



# Newsletter – No. 9 10th November 2023

## Message from Mrs. Mole

This week I want to say a great big thank you to one of our Badger children, Maxine, for sharing her excitement in the build up to Diwali. Maxine led the assembly for the children in Year 1 and Year 2, she was dressed in her beautiful Diwali celebration clothes and had brought in lots of things that she and her family will be using over the weekend. One of our favourite parts of the assembly was when she showed us how she made rangoli patterns with coloured sand and stencils. The children were then able to ask her questions which she answered thoughtfully. On Monday Maxine will be going to speak to Rabbit Class and telling them a little about Diwali and how she celebrated over the weekend.

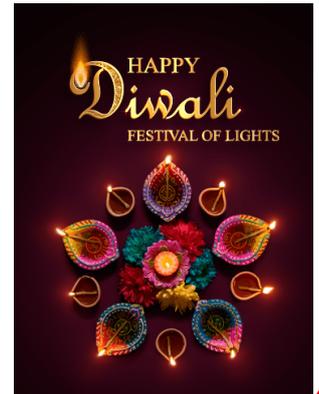


Can I remind families that Monday 12th November is the date any 'Love in a Box' boxes are due in. We have already received several donations all wrapped up and ready to be collected. I am sure that your kindness and generosity will be greatly appreciated by the children who receive

your boxes at Christmas time. I have put a reminder in my phone to remember to bring my box in on Monday.

For all of our families who are celebrating this weekend I hope that you have a wonderful time and a very happy Diwali.

**Rebecca Mole, Headteacher**



## Star of Week

**Rabbits:** **Zac** for working hard to remain focused and retain many of the phonics sounds. Super work!

**Squirrels:** **Charlie B** for working hard in phonics and reading.

**Badgers:** **Lara** for amazing work in maths this week!

### Values Star of the week: .

**Rabbits:** **Billy** for being so courageous with his visit to hospital.

**Squirrels:** **Charlie M** for being a curious learner starting our new topic on toys.

**Badgers:** **Ruah** for great curiosity about the Great Fire of London.

### Forest School star of the week:

**Rabbits:** Finn for being a really supportive friend and showing great team work.

**Squirrels:** Lydia for building an impressive super sized fire with your partner.

**Badgers:** James for focus and good technique building your campfire.

### Remembrance Day

The children have been making Poppy wreaths out of egg boxes and painting pictures of beautiful Poppies in recognition of Remembrance Day. We also held a 2 minutes silence at 11am which all the children joined in with.



### Does your Child have trouble sleeping?

Children and Family Health Surrey has launched new videos and webpages to support toddlers, children and teenagers across Surrey with sleep. A series of four videos has been produced for parents and carers featuring NHS nurses and sleep experts. Jointly funded by Children and Family Health Surrey and Surrey County Council, the videos are suitable for supporting the sleep of children and young people including those with additional needs and learning disabilities, and give advice, information and tips. Visit <https://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/services/sleep> to find out more.

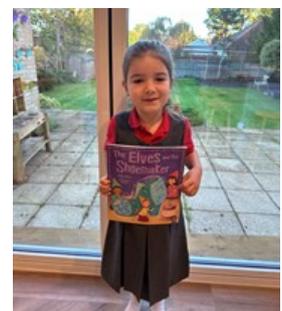
### Parent Consultations

We hope that you found the parent consultations useful in understanding how your child/children have settled into their new classes, have greater knowledge of where they are with their learning and have some ideas of how you can support them. Thank you to the teachers for preparing for the meetings and to all families for attending.

### Book Recommendation of the Week by ..... Lydia Year 1

**The Elves and the Shoemaker, by Maria Alerin & Erica-Jane Waters**

This is a heartwarming story, which demonstrates kindness at difficult times. Lydia loves all the pretty shoes the elves make.



## Parent Governor Vacancy

Have you ever thought about becoming more involved with Polesden Lacey Infant? If you have, we have a Parent Governor vacancy that we are looking to fill.

