

news

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WE'RE SO PROUD

It's simply impossible not to be positive at Polegate School despite all the challenges we have faced over the last few years. I am reminded on a daily basis why I love the job I do so much.

The final messages from our year 6 pupils are all we need to remind us of why we take such a pride in going above and beyond. Here is just one example,

**'Thank you for the best 7 years of my life.
I intend to cherish all the happy memories that
have been created in Polegate School.'**

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WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU

Throughout this time I have never been anything less than proud of the children, staff and whole community.

I may well be biased but I know I work with the best children and staff who are exceptionally committed.

There has been so much disruption, so many last minute u-turns, so many risk assessments to consider in the face of changing guidance. It's almost impossible to overestimate quite what a professional and, for some, personal, trial this has represented. It was a challenge we had never expected and hope never to repeat.

I would agree with the statement in the news that, 'There has, for most who work in schools, barely been time to breathe. Even the most experienced, battle-hardened teachers say it has been, by some distance, the hardest period of their lives. That more haven't simply fallen over is testament to the resilience of educators.' Independent Ed Dorrell, director of Public First

I would like to thank every staff member at Polegate School for the resilience and positivity they have shown. In this I include you! You deserve a special mention; you became a teacher overnight. No training, no induction, no colleagues to support you and no staff room to collapse in on a Friday after school! You all did a stunning job and your children News moves fast in 'Covid world'. One moment, we're confidently looking forward to the end of the pandemic and a great summer of freedom; the next, a new variant is driving cases upward at an alarming rate and schools all around us are closing bubbles, if not the whole school! In local schools both class-and year group bubbles have been bursting all over the place. It is a testament to staff that we have been able to not just carry on but also end the year with so many exciting learning opportunities and experiences!

We have had everything crossed that our year 6 will get to enjoy at least one residential and as I write this we have one day to go before they all board the coach for 3 action packed days at Hindleap Warren! This is proving to be a very, very close run thing! We desperately want them to enjoy a residential trip, experience the independence of being away from home and also (mums will like this one!) learn to make a bed!

When you return from your travels we really look forward to welcoming you all back in September!

We would like to wish you all have an incredible summer holiday!



The summer holiday could not have come any sooner for us all I am sure! If you are searching for inspiration for where to travel to next, here is a map for some Summer holiday travel ideas.



SEPTEMBER ARRANGEMENTS

At the moment it is very hard to predict what the situation will be when we return in September! We are planning to keep arrangements at drop off and collection the same.

Drop off

All parents will leave children at the gate in the morning to avoid congestion on the playground.

The junior gate will not open until 8.15am and there is a 15 minute window before registration closes at 9.30am. This means the start is staggered and social distancing should be possible. We would strongly advise children not to arrive before 8.15am especially in the winter months.

The main car park gate for the infants will not open until 8.25am and they have until 8.45am to register. Again this allows for a staggered start to reduce traffic, ease parking and allow social distancing. Please clear the entrance as soon as your child has walked through the gates to allow other parents the chance to drop off safely.

The times for the school day have worked really well and we aim to keep these moving forward.

End of the day

**Junior classes leave at 3pm.
Parents collect from the playground and can arrive from 2.55pm**

Infant classes leave school at 3.10pm. Parents collect from the infant playground and can arrive from 2.55pm

If anything changes, we will update you before the start of term as soon as we hear! Who knows what might happen!

MOST VOTED FOR SCHOOL!

Good Morning,

My name is Autumn and I work for Dunelm Eastbourne.

We recently had a competition for one of our local schools to receive a nature bundle from ourselves.

Polegate Primary School was the most voted for school! Congratulations!

We have a fab nature bundle waiting for you in store. Please let me know who will be collecting it and if they'd be willing to have their photo taken for our Facebook community group.

**Kind regards,
Autumn Garner**



Thank you everyone that voted for us and Dunelm for these wonderful additions to our wildlife garden!

Dunelm Eastbourne | Community Support

Moderator • Eastbourne Dunelm • 11 m •

Good afternoon!

