



Punnetts Town Community Primary School Newsletter



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Welcome back to a new term; one which is always exciting and will be as busy and as productive as the last.

Early Morning Drop off

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the trial period. The feedback has been positive regarding the 8.30am opening and has alleviated the pressure on the car park; this has been due to the fact that parents who have taken advantage of this have dropped off and left before 8.40am.

However, there are some changes we would like to make. Parents, children and staff have not liked school bags being out on the playground; these can still be put on benches or tables but children will be able to bring their bags into the cloakroom from 8.30am. Hazel and Oak water bottles can be put in boxes that will be outside the classroom and Elm Class on the table outside their class. The reason we don't wish children to be in the class before the bell has been rung is for their own safety as there may not be a member of staff present.

The other thing that staff and parents have missed is the interaction that we had in the morning. We would like to go back to the way it was; please feel free to speak to the class teacher and enjoy the displays in the classes. The message slips will still be available but if it is easier for you to pass the message directly to the class teacher please speak to them. Staff will be

available from 8.40am, as in the past; staff need to prepare lessons so will not be available before this time. If you need to see a teacher before 8.40am please arrange a time and date with them.

Please can I remind you, for the 'early drop off' to continue to be successful, that parents who drop off before 8.40am continue to leave the car park free for others; should you find that there are no spaces please do not park on the Zig Zag lines or anywhere that would reduce visibility for parents and children crossing the road.

We will see how these tweaks work this term and re-evaluate before Christmas.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This was a well-attended event, and the Year 6's did a wonderful job of welcoming, serving and clearing. The morning raised an amazing £302.56 for the charity.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all who were able to attend, provide donations and help with walking the children back to school. We raised £61.61 for the NSPCC ; Year 6 delivered food parcels to members of the local community and received some lovely thank you notes, which were on display on the table opposite the office, and the remaining donations were taken to a local foodbank.

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School Council

Elm, Oak and Hazel held School Council Elections and the following have been voted to represent their class this year:

Elm Class – Izzy and Finley

Oak Class – Ella and Dylan

Hazel Class - Katy and Matilda

I look forward to working with the school council over the coming terms.

... We do feel though, that to do another sponsored walk next year would probably be too onerous. With that in mind, we will be working with wildlife charities, LEA's and other organisations with a view to organising another walk in 2019. ...

On behalf of everyone here and on behalf of Helping Rhinos, thank you once again for taking the time out to 'Walk for Wildlife' and hope that you will join us in 2019.'

Walk4Wildlife

We received notification from Mark Oliver that the Guinness World Records have informed him that the application for the most children walking simultaneously in an organised sponsored walk was unsuccessful. Please see excerpts from his letter below.

... 'Regrettable therefore, I am unable to say that the walk achieved a new Guinness World Record and I am deeply sorry to have to be sending out a certificate, with simply the word 'Attempt' and not the word 'Record'.

Nevertheless, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your pupils for participating in this the first ever 'Walk for Wildlife' event and for raising a fantastic £885.20 for Helping Rhinos. I am sure every penny the children have raised will be put to good use.

Cross Country

A huge well done to all the children who took part in the first round of the cross country, at Burwash. This is not an easy course and the children supported each other and were great ambassadors for the school. Five of our runners qualified to the next round, which was held at Beacon School. Well done to Carmen, Rae, Cara, Sam and Kristian, who ran with gusto and determination and to Rae and Carmen who qualified for the final round; coming first and twelfth respectively.

Teacher and parent consultations

Thank you to all of you who attended these this term. It does make such a difference to your child's education and wellbeing at school. We are always happy to answer questions about your child's progress at any time; if required please make an appointment with the class teacher or through the office.

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Maslin Cup

The winner of the Maslin Cup for this term is Woody. He is a conscientious, polite and well behaved member of the school; he challenges himself and is always willing to try something new. Well done Woody, a fabulous example to all.

Emerald Table

W/E: 22.9.17 Zoe, Samuel T, Jemima, Iulia
W/E: 6.10.17 Gabriella, Arthur H, Amelia A, Lottie
W/E: 13.10.17 Ella, Lily-Rose, Lucy, Lauren C
W/E: 20.10.17 Chloe C, Woody, Rosie G, Millie K

Stars of the week

W/E: 15.09.17 Hazel: Woody, Oak: Dylan, Elm: Joe
W/E: 22.09.17 Beech: Lenny, Hazel: Mia, Oak: Ella, Elm: Izzy
W/E: 29.09.17 Beech: Barney, Hazel: Katie, Oak: Joshua, Elm: Lucy
W/E: 6.10.17 Beech: Ethan, Hazel: Lottie, Oak: Chloe W, Elm: Sam R
W/E: 13.10.17 Beech: Amelia, Hazel: Luca, Oak: George, Elm: Lily T
W/E: 20.10.17 Beech: Jake, Hazel: Matilda, Oak: Brooke, Elm: Kristian

E-Safety News

There have been concerns raised with an addition to Snapchat around SnapMaps being available. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/nadiaandkaye/videos/1274040762717731/> for more information. SnapMaps can tell any other users your location, and therefore there are concerns over keeping children safe. This setting appears to automatically be on, but can be turned off. Snap chat BBC link <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-40509281>

Did you know ...

