

Newsletter - No.34 11th June 2021

Message From Ms. Mole.

I hope that you all had a great half term and from the tales that the children tell us, it sounds as if you did! We are all looking forward to this half term. The teachers have lots of exciting learning planned for their classes, we have some more trips planned for the Year 1 and 2 children, our Badgers will be visiting their new schools and we will be welcoming our new Rabbit children into Polesden Lacey Infant School. We are also hopeful, depending on Government guidelines, that we will be able to welcome parents into school for sports day and for the Year 2 leavers assembly. I have lots of fingers crossed!

Our garden volunteers were in this week and it is amazing what three people can achieve in just one afternoon. The Willow Whale has had a hair cut and the sensory garden is weed free and looking beautiful. The Wildflower Meadow is also beginning to flower and is teaming with wildlife and Reception class already have a few ripe strawberries on one of their plants.









Take care and enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Rebecca Mole Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Rocco** for lovely writing and careful handwriting.

Squirrels: Mia for using adjectives and conjunctions in her writing in English.

Badgers: **Daniel** for positive contributions in class.

Oscar for positive contributions in class.

Forest School: Alex for excellent observation and recreation of an old spider's web.

Ella for her super motivation and teamwork.



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

Below are some of this week's leaves:

Riana for being courageous and resilient when walking her dog.

Riley was caring when another child fell over he went to find a teacher to help.



Jacob was caring when to he took Mrs Quin to see another child that had been hurt.

Mael was curious about numbers to 199 and beyond and the way they continue forever.

Kai was caring when he noticed that Elisa was sad as she didn't have a band to go outside. He took his band off and gave it to her.

Molly was courageous when she hurt herself with her apron.

Arabella was very caring to Mrs Parry when she said she liked her dress.

COVID –19 Testing Reminder

All adults and secondary and college age students are encouraged to take a symptom-free LFD test twice a week. You will not need to isolate while waiting for the results of the symptom-free LFD test. Adults can collect a home testing kit from a <u>designated site</u> or order <u>online</u>. Find out more about symptom-free testing <u>here</u>.

Please remember if your child or a household member develops COVID-19 symptoms, do not use symptom-free LFD testing. Instead, <u>book a PCR test</u> or call 119.

Testing is not a replacement for infection prevention and control measures that education settings, pupils and their households must continue to follow.

Remember: HANDS - FACE - SPACE - FRESH AIR.

We all need to continue to follow national and local COVID-19 guidance in line with the roadmap. In education settings this includes; social distancing between bubbles or cohorts, one-way systems, enhanced cleaning and handwashing, some staggered start and finish times and face coverings where appropriate.

If you're aged 30 or over you can get the <u>COVID-19 vaccine</u> (the eligible age is rapidly decreasing). You can <u>book an appointment</u> at a larger vaccination centre or pharmacy now, or wait to be invited to go to a local NHS service. If you are not yet eligible, the NHS will let you know when it's your turn to have the vaccine.

Eco Tip

In Circle Time the children were thinking of ways that we can become more environmentally friendly. Over the next few weeks I will focus on the ideas that the children came up with (there were lots of great ideas!)

Idea No. 1

Try to walk, scoot or cycle to get to school or other local places that you want to visit. Not only is this beneficial for the planet it also helps us to keep fit.



Fairtrade

Focus on Rice

It's a mealtime favourite for many of us and a staple food for billions worldwide. Yet the small-scale farmers who grow most of the world's rice are struggling to make ends meet.

Global rice prices are highly volatile and often do not enable farmers to meet even their basic needs. Small-scale farmers frequently go into debt during the yearly production cycle, and their products face competition from the highly subsidized rice grown on an industrial scale in developed countries. Fairtrade works with farmers in developing countries whose average plots are a few football fields in size, enabling them to gain a foothold in the global market.







Parking on-site—Reminder

As per section 1.1.1 of the Parents Handbook, can we please remind all parents that for safety reasons parking on site for drop off or pickup of your children is not permitted without prior permission from the school office. This includes dropping off and collecting from Breakfast and After School Clubs.

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

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