Thank you everyone for voting for one of our local primary school to receive a nature prize from us!

The winning school with the most votes is **POLEGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL!**

However, we wanted to do a runner up prize too for a random school! The winner of that draw is **SOUTH DOWNS COMMUNITY SPECIAL SCHOOL!**

We will be contacting both schools soon and of course share with you what each one

THE BRILLIANT CLUB SCHOLARS!

We are so proud of our young graduates. They have successfully submitted their final assignments and passed!

Pupils work towards completing a challenging final assignment, which is marked and moderated using university grades!

The Scholars Programme provides pupils the opportunity to work with a PhD researcher to experience university-style learning. We fund this programme because it helps them to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to secure a place at a highly-selective university. We hope it

supports all pupils consider their choices beyond Polegate School (you see there really are no limits!) and if they want to know that no door is closed to them and they could attend university. We hope it gives the skills needed to excel in their next phase of education.



Congratulations to them all!

CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

We wanted to share with the school Scarlett's fantastic achievements in her dance over the last 3 weekends.

She has competed in 4 online dance festivals 2 of which are ones she normally dances live on stage but can't due to lockdown restrictions so they took it online.

Mrs Harris

We can see why Mrs Harris is so proud of Scarlett! She has first and second place medals in a multitude of solos!

It is impressive to see that nothing stops Polegate pupils, even a lockdown has not stopped Scarlett from doing what she loves and as a result of her hard work she has won many medals

PUPILS STANDING UP FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE IN

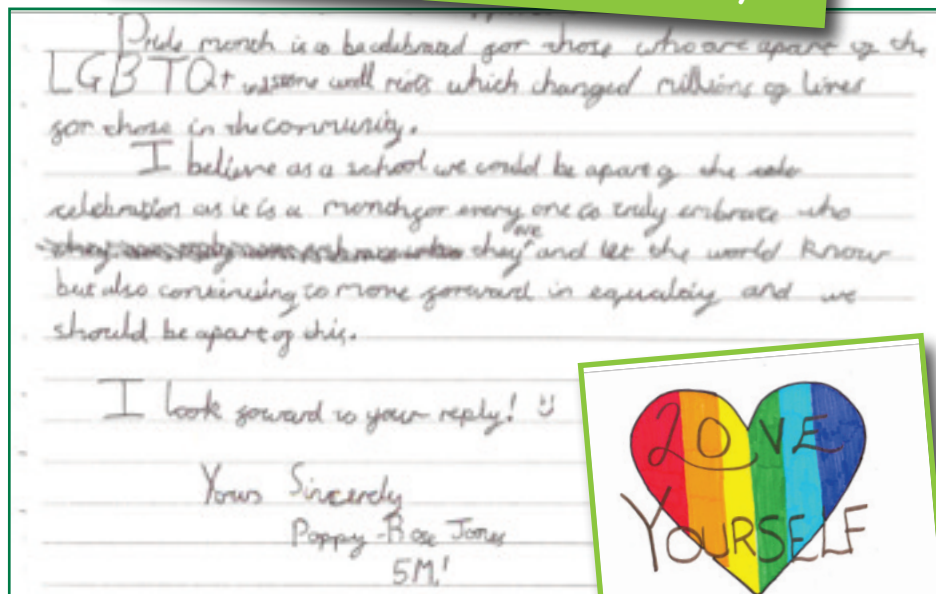
This year I have seen many pupils with the conviction to stand by what they believe in without any prompting by others, from writing letters to giant cosmetic companies; campaigns to reduce pollution and care for our planet; initiatives to reduce waste in school and requests to celebrate diversity.

