

Polygraph News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The last couple of weeks have been beautifully hectic – the Mass, Christingle Service, Carols in the community and our Carol Service yesterday confirmed that Christmas has arrived! I am fully aware that children and staff are very tired at the end of term but the joy in the children's faces keeps us all going. It leaves me to simply wish you all the most wonderful Christmas. Thank you for all your warm wishes and I look forward to seeing the children refreshed in the New Year.

Key Dates

- 9th January Spring Term begins – all children in school
- 13th Jan Year 6 Greek day
- 3rd Feb Year 5 extended day at Ufton Court
- 13th -17th Feb – Half term
- 23rd Feb St Polycarp's feast Day
- 15th March Xavier Inset day – school closed to all pupils
- 31st March - break for Easter holiday

Keeping Children Safe

Online safety

Please try to stay one step ahead of your children and keep yourself informed on how to keep them safe. Please see these websites if you haven't done so already.

Think U know: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

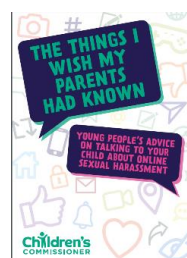
NSPCC: www.net-aware.org.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

ChildLine: www.childline.org.uk



and



PARKING

Video launch after the holiday – no excuse for illegal parking or unsafe driving near school.

I have a new plan for parking but without your support it can not happen. If you are able to help between 2.55-3.15 on any day please let me know and I will reveal all!

Lollipop

If you know of anyone who would be interested in the vacancy, please let me know asap. It's a great job for someone!

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Staffing

We wish Mrs Horrocks a wonderful retirement and Mrs Killington lots of luck as she moves on from St Polycarp's. We are very sad to see them go, thank them for their service to our school and wish them the very best in all they do in the future.

Robins and Puffins

In Reception we have been getting in to the festive spirit. We have enjoyed our Nativity and we did everyone proud with our wonderful performance. We sang beautifully and said our lines loudly and clearly.

We have also been enjoying the cold weather. We investigated what would happen if we left out the water over night. We then had to use our problem-solving skills to get out the frozen objects. We used different tools to help us. Someone came up with the idea of using hot water to melt the ice. Our teachers were super impressed.



Year 1 Christingle Celebration



On Thursday 15th December, Year 1 held a Christingle Celebration. All parents and carers were invited into class to learn about Christingle and to then help their children to make one. This was followed by a procession of the children holding their Christingles into the new teaching hall. All parents, children and year 1 staff gathered by candlelight and music, listening to the words of the collective worship. The children ended the service by singing 'Light up the Candle'. The afternoon really was a special moment to worship, reflect and think about Advent.

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Year 2

As part of our textiles DT project, Year 2 have analysed, designed, made and evaluated Christmas decorations. We used a template and a running stitch to make our decoration for someone in our family. We added embellishments. We had great fun and were very proud of final products.

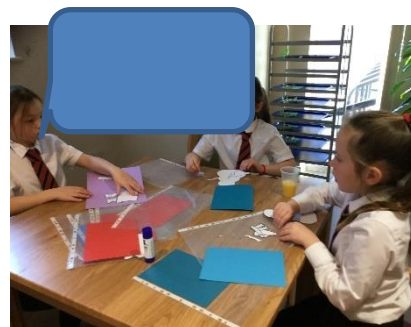


A Huge thank you to all Year 2 staff and children for organising our Carol Service yesterday. The readers and singing was beautiful and joyful – well done everyone!



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Year 3 learning across the curriculum



Year 4

This month, Year 4 had an amazing time making their 'Ultimate Mashed Potato' and were overjoyed to share this with you in the evening. During art this month, the children got to explore poster paint and watercolour paints. The children made us extremely proud during the Christmas Mass which they led with maturity and pride.



We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and we are looking forward to seeing Year 4's smiling faces in the new year.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a variety of lessons in the weeks leading up to Christmas. From Mrs Hill, or rather Santa teaching maths,



to a Christmas art day, Year 5 have truly gotten in to the festive spirit.



through to outdoor English lessons, where the children used their five senses to inspire some amazing poetry.



