

# Polygraph News

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

January's frosty mornings may have been challenging for parents in some ways but the children loved them! School has been calm, focused and been an exciting place of learning. Today I have included a few highlights for you to enjoy. The drop in sessions for parents were very helpful last term and I intend to continue them in the same format this term. Please see the dates and times below. There is no obligation to attend and no agenda but hopefully an opportunity to ensure communication is open.

I hope you are enjoying our daily Twitter updates – thank you to all those who follow us.

Next month's Polygraph News will be in a new digital easily accessible format which I hope you will enjoy.

## Key Dates

- 7.2.23 Year 3 parent drop in session (in Y6) 2.45pm
- 9.2.23 Year 2 drop in session (in Y6) 2.40pm
- 21.2.23 Year 6 drop in session (in Y6) 2.45pm
- 28.2.23 Year 5 drop in session (in Y6) 2.45pm
- 9.3.23 Year 4 drop in session (in Y6) 2.45pm
- 16.3.23 Year 1 drop in session (in Y6) 2.40pm
- 21.3.23 Year R drop in session (in Y6) 2.40pm
  
- 13-17<sup>th</sup> Feb half term
- 15<sup>th</sup> March INSET day – school closed to all children
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holiday (break up 1.30pm on 31<sup>st</sup> March)

## Keeping Children Safe

### Safer Internet Day 2023



Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> February is Safer Internet Day 2023. The theme for this year is ***'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.'*** Each year group will carry out work based around this topic and have conversations about how we can effectively communicate online. We will share our learning in collective worship as well as creating a new display in the computing suite.

In preparation for the day, information for parents can be found on the following links:

Internet matters creating environment- <https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Internet-Matters-Create-Environment-for-Kids-to-Talk-Jan-2023-2.pdf>

UK safer internet centre- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

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## Parking

I hope you have now seen our new parking video – PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION - The car park does not belong to our school.

The same parents appear to be parking in the church car park each day – a few have permission from the parish but the majority do not. This is unfair on others, unsafe and is not acceptable. Please use our late pick up club to allow yourself a stress free pick up and please avoid the church car park. Do not park in front of Fr Niven's house, or block his exit, as he needs to be able to leave quickly at any time of the day.

## 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!

## Robins and Puffins



We have had a wonderful start to the new year. We started our space topic and we even had visitors from another planet! Zog and Zig's rocket broke which meant they ended up crashing in our classrooms. We were so excited. We wrote them letters and made them feel at home at St Polycarp's. When they were ready to go back home we made them new rockets to fly home in. We also read the story Whatever Next. We have enjoyed being astronauts and learnt what it was like to live on a space station, we even learnt some fun facts too. This week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. We have been making Chinese dragons, learning about the year of the rabbit and writing numbers in Chinese.



We were learning about Chinese New Year. I loved the dragon dance!

## Year 1 – Animal Antics

This term in Year One we have been learning about features of a fish. We made an aquarium in each class complete with coral, rocks and sand. It was a real team effort. 😊



## Year 2

Year 2 walked to Farnham Museum where we learnt about the life of Florence Nightingale. We all took a turn taking part in telling Florence's story of how she became a nurse and transformed conditions in the Scutari hospital during the Crimean war, saving many lives. We really enjoyed finding out lots about the 'Lady of the Lamp'.



## Year 3 learning across the curriculum



We have had lots of chances to get better at art. If you felt you made a mistake you could turn it into something new. That's what artists do!

## Year 4

The children have had a fantastic start to 2023. They are enjoying their current work finding out about the Tudors and have been learning about historic Tudor events including The Battle of Bosworth.

In art lessons the children having been exploring watercolours.

The year group absolutely loved taking part in Shakespearian drama as we acted out a scene from Richard III.

The acting helped us understand it more. When I was in the scene I could feel what it would have been like.



We tested out our skills with watercolours and learnt how to find different ways of blending and making pictures. We tested using different papers to see how the watercolours work differently on the different papers.

## Year 5

Year 5 made Victorian toys, using a variety of CAMs to create different effects.



We found out how to test the mechanism and keep testing to make sure it worked.

## Year 6

We learnt about how villages were built and how they prepared for war.