I am exceptionally proud of them for this- they will be global citizens of the future and make a positive difference because they are:

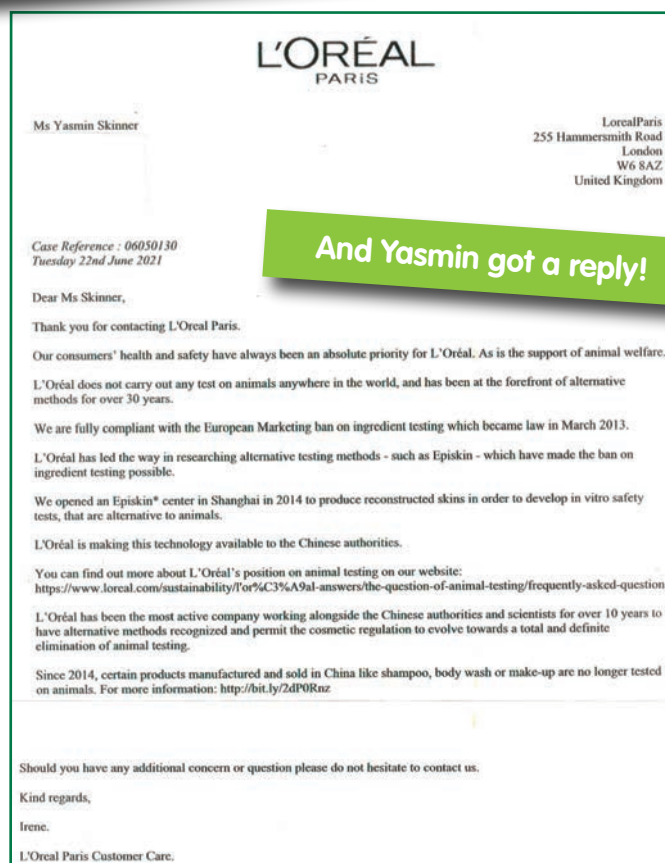
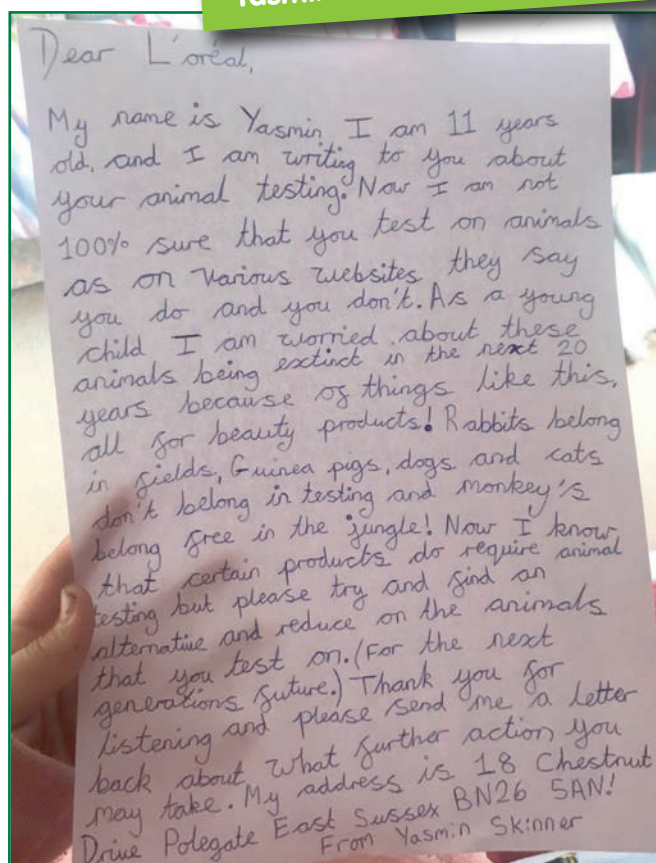
- aware of the wider world and has a sense of their own role as a world citizen
- respectful and value diversity
- willing to challenge the status quo and act to make the world a more equitable place
- equipped to contribute to a sustainable common future

I think you will agree they are wanting to make positive change and are prepared to act on this.

Poppy-Rose wanted to recognise equality



Yasmin wrote to L'Oreal as she was concerned regarding animal testing.



And Yasmin got a reply!

