



# Newsletter – No. 9 6th November 2020

## Message from Ms. Mole

Many thanks to the parents and teachers for a successful two afternoons/evenings of parent consultations. We hope that you, as parents, found the conversations with the teachers useful in understanding how your child has settled, the progress that they are making and how we can work together to support them further. As parents you must never underestimate the positive impact you have on the learning of your child. Your engagement with the school and helping your child with their reading, key words, phonics, counting, Quick as a Flash Maths as well and the conversations and experiences that you share with them all add up to enrich their learning experiences. Thank you for all you do.

Prior to the half term break we had a cameraman in to film the school and the children going about their everyday business. The aim was to make a promotional video to show what an amazing place Polesden Lacey Infant School is. We have now finished the editing and the video is ready. I showed it to the children on Thursday and they seemed to enjoy watching it, getting very excited when they spotted themselves, one of their friends or their teachers. I am incredibly proud of the staff, children and brave parent who was happy to be filmed. The children who spoke did so beautifully, their words were their individual responses to the question, 'What do you like about your school?' No script or prompting was necessary.

Please follow this link to watch the video. <https://youtu.be/EvRZh4h1QU>

I hope that you enjoy watching it and seeing the happy, curious and caring faces of our children and staff.

**Rebecca Mole - Headteacher**

## Star of the Week

**Well done to all the winners this week.**



**Rabbits: - Kitty** for good participation in class and sharing her knowledge about stars

**Squirrels: Finlay** for working so hard to improve his reading and phonics

**Badgers: William P** for always being ready to listen and contributing his fantastic ideas in class

**Forest School: Elizabeth** for her curiosity as she watched the fire burning.

## Love in a Box—Thank you

Thank you to all the families, staff and members of the local community who donated a box of gifts to be sent to the Love in a Box collection.

It was touching to see how much thought, effort and generosity that had gone into putting the boxes together.

I am sure that they will light up the faces of the children who receive them this Christmas.



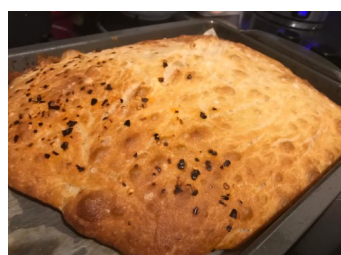
### Forest School waterproofs

Our thanks to parents who have already equipped their children with waterproof trousers and wellies. As the weather becomes less reliable we would like to have as many children as possible wearing their own protective clothing. Whilst we have a limited number of spares, they are shared between all classes and so need to be washed/quarantined between each session. Thank you for your support.



### Teachers turn to learn!

It is not only the children who come to school to learn, the staff do as well! On Monday the staff had an INSET day. Not only did we think about how we can help the children learn when they are at school but we also had some fun learning how to make Focaccia bread. Below you can see some of the finished breads as well as some of the staff creations when we were thinking about different ways to take the learning outside. All the loaves tasted delicious—which one would you like to try?



**Values Leaves:** Fair, Resilient, Respectful, Caring, Courageous and Curious.

Below are this week's leaves:

**Frederick** was caring when he did the hoovering to help mummy.

**Jacob** showed curiosity when he touched the bark on a tree and said 'What's this?'

**Riley** was respectful listening so well to all instructions and asking mom how her back is after she hurt it.

**Sierra** was resilient in colouring in a entire picture perfectly within the lines and for being curious when tidying her toys.

**Flynn** showed great curiosity when he lined up all the herbs and spices in order of how loud a sound they made when he shock them. He worked out how much free space in the container and how big the grains were changed how they sounded.

**Gabriel** was resilient and waited patiently for the test result for his cough despite being desperate to go back to school and he was courageous when he took a big tumble off his bike. He got straight back on!

**Annabelle** has been very curious about numbers. She has been asking about double digit numbers in her story books and guessing what they are. She was very caring towards her dog Hunter and helped clean his poorly ear.

**Rocco** was very curious , always asking what different letters spell and what different numbers add up to. He has been resilient practicing his figure 8 writing. He never gave up until he got it right.

**Charlie** was caring and curious when he found a spider and helped take it outside in the garden!

**Mia G** showed great resilience when completing a tricky 50 piece puzzle and when playing Battleship.

**Henry P** was caring when his cousin came to play with his Paw Patrol.

**Isobel** was determined to be brave when she had a blood test even though she was scared.

**Alice** was caring when she took the initiative to cheer up her sister who was struggling without her blankie — Alice was the master of distraction!

**Riana** is being so caring in looking after her new puppy, Bonga. She takes him outside, feeds him and plays with him.

**Elizabeth** was very caring when she looked after a child who was upset and helped Charlie when he fell over.

**Charlie** was curious and found our facts about the Milky Way.

Anais would like to give a caring leaf to **Hailey** for helping her with her Forest School Trousers and for helping a friend find their glue..

**Badger** class deserve a caring leaf for all helping to find Scarlett's book about the Solar System.

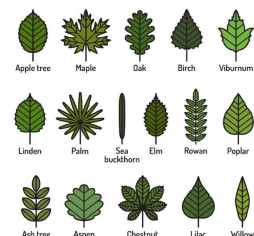
**Evie** was caring when she helped Anais when her tray fell on the floor.

Evie told Mrs. Secker that **Chloe** was very caring, helping her to put away the play equipment and when she helped Charlie when he fell over..

**Scarlett** was caring and helped Anais when she fell over.

**Poppy** was caring when she helped Charlie when he fell over.

**Max and Aya** helped Evie get the lid off her glue





### **Scooting or cycling to school**

It is great to see so many people scooting and cycling to school. Hopefully those who are do this or walking to school are enjoying it and arriving at school full of energy and ready to learn. Please remember to take care when scooting or cycling, especially when you are on the pavement with other people. Remember that you are sharing it with others and we need to be caring and respectful of them. Most people have got their Scooter or bike license so please remember to display in on your bike or scooter—we will be checking them next week!

If you still need to apply for the license you can download the contracts: <https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/assets/documents/policies/Cycling-Contract-2020.pdf>

and

<https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/assets/documents/policies/Scooter-Contract-2020-1604602762.pdf>

### **Fairtrade and Eco-tip combined!**

Before half term the assemblies in Squirrel and Badger class were focused on how Fairtrade is helping farmers to look after the rainforest. We watched the video '[Guardian of the Rainforest](#)' and then thought about why it was so important to protect the Rainforests of the world.

Why not watch it together and talk about what you see and hear.



### **Red Plastic Bags**

Have you got any red plastic carrier bags that we can have?

We are hoping to make a poppy display on the school gates in a similar style to the rainbow that Mrs Leggatt made during lock down.

If you have anything that you think will be suitable please place them in the box outside the school office on Monday morning.

## Fire lighting with Badger Class

Badger Class making their own fires using natural resources.



## Dates

### Autumn Term 2020

24th November Full Governing Body Meeting (If you would like to attend please inform the school office 2 weeks prior to the meeting)

Last day of Term: 18th December 2020

