

news

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back everyone, a very happy New Year to you all. I hope you all managed to see family and enjoy your Christmas break.

As always the term has started with a flurry of activity!

XMAS FUN

The last day of term proved a real hit!

Pantomime, christmas dinner, dressing up, Christmas jumpers etc ...Fun was had by one and all



Thank you so much to the lovely ladies in the kitchen for producing a delicious Christmas dinner- cooking for 680 children is no mean feat, partially dressed as the Grinch.

Feedback from the children included- 'delicious flavours!' 'The meat is cooked perfectly!' I think we may have some budding food critics.



During service children were spotted participating in a game or 2 at the table. Year 6 were caught honing their card shark skills, please be reassured that no money was involved.

The pantomime was a huge success. All the children thoroughly enjoyed watching their teachers and support staff take on very different roles.

Even nursery joined us modelling excellent participation - singing and dancing along merrily.



DIARY DATES

13th January

6MU Class Assembly

20th January

1S Class Assembly

20th January

School Disco

26th January

Reception - Heights, Weights and Vision Screening

27th January

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5K Class Assembly

3rd February

2S Class Assembly

6th February

Choir attending Young Voices 2023 at Wembley Arena

6th February

Parent Consultations

8th February

Parent Consultations

10th February

2C Class Assembly

10th February

Last Day of Term

13-17th February

Half Term

20th February

INSET Day

21st February

Start of Term 4

FOODBANK DONATIONS

Thank you so much for all food and present donations. We created a number of 'gift' boxes for families that were greatly received.

We donated the remainder to the local foodbank and received this lovely response...



Polgate school

collected 35.55kg of food for Christmas.

This is enough to provide 85 meals for individuals and families in crisis within Hailsham and the surrounding area. Thank you so much for your support.



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TOYS IN SCHOOL

Please do not allow children to bring toys into school. These are best left safe at home. We have a wealth of resources that the children can use during break times. This prevents the inevitable tears if precious toys are lost or broken.



LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to search the lost property outside KS2 if your child loses anything. We had over 30 jumpers at the end of last term that were not named and not collected so unfortunately did not make it home.

Label everything!



ILLNESS

Thankfully the start of this term has seen a reduction in the amount of nasty illnesses around - long may this continue.

Unfortunately, due to the last few years, we are all beginning to become experts at understanding the need to minimise spread of infection. We will continue to insist that the children follow hygiene expectations- hand washing, catch and bin it...

However we need to remain vigilant and ask that you continue to follow the advice given last term - If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever:

- contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you or your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics if prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not

carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered

- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work until at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection You can help stop the spread of infection through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating utensils, clothes, bedding and towels. All contaminated tissues should be disposed of immediately.

As a parent, you should trust your own judgement.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

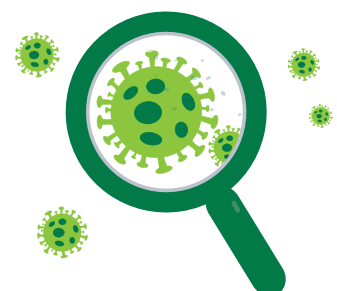
- your child is getting worse • your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a

temperature of 39C or higher

- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake



ECAR ACCREDITATION 2022

Polegate has once again been awarded accreditation as an 'Every Child a Reader' School by the International Literacy Centre at the Institute of Education.

This is affirmation of the school's commitment to the core standards of an ECAR School – an approach to literacy learning that was developed from the established literacy intervention, Reading Recovery.

Reading Recovery is an early-intervention programme targeting KS1 children with the most complex problems in reading and writing and is delivered by highly-trained teachers who also deliver training and support for less intense literacy interventions throughout the school.

We are very lucky to have two Reading Recovery teachers at Polegate – Mrs Wallis and now also Mrs Stockdale who is currently undertaking the Initial Professional Development training.

At the start of this school year we were able to share our good practise in early literacy teaching by hosting 'Talking Partners' training for a group of Eastbourne school teachers and TAs. Mrs Brunger, Mrs Gudgeon and Mrs Legg have been delivering this programme to small groups of

children in Reception and Year One and their results over the first two terms have been remarkable.

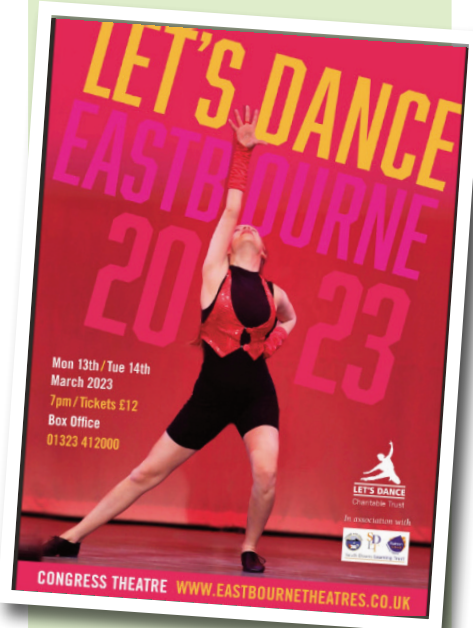
Quotes from parents.... 'I was so pleased to hear that my son was attending this group. I have seen a big difference with him at home. He is now really enjoying school as he was sometimes quite reluctant to come in and his attention has really improved.

