



**Polesden Lacey  
Infant School**

# Newsletter – No. 7 18th October 2024

## Message from Mrs. Mole

One of the things that I most value about Polesden Lacey Infant School is the generosity and kindness of the community. Over the past two weeks I have been fortunate to witness at least three different examples.

Firstly, a parent of two past pupils contacted me to let me know that his children had donated some of their clothes to Stripey Stork (<https://stripeystork.org.uk/>) and then organized a cake sale to raise money for the organisation. They spent hours designing fabulous posters to share with neighbours and then baked a delicious selection of cakes and cookies to sell from their driveway. Their original target was £15 but they smashed this target by raising an incredible £112!

Secondly, Enid (from Squirrels) has a great new haircut. When I spoke to her, I discovered that she had donated her lovely long locks that were cut off to the Little Princess Trust (<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/donate-hair>) who will use her hair to make a wig for a child experiencing hair loss.

Lastly, we were overwhelmed by your generosity in our collection for Harvest Festival and the donations to the local foodbank. (See below for a picture)

All three examples show pupils and their families living our caring and fair values and making a positive difference to people they may never know.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

## Star of Week

**Rabbits:** Ben for sharing his super maths knowledge with the class!

**Squirrels:** Otis for using Mathematical language to explain his understanding of a maths problem.

**Badgers:** Enid for writing some wonderful exclamation sentences about the Traction Man characters in English this week!

### Values Star of the week

**Rabbits:** Riley for being a caring and respectful member of Rabbit Class!

**Squirrels:** Eliza for being curious when using the laptops to investigate landmarks.

**Badgers:** Seren for being a caring member of Badger Class and always looking out for others.



### Forest School Star of the Week

**Rabbits:** Khloe for super enthusiasm exploring Fungi and discovering the Crystal Brain Fungus!!

**Squirrels:** Joshua for being a curious explorer and helping to discover the Ear Fungus!!

**Badgers:** Bella for carefully observing nature and discovering a Pale Tussock Moth caterpillar!

## NUMBOTS Star of the Week

Squirrels: Joshua

Badgers: Ralph

Attendance Cup: Badger Class



## School Open Days

We're already getting ready for the 2025 intake and have a number of open days at the school. It really helps when prospective parents can talk to current parents about their experience at the school, especially as you all have such wonderful things to say about our special school. If you can spare a little time on any of these dates please do speak to Mrs Cummings or Ms Mole.

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 9am—10.30am

Friday 8th November 2023 9am—10.30am

Monday 2nd December 2024 1.30pm—3pm

## Harvest Donations

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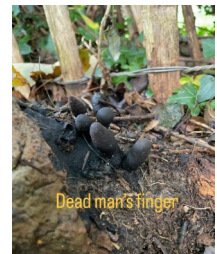
A big thank you for all your Harvest donations. We will be taking all of the goodies to the Baptist Church next week for them to use as part of the Epsom and Ewell foodbank.

If you would like to find out more about the foodbank please visit: <https://epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk/about/>



## "Fungi" at Forest School

The children were exploring the school woodland this week for signs of fungi. Below are some pictures of what they found.



The children were reminded that it is not okay to touch fungus as some of them can be poisonous and that they should only look from a distance.

Why don't you visit your local woodland at the weekend and see what fungus you can find. There are lots of free apps that you can download to your phone that will help you to identify each type as you find them; <https://shroom.id/>

The children loved the crazy names that some of the fungi have!

## Message from the Friends

### The Month of October

As we near the end of this first half term we have lots of fun planned for **Friday 25 October**. We will be holding our **Scary Hairy and Mufti Day Fundraiser**, where children can wear their own clothes or a costume to school with crazy and spooky hair! There will be a bucket for £1 donations on the entrance to each classroom.



On Friday 25 October we will hold our **Halloween bake sale** from 2.45pm after school. Children who undertake afterschool clubs on a Friday will not be forgotten!

We would be very grateful for donations of homemade or shop bought cakes and bakes for us to sell. Please drop these off at the front of the school in the morning on the 25th. We request that all cakes and bakes are **nut free**. If you have made gluten free or dairy free cakes, please label these up so that any children with allergies /intolerances can select these.

### Christmas Artwork

A reminder that the deadline for ordering Christmas Artwork is 12.00pm on Monday 28 October.

If you would like to place an order, please follow the link at [approve.myfundraisinghub.com](http://approve.myfundraisinghub.com) and enter the school code and design code to confirm your artwork OR to notify them if there is an error on the artwork. These details should have come home to you in your child's rucksack. You can also enter your child's name here so it can be printed on anything that is ordered.

A percentage of anything ordered goes to the Friends for the school.

### 2024 Dates for your Diary

Halloween Scary Hairy and Mufti Day – Friday 25 October 2024

Halloween Bake Sale – Friday 25 October 2024

Santa's Grotto – Friday 6 December 2024

Making Morning – Friday 6 December 2024

Christmas Movie Night – Tuesday 10 December 2024

### **Parent/Carer Safeguarding Briefing Session**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 2.30pm to 3pm, we will be running a Parent/Carer Volunteer Safeguarding Briefing session. These sessions are for any parents or carers who would like to help out in school with the various events that the Friends run, like the Christmas making morning, movie nights, Easter Egg hunt, etc or if you would like to volunteer to come in to school on a regular basis and listen to the children reading or help out with the school library, for example.

If you fit into any of these categories please email [office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk) to book a place.

We require all volunteers to undertake this session to ensure that we are able to keep all our pupils safe.

### **Lost Property**

We have a very full trolley of unlabeled lost property. Some of it is from before the summer holidays. If your child has lost any clothes, shoes, water bottles etc please do check the trolley which is by the school office. Any unclaimed clothes still on the trolley at the end of this half term will be donated to the second hand uniform stock or the recycling clothes bank.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

#### **School Events:**

22nd October—Badger Class Assembly—After drop off—all parents/carers are welcome

23rd October—Lego Robotics Workshop + Afterschool session—Year 1 & 2 only

**28th October—1st November—Half Term—School Closed**

**4th November—Inset Day—School closed**

5th November—all children return to school

5th November—Open Afternoon—all classes—2.15pm—3pm

6th November—Perform Workshops—all classes

12th November—Parent Consultations 3.30pm—6pm—all classes

14th November—Parent Consultations 4pm—7pm—Reception & Year 2

19th November—Parent Consultations 4pm—7pm - Year 1 only

6th December—Christmas Making Morning & Santa's Grotto

11th December—Reception Class Christmas Performance—after drop off—more details to follow

12th December—Rock Steady Concert—10am—for parents and carers of children that attend Rock Steady

17th December—KS1 Christmas Performance—after drop off—more details to follow

18th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

19th December—KS1 Christmas Performance—after drop off—more details to follow

20th December—Last day of term—school finishes at 1pm.

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