



**Polesden Lacey
Infant School**

Newsletter – No. 9 8th November 2024

Message from Ms. Mole

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. The children have all returned ready to learn and have settled back into the routine quickly.

We are really looking forward to seeing all parents/carers at the parent consultations this coming week, or for some Squirrel parents the following week as well. Below in the newsletter, you will see some of the details around the logistics of the meetings. These meetings are an opportunity to discuss what your child is doing at school and how they are getting on, both academically and socially. We hope that you will leave your meeting with a greater knowledge of how your child is progressing and have more ideas about how you are able to help them. You can also cover any issues you may want to talk about with your child's teacher; our experience shows that when schools and parents work together, the children do better.

This Sunday, across the country, people will be commemorating the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. The children throughout the school have been painting poppies and the Badger Class painting will be displayed in Huggins Edwards and Sharp Estate Agents over the weekend. If you get a chance please do have a walk down the high-street in Bookham and have a look at them.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: **Lettice** for always engaging in the learning and being a fantastic role model

Squirrels: **Rafael** for always working hard in everything that he does.

Badgers: **Finn** for wonderful poppy drawings in art this week!



Values Star of the week

Rabbits: **Asher** for being a caring, kind and fair member of Rabbit Class

Squirrels: **James** for being curious this week in history when learning about timelines.

Badgers: **Bella** for your resilience and determination in maths lessons this week!

Forest School Star of the Week

Rabbits: **Riley** for making a brilliant Guy Fawkes for our bonfire.

Squirrels: **Zac** for being creative and working well in a group.

Badgers: **Mia** for using your imagination to create 'gun powder pellets' and other interesting props for Guy Fawkes role play.



NUMBOTS Star of the Week

Squirrels: Rory

Badgers: Oscar

Attendance Cup: Rabbits



Warm Welcome venues return to Surrey

Warm Welcome venues are open to all residents this winter free of charge. Whether you are old or young, live alone or with your family, feel like you are struggling or just managing to get by, a Warm Welcome awaits you.

There are currently over 80 Warm Welcome venues across Surrey in a variety of community spaces including community and church halls, libraries and leisure centres. All you have to do is show up! Come inside, warm up, enjoy a hot drink and receive energy advice and much more.

To find your nearest Warm Welcome visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/warmwelcome

Social Media

Don't forget to visit our school facebook and Instagram page for more photo's and information about things going on at school.

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/polesdenlaceyinfant>



Parent Consultations

Reception & Year 2—Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th November

Year 1—Tuesday 12th & Tuesday 18th November

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the forthcoming Parent Consultation meetings.

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. Please note the playground has limited lighting so you might like to bring a torch with you if your appointment is after dark.

In fairness to other parents each appointment will start and finish promptly. If you need further time to discuss any concerns after your 10 minutes are up please make another appointment to see the teacher separately at a later date.

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 this week (Wednesday 5th 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.

Parent/Carer Safeguarding Briefing Session—Reminder

On Monday 11th 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 to book a place.

Online Parenting Courses - Family Lives

Being a parent has never been easy. There are no manuals for it, and previous generations may not be able to provide the insight you're looking for. The family unit is more dispersed than ever, with some families existing hundreds of miles from what may be called a 'core unit'. The rapid pace of societal change in the UK rapidly outstrips the knowledge of the immediate past. The result is that many parents may find themselves lost in a maelstrom of contradictory advice. For adults, time has never been more compacted. Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses, to make this challenge a little easier. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice. *(* Free from landlines and most mobiles)*

Additional Needs and Disabilities (AND) Partnership Survey—Reminder

The Additional Needs and Disabilities (AND) Partnership has designed a survey for all parents and carers of children and young people with AND in Surrey.

The AND Partnership want to understand your experience of accessing help and support related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Surrey. They will use your feedback to improve local services that support Surrey's children with additional needs with their education, health (including diagnosis) and care.

Take the survey <https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/news/homepage/parents-voice-matters-survey>

The survey closes at 23:59 on Sunday 24 November 2024.

Message from the Friends

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone for getting involved with the scary hairy mufti day and bake sale at the end of last half term. We are delighted to share we raised over £175 to support the school!

Christmas Artwork

Thank you also to everyone who ordered Christmas Artwork. Hopefully you have received your items at pick-up today. If there are any issues, please let us know:

plisfriends@gmail.com

Request

We are very excited for the coming half term as we lead up to Christmas. Santa and his elves have asked for donations of **brown paper** to wrap gifts for the school grotto. If you're able to donate any, please leave it by the school office.

easyfundraising

And as we, like Santa, all prepare for Christmas, we wanted to remind you about easyfundraising, a free and easy way that you can support the fundraising efforts for our school. Over 7,500 brands will donate to Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School at no extra cost to you, allowing you to raise donations when you shop online. Please see the link below for more details:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?>

[char=206787&invite=52j5ox&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=206787&invite=52j5ox&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest)

2024 Dates for your diary (more information and requests for Christmas volunteers to follow!)

- Santa's Grotto – Friday 6th December
- Making morning – Friday 6th December
- Christmas Movie Night - Tuesday 10th December
- Christmas jumper day – Wednesday 18th December



Having a clear out before Christmas?

If you're thinking of having a clear out before Christmas, please consider recycling your textiles at school, rather than sending them to landfill.

Not only does this support the school's eco ethos but it also means the school receives some money.

The green textile recycling bin has recently been changed, so the money received comes directly to the school and can be used to enhance our rich and diverse curriculum by contributing towards visits from theatre groups, music workshops, dance workshops, drama workshops, cooking, gardening, parties, visiting poets, story tellers and authors.

Therefore, please consider donating clothing, shoes (in pairs), soft toys, linen, towels and accessories.

Unfortunately, we can't take rubbish, glass, paper, curtains, carpet, rags, duvets, pillows or cushions.



Fabulous Non-Drop Christmas Trees Raising Money For 3rd Bookham Scout Group

Orders can be taken online, then you can just collect or have your tree delivered.

We deliver locally (charges apply)

Free netting

Card payments preferred

Where: Bookham Scouting Centre

When: Sat 30th Nov - Sun 1st Dec, Sat 7th - Sun 8th Dec,
Sat 14th - Sun 15th Dec

Time 10am - 3pm

Pre-orders Open 1st November

www.bookhamtrees.org



Dates For Your Diary

School Events:

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.

Friends Events:

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Making Morning – Friday 6 December 2024

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