at The Yehudi Menuhin School - The Carnival of the Animals**

An afternoon of musical magic for the whole family with two performances of Saint-Saëns' The Carnival of the Animals.

Have you ever seen a tortoise dancing the can-can or an elephant attempting a nimble waltz? How about violins masquerading as cheeky, pecking hens or kangaroos leaping across pianos? No? Well, you can find them all and more in Saint-Saëns' fun-filled The Carnival of the Animals.

Bring the whole family along for an afternoon of musical magic plus face painting, bouncy castles, games, food and refreshments and much more! We will also be hosting a Baby Menuhins taster session in The Menuhin Hall foyer from 12.15 – 12.35pm.

Visit [Menuhin Hall | Summer Festival | Family Day | The Carnival of the Animals -](#)

[themenuhinhall.co.uk](http://themenuhinhall.co.uk) for more information and to book your ticket for **2 July**, which is valid for your selected 1.15pm or 3.45pm performance but you are welcome to stay and enjoy the School's grounds and activities all afternoon.

### **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.**

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**

**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