'I always know the days my child has had this intervention as she talks about it in the evening. She really enjoys the sessions and is far more confident when talking in front of other relatives and friends of the family. She is also far better at listening to what is being told to her at home!'

Mrs Wallis is also an accredited trainer for the Boosting Reading @ Primary (BRP) intervention that is delivered throughout the school by some of our most experienced teaching assistants. BRP is a programme of 1:1 support, 3 times a week and is designed to improve the way children read, enabling them to be independent problem solvers who read with understanding and enjoyment.

Together our aim is to have an effective impact on the poorest literacy learners in our school and ensure that all children leave Polegate with reading and writing skills that prepare them for secondary education.

LET'S DANCE



Polegate School are proud to be performing again at this year's 'Let's dance' event at the Congress Theatre on Monday 13th March!

Book tickets now to support this talented group of pupils using the link below.

<https://www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk/events/letsdance2023>

LATEST ATTENDANCE FIGURES

RH	94.5%	2S	96%	4H	96.2%
RG	94%	2C	97.3%	5M	95.5%
RB	95.8%	3L	93.8%	5K	94.6%
1B	94.4%	3T	93.9%	5T	95.3%
1S	95.5%	3GJ	94.7%	6M	95.9%
1G	96.4%	4JD	91.1%	6MU	96.1%
2R	96%	4AD	96.6%	6W	95.6%

Diary Dates

10th February 2023
LAST DAY OF TERM

STUNNING STARTS

Year 1 started the term with a flight to India. Boarding passes were checked and inflight entertainment shared. I am sure they will enjoy their journey.



Reception (and all year groups!) thoroughly enjoyed the snow using the opportunity to learning new vocabulary and participate in new experiences.



Apparently year 6 returned to a crime scene! (no children were harmed during this stunning start!) Hopefully they will pick through the evidence and uncover the culprit.



MATHS PROBLEM

Remember to solve the maths problem and share with Mrs Murphy

KEY STAGE 1

Max has 4 number cards

23 35 45 55

He uses them to make 2 calculations

$$\square + \square = 70$$

$$\square + \square = 20$$

Can you work out where the numbers should go?

KEY STAGE 2

Helen has £400

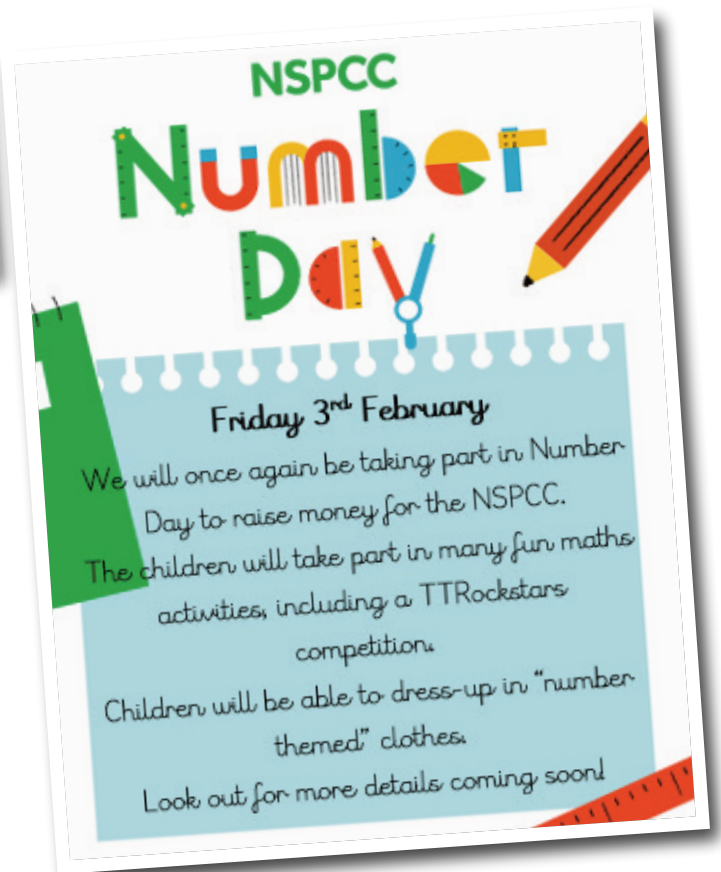
She spends $\frac{1}{10}$ of the money on a new toaster.

She spends $\frac{1}{8}$ of the amount left on a pair of trousers.

Which item costs the most?

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

We are incredibly excited to be involved in this year's NSPCC number day. I am sure the day will be a great hit and include a wealth of maths fun!



OURS STARS OF THE YEAR

Here are some of the first stars of 2022!



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20th February
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STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



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