



Newsletter – No. 8 3rd November 2023

Message from Mrs. Mole

A huge thank you to all the parents, careers and extended family members who came into school on Wednesday afternoon for the stay and play and open afternoon. I hope that you found the time both enjoyable and informative. The children certainly appeared to be relishing the opportunity to 'show off' where they learn, what they are learning and what they have learnt. We know that many children are not great at telling you what they have been up to during their days at school but we have found that if you change your questions they will say more. Some that I have found useful over the years are:

'What made you laugh today?'

'What was the most interesting thing you learned today?'

'What was the hardest thing you did today?'

'Did you do anything to make your hands dirty?'

'What was the kindest thing you did today?'

'Which school value did you show today?' (caring, fair, courage, curiosity, resilience or respect)

'What are you most proud of today?'

I wonder what you might find out about this week - some of the pictures in the rest of the newsletter may help you out along with the knowledge that pumpkins and fireworks were discussed throughout the school and Year 2 were deciding who they think was a great history maker!

If you are going to watch fireworks at Oakfield or anywhere else I hope you enjoy them, stay dry and safe.

**Rebecca Mole,
Headteacher**

Forest School star of the week:

Rabbits: **Neveh** for being courageous sharing your thoughts with the class.

Squirrels: **Enid** for getting fully absorbed in our magic spells and working well with others.

Badgers: **Felix** for creating a gruesome descriptive spell.



Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Sienna** for blending CVC words independently even words containing a digraph! Well done.

Squirrels: **Seth** for working hard sequencing sentences in English.

Badgers: **Ava** for amazing reading in our reading group this week!

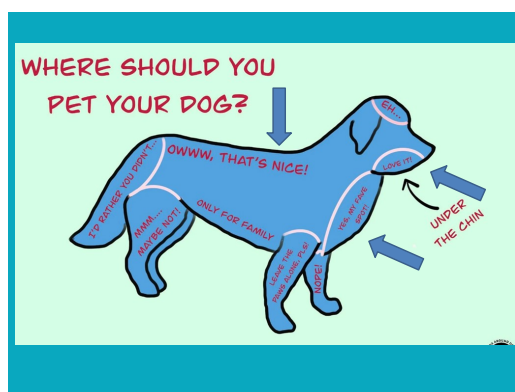
Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Rafael** for being a resilient, respectful and caring member of Rabbit Class. You always look after our toys carefully.

Squirrels: **Kenny** for being a caring friend and encouraging others to learn.

Badgers: **Thomas** for being a caring and helpful member of Badger Class!

Positive Dog Training



Parent Consultations—Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th November

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Parent Consultation meetings on Tuesday 7th November and Thursday 9th November.

Appointments take place in your child's classroom. Please enter via the school playground and wait in the outside classroom until the teacher calls you in. Each appointment will start and finish promptly. A bell will ring to indicate the start and finish of your appointment. In fairness to other parents please finish your discussion when you hear the bell. If you need further time to discuss any concerns please make another appointment to see the teacher.

Any accompanying school age children will be asked to sit quietly in the class book corner, where books will be provided for them to look at. Please keep toddlers with you during the meeting.

Many of you will have had the opportunity to look at your child's books on Open Afternoon (Wednesday 1st November) if you were unable to do so and would like to look at the books on parents evening please let the teacher know in advance so she can have them ready.

Rock Academy Photos—Pre half term



The Ugly Five

By - Julia Donaldson

Kenny has always enjoyed this story and has loved learning about the different animals in the savanna.

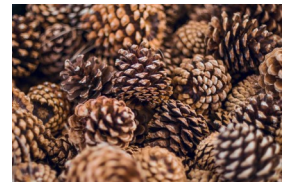


Message From The Friends

Firstly a huge thank you to everyone for getting involved in our Halloween fancy dress and bake sale, we are delighted to share we raised over £160 to support the school!

Requests - we'd be very grateful for donations of the below to be left in the black box outside the office please:

1. Santa and his elves have asked for donations of **brown paper** to wrap gifts for the school grotto and
2. **Pine cones** for our Christmas Wreath evening, we are endeavouring to keep everything as sustainable and eco friendly as possible.



Wreath Making Workshop

We have a few tickets left for our **Wreath Making Workshop** on Friday 24th November, 7.30-9.30pm. Please see the poster up on the noticeboard outside school for full details.

If you're interested in coming along please email plisfriends@gmail.com Tickets are a only £30 and include everything you need to make a stunning festive wreath along with a mince pie and hot drink.

We are very grateful to Wellers Hedleys Law Group for sponsoring this event, which means that more of the money raised can go straight into supporting the school.



Dates for your diary (more information and requests for Christmas volunteers to follow!)

- Wreath Making Evening – Fri 24th November 7.30 – 9.30pm
- Santas Grotto – Fri 8th Dec
- Christmas Crafts in the Class - Fri 8th Dec
- Christmas Movie Night - Thurs 14th Dec



Love in a Box— Reminder

If you would like to make up a box to donate please could they be returned to school by Friday 10th November.

You will have received an email and a leaflet in the children's bags about 'Love in a Box'. This is an initiative that we have supported in the past but due to COVID was not running for the last few years. The Mustard Seed charity collects boxes of gifts that are taken to Eastern Europe and given out to children who would really benefit from receiving a box of gifts. On average they send out 30,000 boxes a year and each one is individually received by a child.



All the information that you need regarding how to donate is contained in the leaflet which is in your child's school bag. We realise that there could be a significant expense to putting together the box and adding the donation towards the cost of delivering the gifts. Some of you may wish to join with another family to send one box between you. I am sure that the children would gain a lot thinking of others and what another child would like to find in a Christmas box.

Dates

wk cmg 6th Nov **No Art, Gardening, Lego or Multi Sports Clubs**

7th & 9th November 3.30pm—7pm—Parents Consultations

29th November (am) Reception Class to visit St. Nicholas Church, Bookham (more details to follow)

5th & 7th December 9am—9.30am approx —Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance

8th December—**NO Judo Club**

wk cmg 11th December **NO Art, Gardening, Lego, Multi Sports or Judo Clubs**

13th December 9am—9.30am approx.—Reception Class Christmas Performance

Last day of Term; Friday 15th December 2023 school closes at 1pm

Winter Term

2nd January 2024—School Closed Inset Day

3rd January 2024—School Closed Inset Day

4th January 2024—All children return to school

11th January A-Life Healthy Eating and fitness workshop—all classes

26th January RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

1st February Fairtrade Day

7th February Safer Internet Day

12th—16th February Half Term