2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

September 2021 to August 2022

TERM	START DATE	END DATE
School INSET day	Wed 1st September 2021	
School INSET day	Thur 2nd September 2021	
School Term 1	Fri 3rd September 2021	Fri 22nd October 2021
School INSET day	Mon 27th September 2021	
School Term 2	Mon 1st November 2021	Thu 16th December 2021
School INSET day	Mon 8th November 2021	
School INSET day	Fri 17th December 2021	
School Term 3	Tues 4th January 2022	Fri 11th February 2022
School Term 4	Mon 21st February 2022	Fri 1st April 2022
School Term 5	Tue 19th April 2022	Fri 27th May 2022
School Term 6	Mon 6th June 2022	Fri 22nd July 2022

KEY DATES

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

18th October

20th October

7th February

9th February

INSET DAYS:

1st September

2nd September

27th September

8th November

17th December

I am providing this information now in the hope that if you are planning any holidays you will be able to arrange these for the school holidays. Holidays are not an entitlement and are not approved.

With so much lost learning and disruption over the last two academic years we are not authorising any holidays.

As pupil absence rates increase, they do worse in tests at ages 10/11 and 15/16.

That was a key finding of new research from the Department for Education, based on data. It said that:

“every extra day missed was associated with a lower attainment outcome”.

We want to give our pupils every chance of success and any absence has a damaging effect on their life chances.

PFA UPDATE

From all of us on the PFA, thank you for all of the support you have given us with our fundraising events this year.

Get involved

If you would like to get involved in joining us or have any ideas for fundraisers you would like to see happening, please do get in touch.

You can contact us on pfa@polegate.e-sussex.sch.uk

Why not join our School Lottery?

There is a guaranteed winner every week from our school, as well as the chance to win £25,000! The more players we have the bigger our school winner's prize will be!!

Sign up at

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/polegate-primary-school>

Amazon Smile

You could also link your Amazon account and support us by using Amazon Smile! It costs you nothing, but generates funds for us! Win win!

Simply shop at

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A chance to win £325,000 jackpot

Guaranteed winner every week

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/polegateschoolpfa/>

FOREST SCHOOL FUN



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Go wild reading and catch a glimpse into where the wild things are!

Be in with a chance to win a special school prize for completing the Summer library challenge which has just started! Pop along to a local library and register.

One Wild World Hero will win a family ticket for Port Lympne Zoo!



The Reserve is a haven for many rare and endangered animals and their care is at the heart of our existence. Over 900 animals across 75 species call Port Lympne their home.

Every child that completes the challenge to read six books will be entered into the prize draw to win a family ticket!

Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge

at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src

Starts 10th July 2021 Ends 11th September 2021

The Reading Agency and libraries are excited to introduce Wild World Heroes, Summer Reading Challenge 2021; a celebration of nature and action for the environment, in partnership with WWF UK.

The Reading Agency, along with the UK public library network, delivers the Summer Reading Challenge across the country every year. It is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged four to eleven. Throughout the Summer Reading Challenge, library staff, along with volunteers, help children to discover new authors and explore a wide range of different types of books, giving them a positive experience of reading for pleasure.

Sign your child up at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src If you don't have a smartphone, computer or tablet, you can sign up using a computer in the library. You can ask a one of our volunteers or a member of staff for help if you need it.

The Challenge will begin in East Sussex libraries on Saturday 10th July and end on Saturday 11th September.

The Challenge is to read any six books borrowed from the library or downloaded from our ebook library. For children under 4 we have the Pre-school Challenge, where you can collect stickers for each book shared and a special medal sticker at the end.

Children signing up for the Challenge get a character sticker and a Reader Record. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they

have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library. The Challenge is for all children, whatever their reading ability. Children who are not reading independently can share their books with a family member or friend, or they might prefer to listen to audio books.

To take part in Wild World Heroes, children need to have their own library card and PIN. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature on it (a driving licence is ideal as it has all of these) to the library and you can join the whole family, or you can join online and have your cards posted to you. You can reset your child's PIN online if you can't remember it or ask in the library for a new one.

