



Newsletter – No. 4 30th September 2022

Message from Mrs. Mole

Reading is one of the most amazing things to be able to do. Not only does it enable us to find things out, understand new concepts, make sure we buy the right items but it also takes on adventures, scares us, makes us laugh or cry, sends us deep into thought and helps us question what we think. The English language does make learning to read a little challenging. There are 44 sounds in the English language and these 44 sounds can be made using a wide and varied set of graphemes. For example the 'a' sound as in 'bay' can be made from the following graphemes: a, ai, eigh, aigh, ay, er, et, ei, au, a_e, ea, ey as in bay, maid, weigh, straight, pay, foyer, file, eight, gauge, mate, break, they ! Not only will the children learn to identify all of the graphemes but they will learn to spot them in words and work out what the word says when reading individual words or in a book. As you will have seen in last week's newsletter we are running an information on how we teach reading and how we are using the Little Wandle scheme. Mrs. Binding is leading the session on Tuesday 4th October from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. She will cover some of the phonics teaching but the main input will be the reading books that the children read and the reading for pleasure books. It would be great to see you at the meeting .

When looking at how we can provide even greater access to high quality texts in school, we decided to expand our Birthday Book list. We know that many of you want to celebrate your child's birthday with their friends at school and we already have books that can be bought from the school office, which will have a bookplate stuck in celebrating your child's birthday. This book will then be read to the class. We have now extended this by creating a book wish list on Amazon. The virtue of this is that you and your child can sit at home looking at the books online before you make your choice. Once the book arrives the process will be the same. If you would like to have a look at the books that the teachers have added to the wish list please follow this link: [Amazon Birthday Book List](#) (We will continue to have books at school that can be bought for birthday celebrations)

Have a great weekend and keep reading!

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Individual School Photos

Children's individual school photos will be taking place during the morning of **Monday 3rd October. (Next Monday)**

Remember to take extra special care when getting ready for school so that you can look your best!



Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Poppy G** for always making good choices and being a kind friend!

Squirrels: **Ruah** for carefully using his sounds to write a super sentence!

Badgers: **Keelia** for amazing enthusiasm in music this week—your singing was beautiful!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Sophie** for being caring and respectful to her friends.

Squirrels: **Harry G** for being a resilient learner.

Badgers: **Alex** for being curious in your maths learning this week and challenging yourself lots!

Welcome to Mrs. Buchanan

We are delighted that our new School Business Manager, Mrs. Buchanan, started with us yesterday (29th September)

Mrs. Buchanan brings a wide range of skills, knowledge and experiences with her. I am sure that you will make her feel welcome as she gets to know the school, children and all of our extended community.



Fairtrade B is for Bees

Fairtrade BEE Honey

We need Bees. They pollinate all of the plants that we eat. But the use of chemicals on those plants by big farming companies is reducing the numbers of bees. Small-scale beekeepers, the kind who produce Fairtrade Honey, are essential to keeping bee populations alive. Buying Fairtrade honey helps these farmers, who, in turn, help the environment, keep BEEs alive and help make sure we have food to eat.

Written by Alex



Reading Meeting—Tuesday 4th October 7.30pm—8.30pm

Mrs Binding is holding a Reading meeting at school on the evening of Tuesday 4th October. The purpose of the meeting is to give you an introduction to the Little Wandle scheme that we are now following and an insight into how we teach reading. All parents are encouraged to come along and find out more.

Save the Date!

Monday 10th October 8pm

On Monday 10th October at 8pm we have organised an e-Safety meeting to support you to keep your child safe online. It will be run by two ex-safeguarding Police who are going to share information, ideas and insights into online child exploitation and how best to support your family. It has been organised at this time (8pm) as the meeting is not going to be suitable for young ears, please be aware of this before joining the meeting. Joining details to the meeting will be sent in the near future. Please see this website for more information and get the date in your dairies now- **Monday 10th October 8pm!** <https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

Mrs Mathews

E-Safety Tip

Gaming Devices! If you are thinking about purchasing a gaming device for your child why not use this handy checklist which advises questions to ask when doing so! It will enable you to make a decision on what you think is most suitable for your family. https://d1xsi6mgo67kia.cloudfront.net/uploads/2021/10/gaming_devices_shoppers_checklist.pdf

Mystery Reader

After the success of Mystery Reader last year we would love volunteers again. Mystery Reader is exactly that - the children do not know who is coming to read their class a story of their choice and are always so excited when the mystery is revealed.

Mystery Reader will take place on Friday afternoon at 2.40pm.

Please email your class teacher direct if you would like to be a mystery reader.

Miss Joslin— n.joslin@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk

Mrs Mathews— l.mathews@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk

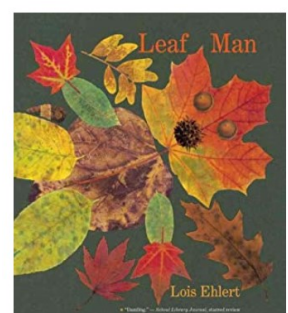
Mrs Binding— e.binding@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk

Mrs Leggatt— n.leggatt@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk

Book Recommendation of the week from Mrs Binding

Leaf Man - Lois Ehlert

A cleverly illustrated story, about a Leaf Man who has to go where the wind blows! Where does he go and what does he see on his way? Could you make your own leaf picture? We would love to see pictures!



