



# Newsletter - No. 39 18th July 2025

# Message from Ms. Mole

I can't believe that we have nearly reached the end of the school year and that our fabulous Badgers will very soon be leaving us to move on to pastures new.

Next week we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Trussler, who is retiring after 23 years at Polesden Lacey Infant School, Mrs. Wickes who is leaving to continue working for The Leo Trust, at their West Ashtead Centre and Miss. Kinsey (Coach Simone) who is having a complete change of career and taking up a post at a fines processing office (let's hope we only ever hear from her on a personal level and not in her new role!). Mr. Hinks, who has been with Badger class as he completed his teacher training year is also moving on and has accepted a post at another LEO school, based in Cheam. As you know Miss. Gerrard is taking a sabbatical and we said 'au revoir' to her after we had been entertained by the wonderful Rock Steady Bands and their awesome Rockstar members. (Miss. Gerrard has organized a 'gofundme' page and details can be found below if you wish to make a donation) Although we are always sad to see children and adults move on, we know that they will take a little bit of the Polesden Lacey Infant School magic with them and they will remain firmly in our hearts and memories.

For any of you who come into the school in the next couple of days, you may notice that the walls are starting to look a little bare. This is because the decorators are moving in next week. We are very excited to see what the school looks like come September.

Have a lovely weekend and I am looking forward to a great last two days of the summer term. Remember that we break up at **1pm** on Tuesday **22nd July.** 

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

### Star of Week

**Rabbits:** Each and Every 'Rabbit' for all the effort you have put into your last 'Drawing Club' session and all the effort working in pairs in our maths lessons. You are all sparkly stars!

Squirrels: Squirrel Class for an amazing year, you have all worked hard and done your best!

Badgers: All of Badger Class for all your hard work and enthusiasm this year!

### Values Star of the week

Rabbits: All of Rabbit Class for showing our values every day in everything you do. What

an amazing year you have had!

**Squirrels:** Finn for always being curious in everything that you do!

Badgers: Rilee for your resilience when learning to sew this week!



**Attendance Cup: Rabbit Class** 



#### **NUMBOTS Star of the Week**

Rabbits: Lettice

Squirrels: Sami



# **Message from the Friends**

Happy Summer Holidays!

As we said earlier in our message earlier this week, a huge heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported our events this year, in whatever capacity that may be. We really couldn't do it without you all!

Wishing you all a brilliant summer break and we look forward to kicking off another wonderful year in September!

# **Library Summer Reading Challenge**

As we approach the summer holidays, Leatherhead and Bookham Libraries would like to share information about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11, delivered via public libraries. Children can sign up for free at their local library or online. Last year, over 10,300 children joined the Challenge with Surrey Libraries.

#### How it works:

- Children can sign up at their local library, where they will receive a special sticker booklet.
- They set a summer reading goal and choose books, eBooks, or audiobooks of their choice logging their reading will earn rewards such as stickers, a bookmark, and seed packet.
- The Libraries will also be running a programme of free themed events and activities!
- Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and a special wrist-band.

Children can also take part online if they prefer! <a href="www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk">www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk</a>

# Miss. Gerrard's Go Fund Me Page

To read more about Miss. Gerrard's story and her go fund me page please follow this link:

# https://gofund.me/64310f75

## **Social Media**

Don't forget to look at our school social media pages for photo's and information about things going on at school.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/PolesdenLaceyInfantSchool

Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/polesdenlaceyinfant">https://www.instagram.com/polesdenlaceyinfant</a>

# **Dates For Your Diary**

## **Summer Term 2**

1st July (am) Year 2 Leavers Assembly (more details to follow in due course)

22nd July—Last day of term—school finishes at 1pm.

# **September 25**

1st September—Inset Day—school closed

2nd September—inset Day—School closed

3rd September — All Year 1 & Year 2 children return