INTRODUCING OUR

Star of the year

WINNERS



Harlow Star, RH



Joshua Latter, RM



Imogen Rogers, RR



Ned Netschepir, 1B



Libby Holland, 1C



James Hamilton, 1S



Millie Lester-Murphy, 2M



Lyla Jones, 2Ma



Freddie Golbey, 2Mc

MORE STARS OF THE YEAR!



Ellie Lanius-Roberts, 3D



Evelynn Gudgeon, 3G



Olivia Reed, 3Y



Lola Watkinson, 4DB



Sophie Warby, 4E



Myah Wright, 4H



Finn Lanius-Roberts, 5M



Olivia Videan, 5T



Daisy Purdey, 6R



Bryony Clarke, 6J

STAFF NEWS

The end of year is always incredibly sad as we have to say good bye to year 6 and also some staff each year.

There are a few staff members who are moving on to new challenges next year. We would like to wish them every success and thank them for all their hard work!

Mr Evans

Stuart Block

Nigel Sandell

Tracey Maunder

Jennie Everett

Lucy Worrell

Antonia Daniels

We wish you all lots of luck!

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

RH = 98.3%

RR = **98.4%**

RM = 96.8%

1B = 97.5%

1S = 96.7%

1C = 97.3%

2M = 96.1%

2Mc = 95.1%

2MA = 97.6%

3G = 95.8%

3D = 96.7%

3Y = 97.8%

4DB = 97.5%

4H = 96.5%

4E = 96.4%

5M = 97.9%

5T = 95.9%

6R = 97.2%

6J = 95.8%



Well done to reception class RR, you have had the highest attendance in the whole school!

Even in a year as challenging as this has been it is incredible how many children have managed to get 100% attendance for the whole year!

Congratulations to you all!