Safeguarding

Keeping children safe during community activities, after-school clubs and tuition: Questions to help parents and carers choose out-of-school settings

As we start a new school year, some parents may well be looking for after-school clubs, theatre groups or sports' clubs. The DfE has a document that helps parents identify the safeguarding issues to consider when choosing a provider. Keeping children safe during community activities, after-school clubs and tuition: **Questions to help parents and carers choose out-of-school settings.**

Parents can access the guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-safeguarding-children-in-out-of-school-settings/keeping-children-safe-during-community-activities-after-school-clubs-and-tuition-questions-to-help-parents-and-carers-choose-out-of-school-settings>

Sight for Surrey

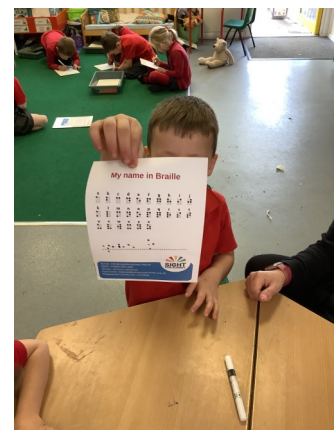
On Wednesday Squirrel Class enjoyed a visit from Katie and Debbie who work for Sight for Surrey. The children learnt all about how people who struggle to see or hear are supported using different equipment. The children also learnt about braille and had a go at writing out their name in this way. Please visit <https://sightforsurrey.org.uk/> to find out more!

Sight for Surrey - Sight for Surrey

1922 – 2022: Our Centenary. Sight for Surrey is celebrating 100 years of helping and supporting people in Surrey with a sensory loss! Help us mark our Centenary year with exciting events, fundraising challenges and your chance to make a difference.

sightforsurrey.org.uk

Squirrel Class practised ordering numbers correctly using our outdoor classroom this week! They noticed there were a few missing numbers which they had to represent using natural objects.



Puppet Assembly

On Thursday we welcomed in a local Christian group who lead an assembly with their wonderful puppets followed by a beautiful song written to accompany the assembly. After the assembly, one of the members of the group said how impressed she had been with the children, their engagement with the



Message from The Friends

Dates for your diary 2022/23 - The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School

We have been very keen and set out our complete plan for the year. Please pop these dates in your diaries for now - more information will be shared closer to each date.

If you're keen to help out with any of these activities and events, or have any questions, please do email plisfriends@gmail.com.

We will ask for specific volunteers nearer the time where they are needed, but always welcome your interest!

Sun 16th October - Gardening Day: everyone welcome (Please sign up now!)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DDEs9PK_acyi_UMTWzz_26SfB_2ki6L07qligp7yvNw/edit

Fri 21st October - Scary Hair and Halloween Mufti Day (Crazy Hair and Own Clothes)

Wed 2nd November (eve) - Friends' AGM

Fri 9th December - Christmas Grotto, Making Morning and Christmas In the Classroom

Fri 3rd February (tbc) - Quiz Evening

Thurs 2nd and Fri 3rd March - Book Swap for World Book Day

Thurs 30th March - Easter Activities and Bake Sale

Thurs 27th April - Sponsored Bounce

Thurs 8th and Fri 9th June (tbc) - Making Mornings for Bookham Village Day (Sat 17th June)

Sun 9th July - Summer Fair

Thurs 13th or Fri 14th July (tbc) - Summer Movie Night and Mufti

Send Support Information

Surrey Positive Parenting Service **ADHD Parenting Support Groups**

There are eight group sessions, delivered either face-to-face or via zoom over eight weeks. The sessions will be delivered by two ADHD Specialist Practitioners. Parents/ Carers need to come to all 8 sessions as they fit together like a puzzle.

We deliver the groups daytime, afternoon and evening to suit parents needs.

The parenting programmes address challenges so that families can have a calmer, happier life. These evidence-based programmes help us to think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

The Nurture Programme covers:

Understanding why children behave as they do
Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children.

Recognising the feelings behind behaviours (ours and theirs).

Learning the importance of looking after ourselves
Exploring different approaches to discipline.

The Parent Factor programme covers:

Gaining confidence and skills when living with a child with ADHD, considering what it is like to be a child living with ADHD.

We explore how positive parenting is beneficial to the family as a whole and discuss strategies for effective behaviour management.

Beth Fraser Pam Wood
Senior ADHD Specialist Practitioners

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Dates

Autumn Term 2022

3rd October—Children's Individual School photos

4th October—Reading Meeting at school 7.30pm—8.30pm

18th October Lego Stem Workshop during the school day

Half Term; 24th October —28th October 2021

2nd November 2pm—3pm Open Afternoon Year 1 & 2, Stay & Play for Reception

23rd November Flu Immunisation's for all classes (Parents must sign up for this online—
see separate e-mail for more details)

Last day of Term; Friday 16th December 2022 school closes at 1pm