Reading volunteers wanted!

We are looking for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to volunteer their time in school to read with our children. Reading is a fundamental part of everything we do at St Polycarp's and we know all of our children would love to sit down and share a story! If you are keen to get involved, please register your interest at the office by Friday 20th January. We will then be in contact to organise set up.

For those who would like to volunteer there is a form we ask all regular volunteers to complete and also safeguarding training session.

Ms Murdoch

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Year 6 raised a huge amount of money for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in their Reindeer Run



**Huge thanks for all
your support!**



Supporting the community



Thank you so much to all families who contributed to our Salvation Army Present Appeal. There was an overwhelming response. Mark Anderson, the Salvation Army Officer who collected the gifts expressed his extreme gratitude.

Read Write Inc. Update



All R.W.Inc books have been collected in to be collated over the holidays. Any outstanding books should be delivered to Mrs Edgell ASAP.

Over Christmas please encourage your child to read any books to a variety of 'special listeners'. We are sure visiting grandparents and extended family members will enjoy the chance to see how all the children have progressed. We would love to see any photos of unusual festive reading for 'show and tell' in January.

Following feedback from the Year group meetings, we wish to encourage you to read a variety of other books with your children to support the RWI book. The book used in class supports the learning of Phonics, other books will promote a 'love of reading'. From January, EYFS and Key Stage 1 will visit the school library twice a week (times tbc). The following link is for an e library which you can use as well.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Happy Reading 😊



Write up from Zone leaders:

We are fun Yr6 students and love the challenge of running the zones. We take time to plan activities and we even have a zone star of the week for KS1 and KS2. The zones on offer are: Construction Zone, Traditional Games Zone, Nature Zone and Games Zone. We have just introduced a new zone called Book Zone where children can read about a character or story and create items including book marks.

We spoke to some of the children who take part in the zones and here are some of the things they said:

"The zones are super fun, and there's lots of exciting new games." (YrR)

"There are lots of things to decorate and do." (Yr2)

We are looking to improve the games and make it more enjoyable for everyone.

From the Year 6 Zone leaders.



Office Information

If your child is absent from school for illness, a medical appointment or any other reason including being late please leave a message on the absence line of the answer machine. This is to allow your child to be marked with the correct attendance code. Please do not email the office as the email may not be read in time for registration.

Admissions for Reception 2023

Access information regarding admissions via www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

The closing date for **primary** level admissions is **15th January 2023**. Please note: to qualify for a place at 4 years of age, a child must have been born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018.

If you are applying for a place please do so asap in the New Year.

For any queries or to pick up a Supplementary Form (faith applicants), please contact our Admissions Officer, Mrs Sarah Regan either via the school office or at admissions@stpolicarps.surrey.sch.uk.



Heavenly Father,

Bless us with generous hearts this Christmas. Help us to remember that the gifts of joy and love come from you and help us to share those gifts with others.

We pray this through Christ our Lord,

Amen

Have a wonderful Christmas and peaceful start to 2023.

Mrs Paula Best

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Daily Run

At the end of each term each class has their end of term 'Personal Best Daily Run.' The children are challenged to run as many laps of the daily running circuit as they can within the time limit of 15 minutes. Staff count each child's laps. The children are then made aware of their own Autumn Term personal best, their daily run PB.

Seven laps are a mile in distance.

Many of our children managed to complete their mile and will be given a certificate for this. Some children were able to complete two miles within the 15 minutes.

Reindeer Run

Y6 used their running skills to help raise money for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.



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KS1 Football

Our KS1 mixed teams had their 2nd football fixture. This time the teams played St. Peter's Primary School. The teams played really well over a selection of games, winning two games, drawing one game and losing one game. Our top goal scorer scored 7 goals and our goalies made some fantastic saves. Despite the freezing cold the children enjoyed every minute. Our supporters braved the weather to cheer on the children and that was greatly appreciated.

Swimming

Y5 Curriculum swimming starts on Monday 9th January. The children need to be there at 8.15am.

Swim Squad Gala training starts on Monday 12th January. The children need to be there for 7.15am.

Mrs. K. Trafford

Deputy Head