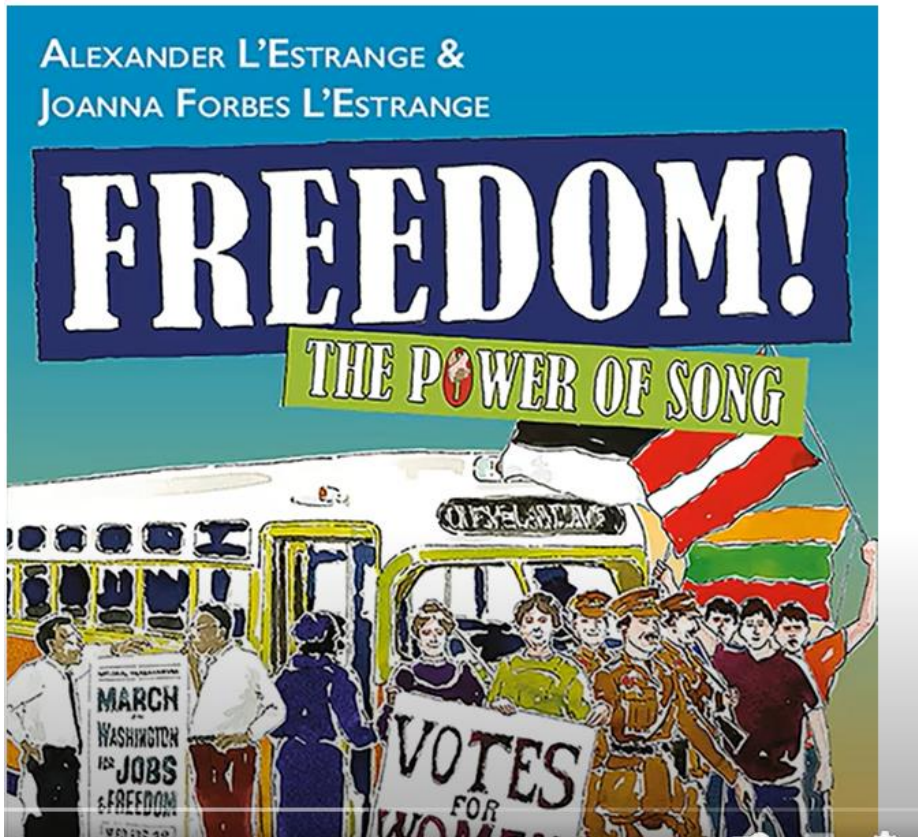
We played ancient Greek games to learn what they did for entertainment



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January, Year 6 enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greek's through a wonderfully engaging workshop. The children dressed the part and immersed themselves fully into the Ancient Greek experience. They learnt about various aspects of life in Ancient Greece including famous stories from that time..

## Choir

Next Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January St Polycarp's Choir from Years 5 and 6 are performing at Charterhouse School along with children from Charterhouse and Edenborough School. It will be a fabulous evening of uplifting musical entertainment. We work closely with many of our local schools to ensure to enrich our children's learning and experience of school life.



## The Hive

The wrap around care id going really well – as hoped it is providing a calm, safe, relaxed and interesting space for the children to spend time after school. Book a session for your child if you haven't tried it out and see what they think! This month the food has looked particularly super!

## S4K Holiday Club

If you are looking for holiday provision for February half term, please up to our new S4K provision – it should be great!

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## Teacher Training Event



### CHANGE LIVES - TEACH



*Have you ever considered teaching as a career?*

**Get into Teaching Information & Coffee Morning  
Saturday 4th February 2023 at Weydon School, Farnham  
9.30am to 11.30am**

More and more people in the local area are, and in conjunction with their local school, they are beginning to turn the thought into a reality. There is a wealth of individuals in the community who have either just finished university, or who have been successful in their career and are now ready for a new challenge. They are passionate about their subject and want to make a difference to the lives of young people. Could this be you?

If you would like to find out more about a career in teaching, come along to our drop-in event where you will be able to:

- Meet representatives from the area's most successful Primary and Secondary teacher training providers.
- Find out more about routes into teaching, gaining school experience, the application process and the funding available.
- Speak to teacher training experts and current teachers to receive one-to-one advice on your training options.

To book a place please visit <https://bit.ly/i2iEventsEB> or contact Krissy Taylor: [ktaylor@i2ipartnership.co.uk](mailto:ktaylor@i2ipartnership.co.uk)

*The i2i SCITT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.*

## Office Information

Thank you from all of the office staff for reporting absences promptly, it has saved a huge amount of admin time and the team are very grateful.

Wishing you a happy and peaceful weekend.



Mrs Paula Best

We are very proud of the work we do to train teachers for the future. If you are thinking of teaching as a career please come along to this event.

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## ACTIVE, P.E. AND SPORTS REPORT JANUARY 2023

### Badminton Festival

Some of our Y3's and Y4's attended a badminton festival earlier this month. They thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills and being challenged to compete in small games. They demonstrated really good hand eye co-ordination.



### Year 2 Balls Skills Festival

Twenty -one Year 2 children represented St. Polycarp's at the inter-schools Ball Skills Festival. During the event they demonstrated many of our School Games' Values whilst having a lot of fun.





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## Y2 First Steps to Leadership Training

A two-hour Active Surrey training session took place for 10 aspiring sports' leaders in Year 2. In a practical environment they were taught what makes a good leader and how to make sure everyone is taking part in the activities whilst having fun. The children:

- Explored the skills and qualities of a good sports leader
- Learnt why teamwork is important and how to ensure everyone is engaged and having fun
- Explored the importance of warming up the body and the mind ready for physical activity
- Were shown ways to improve activities by using the Mr NEDD principle (name, explain, demonstrate, deliver)
- Designed and ran a warm-up game for the group.



Mrs Trafford