If you use Ecosia as your search engine you could be planting trees for free! Find out here <https://www.ecosia.org/>

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Car Parking and Changes to Penalty Charge Notices

As of 5th September 2018, the council will be changing the way they issue a Penalty Charge Notice to vehicles that stop on the keep clear markings. Instead of placing the PCN on the vehicle or handing it to the driver, it will be sent to the owner or keeper of the vehicle by post. This will allow civil enforcement officers to carry out enforcement of these restrictions more efficiently. Additionally, receiving a PCN for parking in such a way should deter the person from doing so again. This new approach was agreed at a Lead Member for Transport and Environment meeting.

School keep clear markings are there for safety reasons and vehicles should not stop on them. Any driver that stops on the marking may incur a £70 PCN that will be sent to the owner of the vehicle. Disabled badge users should not park where it would endanger, obstruct or inconvenience pedestrians or other road users, including school entrances or where it makes it difficult for others to see.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be available for purchase by donation from Friday 3rd November in the School atrium.

Pantomime Visit Permissions

If you have not already done so, please can you return the Permission Slips and monies for the 'Aladdin' Pantomime Visit to the School office by the end of this week, as we need to confirm numbers with the Theatre and the School Kitchen. Thank you.

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School Diary Dates

Fri 20 th Oct		Whole School	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 23rd–Fri 27th Oct		Whole School	Autumn Holiday School Closed
Mon 30th Oct – Weds 20th December			Term 2
Mon 30th Oct		Whole School	First day of Term 2
Tues 31 st Oct	2.30-4.45am	Football Team	Football Tournament at Heathfield Community College
Thurs 2 nd Nov	8.45-10.15am	Elm Class	First Swimming lesson
Thurs 2 nd Nov	1.30-2.30pm	Elm Class	Big Draw Exhibition at HCC
Mon 6 th Nov	After School	Warblers Club	First Warblers Club
Tues 7 th Nov	All Day	Whole School	Brian Moses Reading Patron
Weds 8 th Nov	9.30-10.30am	New Intake Sept 2018	Open Morning
Fri 10 th Nov	11.00am	Whole School	Armistice Day Assembly
Mon 13 th Nov	9.00am	Friends'	Friends' meeting
Weds 15 th Nov	1.30pm	Year Rec –Year 4	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 24 th Nov	9.00am	Drumming Club	Drumming Assembly
Weds 29 th Nov	All day	Whole School	Christmas Decoration Day
Fri 1 st Dec	Evening	Elm Class	Hasp Carols (Federation)
Monday 4 th Dec	All Day	Whole School	Mufti Day (non-uniform day) for Christmas Fair
Friday 8 th Dec	3.30-5.00pm	Whole School	Friends' Christmas Fair
Weds 13 th Dec	Morning	Beech and Hazel	Nativity Dress Rehearsal at Warbleton Church
Weds 13 th Dec	Lunchtime	Whole School	Christmas Dinner
Weds 13 th Dec	Evening	Beech and Hazel	Nativity at Warbleton Church
Thurs 14 th Dec	10.00am	Whole School	Pantomime at Tunbridge Wells
Fri 15 th Dec	All Day	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day
Tues 19th Dec		Whole School	Last day of Term 2
Weds 20th Dec	All Day	Whole School	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Thurs 21st Dec – Mon 1st Jan		Whole School	Christmas Holidays
Tues 2nd Jan-Fri 9th Feb		Whole School	Term 3
Tues 2nd Jan		Whole School	First Day of Term 3
Thurs 4 th Jan		Oak Class	First Oak Class Swimming
Mon 15 th Jan			Closing Date for Applications for School Places in September

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Autumn Term 2

Monday 30th October 2017-Wednesday 20th December 2017

Wednesday 20th December 2017 – Inset Day – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 20th December 2017 – Last Day of Term 2

Christmas Holiday

Thursday 21st December 2017-Monday 1st January 2018

Spring Term 3

Tuesday 2nd January 2018-Friday 9th February 2018

Tuesday 2nd January 2018- First Day of Term 3

Friday 9th February 2018 – Last Day of Term 3

February Holiday

Monday 12th February 2018-Friday 16th February 2018

Spring Term 4

Monday 19th February 2018-Thursday 29th March 2018

Monday 19th February 2018 – First Day of Term 4

Thursday 29th March 2018 – Last Day of Term 4

Easter Holiday

Friday 30th March 2018 – Good Friday Bank Holiday

Monday 2nd April 2018-Friday 13th April 2018

Summer Term 5

Monday 16th April 2018 – Friday 25th May 2018

Monday 16th April 2018 – First Day of Term 5

Friday 25th May 2018 – Last Day of Term 5

Monday 7th May 2018 – May Day Bank Holiday – School closed

Spring Holiday

Monday 28th May 2018 - Friday 1st June 2018

Monday 28th May 2018 – Spring Bank Holiday

Summer Term 6

Monday 4th June 2018 – Friday 20th July 2018

Friday 20th July 2018 – Inset Day – school closed to pupils

Friday 20th July 2018 – Last Day of School Year

There are two Inset Days set for the rest of School Year 2017-18, Wednesday 20th December and Friday 20th July. There is 1 further Inset Day still to be decided.

School Year 2018-19

Monday 3rd September 2018 – Inset Day – school closed to Pupils

Tuesday 4th September 2018 - Tuesday 23rd July 2019

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