Parent governors and all other members of the Governing Body build productive relationships with the Headteacher and Senior Leaders while holding them to account for school performance. They work strategically by developing the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school, and ensuring sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources. Governors are not responsible for the internal organisation, management and control of the school or the educational performance of the school, as this is the head teacher's responsibility.

No special qualifications are needed, and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with the following skills:

- ☑ Finance and Financial planning, and/or bidding for funding
- ☑ Marketing and social media
- ☑ Human Resources

Training is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to governance attend free induction training as well as demonstrating a commitment to safeguarding training and other on-going personal development.

Nominations must be from parents or carers with children registered at the school on the day that nominations close. Governors must agree to abide by the governing body's Code of Conduct. General information on the role of a governor can be found here: : <https://www.nga.org.uk/Knowledge-Centre/Governance-structure-roles-and-responsibilities/Roles-and-responsibilities/Role-descriptions/Role-descriptions.aspx>

For more information and details on how to apply, please refer to the e-mail, with accompanying letter, that was sent to parents on Monday 6th November 2023.

Nominations must be submitted to Ms Rebecca Mole by the end of the school day Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## E-Safety

Have you started your Christmas shopping? Have your children been hinting at what they might like to find under the tree this year? Please take a look at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/#:~:text=Is%20PEGI%20legally%20enforceable%3F,the%20games%20for%20a%20child.> to reflect on whether a game they are asking for is appropriate for their age. PEGI ratings can support you in finding out more about a game or app and will enable you to make an informed decision on whether it is appropriate for your child.

## Real Life Tech!

Do you use technology in an unusual or interesting way at work or at home? We are keen to expose the children at Polesden to technology in action and highlight how technology is used in the real world to give further purpose and excitement to their learning. Please get in contact with Mrs Mathews if you are able to help us with this [l.mathews@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:l.mathews@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk).

## Forest School—this week



## Bikes!

In Reception we are keen to update our physical development opportunities for the children, before we source these items externally we thought we would ask our school community. If you have any pedal bikes or balance bikes suitable to pass on - in a used but good condition, please get in touch with Mrs Binding or Mrs Mathews.

## Message From The Friends

Thank you to people who have already donated the below, we'd welcome some more.

**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
2. **Pine cones** for our Christmas Wreath evening too we are endeavouring to keep everything as sustainable and eco friendly as possible.

### Wreath Making Workshop

We have the final few tickets left for our **Wreath Making Workshop** on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 – 9.30pm
- Santas Grotto – Fri 8th Dec
- Christmas Crafts in the Class - Fri 8th Dec
- Christmas Movie Night - Thurs 14th Dec



In the School Hall from 7.30 - 9.30pm  
Only £30 per person

Friday **24** November

Limited tickets available. Email [plisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:plisfriends@gmail.com) to book your place now.  
All Materials, foliage and decorations provided. Just bring your festive creative flare! Festive nibbles and hot drinks also included.



## Volunteers

You will have seen an email from the Office that we are running a safeguarding briefing for parents and carers on Tuesday 21st November at 2.15pm. Any parents and carers who would like to help on school trips, in-school activities (such as Christmas making morning and movie nights) and volunteering **must** attend a briefing. Ms. Mole will talk through the importance of safeguarding children, what to look out for and what to do if you are concerned about the welfare and safety of a child.

If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis we would also love to have you in. Currently both Year 1 and Year 2 would like volunteers to support hearing children read. (This will start after Christmas for the children in Reception.) If you are able to help and would like to do so please speak to Miss. Joslin or Mrs. Bryan about timings and then we will need to apply for a Disclosure and Baring Service Check (DBS). This checks for criminal records and helps to ensure that people working with children are safe to do so. It is a relatively straight forward process and Ms. Mole will guide you through the steps.

Volunteering is a hugely rewarding activity both for the volunteer and for the children.

## Dates

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**

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12th December - Christmas Jumper Day

12th December — Christmas Dinner

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**