RH

Eva Sinclair

RM

Lilly Kilsby

Joshua Latter

Arthur Light

Alisa McLean

Madison North

Toby Northcott

Aurelia-Lilee Sharma

Cable Taylor

RR

Alvina Alex

Kaleb Aston-Ranger

Ryan Burgoyne

Ralph Dunlop

Charlotte Evans

Evelyn Fitzgerald

Dexter Fry

Arthur Heward

Finley McCann

Oscar Slack

Alessandra Tilbury

1C

Arin Aydemir

Zara Clements

Freddie Flanagan

Ellie-Jade Murphy

Sakinah Swadiq

1B

Cia Darvill

Peyton Flanagan

Emma Groombridge

Teddie Hobden

Lumin O'Driscoll

Sofia Prangnell

Rex Thompson

Esmee Welfare

1S

Susie Beadle

Archie Clear

Alfie Denton

James Hamilton

Luke Kenway

Ella-Mai Kitching

Leo Marshall

Beatrice McAndrew

Ava O'Brien

Edie Priestman

Josiah Stephens

Toby Stoneman

2M

William Colley

Oliver Dell

Blake Fullbrook

Charlie Newton

Joshua Newton

Ella-Matilda Paramor

Josephine Plastow

Bobby Smith

Jessica Stone

Indira Tewkesbury

2Ma

Jacob Jandrell-Jones

Kayleigh Murphy

Elsa Smith

Zephyr Whitehead

Lilly Wren

2Mc

Alex Diplock

Wren Donovan

Dolce Heath

3D

Alana Davis

Rose Hamilton

Oscar Spiers

Jessica Stevenson

Max Stoneham

Oscar Van Leer

Mason Wimalasena

3G

Owen Bond

Eva Coase

Joshua Evans

Scarlett Harris

Jack Hyne

3Y

Daisy Banfield-Giggs

Olly Banfield-Giggs

Ellen Heward

Jade Keen

Verity McAndrew

Gracie McHale-Vinall

Dylan Morrison

Bethany Ness

Jasmine Rejeb

Damien Taylor

4DB

Amy Burgoyne

Sefton Heron

Alaya Johnson

Otto Martens

Aeryn Noakes

Oscar Oastler

Finley Pain

Tyler Pont, Tyler

Max Satchell, Max

Spencer Stoneman

Olly Tee

Lola Watkinson

4E

Arianwen Budden

Olli Donovan

Grace Hobden

Jessica Patrick

Iris Stringer

Takuma Trott

4H

Cara Baker

Alfie Bourne

Henry Donoghue

5T

Louie Aamer

Austin Alex

Cole Lavender

Todd Phillimore

Mason Rodriguez

Lilie Walker

5M

Miles Leonard

Oliver Marsh

Zac Morrison

Reggie Stewart

Elouise Tobin

Lucy Wietecha

Daniel Wood

6R

Alex Oastler

Daisy Purdey

Aaron Shaji

Jasmine Tritton

Leon Varghese

UNIFORM

As it gets to the end of the year school shoes get a little worn or fall apart even and I can fully understand the reluctance to spend a lot of money for new school shoes.

We have noticed the standards of school uniform have slipped. We try to reduce the costs by limiting requirements but we do insist on a polo top with logo and a jumper or cardigan with a logo. We want to remind you before the start of the next school year ahead of you buying new items for the September start:

- short or long grey or black trousers (not denim or cord or sports/tracksuit bottoms)
- grey or black skirt or pinafore dress
- green gingham summer dress
- white polo shirt (with school name)
- green crew necked sweatshirt with school name
- green cardigan with school name
- black school jogging suit for PE with trainers.
- White T-Shirt for PE with logo.
- smart shoes - no heels or boots
- Black school shoes- polishable
- plain white or grey socks
- green baseball cap with school logo

LUNCHTIME SMILES



Creativity at Lunchtimes!
Our street artists are busy



Watch out! Princesses on trikes!

POLEGATE SPORTS



Our sports leaders did an incredible job supporting Sports Days this year. I had so many reports from teachers saying how well they led younger pupils and what a great example they set!

Sussex School Games Level 3 Bronze Medal Winners

During the first summer lockdown, Miss Baker and a very talented group of dancers from years 3-6 worked very hard to produce a piece from the Disney musical 'Newsies'.

A little while later our Sussex School Games Organiser contacted us with details of a virtual Dance Competition taking place in 2021. Although a couple of our dancers had left Polegate, the SSGO agreed that we should enter our dance as, after all the hard work, no-one had been able to come and watch it in person!

In an exciting live broadcast from the virtual Sussex School Games, it was announced that Polegate had been awarded third place overall – with the school winning its first bronze medal at a level 3 Sussex School Games event EVER. Well done to everyone involved – we are so proud of you!



The amazing dancers involved in the production were; Bethany, Sydney, Miley, Tianna & Maddie (now left), Flo, Amber, Casey, Sofia, Lucy, Gracie, Shylah and Lydia.

SPORTS WEEK

Fortunately, the week was just perfect for the sports week. A huge success and the children all participated and loved every second.

Not quite the same without the audience- we missed you and the enthusiasm and encouragement you give the children!

Mrs Murphy collated all the scores for all events and the final totals are....

Thank you everyone for a fantastic week!

Also, a huge well done to our Sports Leaders, they were amazing!

Mrs Murphy

The final totals for sports week are in:

PHOENIX	HERCULES	ORION	PEGASUS
8400	8531	8589	9155

And the winners for Sports Week 2021 are...
Pegasus - 9155



RECEPTION BEACH TRIP

There was so much excitement in reception this morning as they departed for their very first school trip! It is a glorious day to visit the beach and we hope they have lots of fun!



CHANGE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO YOUR CHILD

We just wanted to let you know that due to the new GDPR regulations we will not be sending out data collection sheets any more. We do still need to know if there are any changes to information relating to your child.

Changes we need to know about are:

- Medical details (any new allergies, asthma etc)
- Change of address, telephone numbers or email address

Keep us informed

It will be up to you to keep us informed and you can do this by emailing the school office at:

office@polegate.e-sussex.sch.uk

with any changes or by completing the form which you can find on the download section on our website

www.polegateschool.uk

Diary Dates

**Start of Term 1
2021-22
Friday 3rd
September
2021**

Archive



You can read all the previous newsletters on our website.

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**Be the first to
hear the news.
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1,192 followers!**



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Feedback

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