



Punnetts Town Community Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

December has been a very exciting month, filled with many lovely Christmas events and celebrations. The festivities began with our decoration morning. Thank you to everyone who came in and helped; the children had a lovely morning creating a variety of Christmas decorations, including reindeer, trees and presents, which have made the school look thoroughly festive. This was followed by The Woodlands Federation Carol Concert, where children in Year 5 and 6 sang carols beautifully and recited poetry clearly. The Christmas fayre was a thoroughly enjoyable event; it was extremely well attended and the variety of stalls, Father Christmas and the refreshments provided entertainment, fun and sustenance for all. The children had a wonderful Christmas dinner, prepared, cooked and served by Lucy and Hannah; they were waited on by staff and enjoyed pulling their crackers (kindly provided by friends). This was followed by a visit from Father Christmas in the afternoon; we are so grateful he found the time to visit us. Beech and Hazel classes worked hard to learn their parts for this Year's Nativity show, 'Let's Celebrate'. The whole school enjoyed the Nativity dress rehearsal and the evening performance was just magical and enjoyed by all who attended. 'Aladdin', at the Assembly Halls theatre, was a great hit with both adults and the children! I was told that it was one of the best pantomimes ever.



A huge thank you: to friends for all their hard work in organising events to raise money for the school; for the support that the school receives from you all and to the dedicated staff, who work tirelessly.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2018 and look forward to seeing you all on our return on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

With best wishes

Catherine Winter

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Julie Crump after nearly fifteen years of dedicated service to Punnetts Town Community School. Mrs Crump has been an integral member of school, assisting

pupils, parents and staff. We will miss Mrs Crump very much, as I know she will miss us, and wish her every happiness for the future. Mrs Keeley Fordham will be joining us in January and will be taking up the reins for Mrs Crump and we look forward to welcoming her to our school. As Mrs Fordham is new to the school I know that you will be patient and understanding until she is familiar with our procedures.

farewell

Breakfast Club Review

By Matthew



Have you ever thought about attending breakfast club at Punnetts Town School? If so, read on to discover more.

At breakfast club, there are a variety of different things that you can have to eat: A wide range of cereals; toast with various spreads; sometimes you can have porridge! The available drinks include: apple juice, water & milk.

After breakfast, you can play with a range of games: Boggle, Chess, NineMen Morris, 4 in a Row or you can do colouring.

The staff are kind, caring and helpful.

I recommend breakfast club 100%.



If after having read Matthew's review you would like further information regarding breakfast please contact the school office.



Our poppy appeal raised a very impressive

£90.60

for the British Legion.

Swimming

Elm Class: Elm class have one more swimming session on **Thursday 4th January 2018**

Oak Class: Swimming begins on **Thursday 11th January 2018**, for five weeks. We will need one helper for each session; if you are able to assist with any these dates please let Mrs Smith or Mrs Winter know.



Thank you to Quinn Tree Care and Woodland Services for removing, free of charge, the rather large pile of cuttings as a result of Mrs Longley providing the buddleia with some much needed pruning.

Hazel Class raised £30 to give to the Fire-fighters charity following their exciting trip to Heathfield fire station. The children made a card, which was delivered along with the cheque by Mrs Masters.



Elm and Oak Class have been partaking in 'Mindfulness training for children' this term and have learnt ways to reduce anxiety by using breathing techniques and focusing the mind. They have learnt the names of different parts of the brain and functions that these different parts have.

Emerald Table

W/E: 3.11.17 Brooke, Louie, Ella, Chloe W
W/E: 10.11.17 Samuel T, Lenny, Sophia, Fern
W/E: 17.11.17 Lenny, Josh P, Lauren C, Lily R
W/E: 24.11.17 Alicia, Lily R, Jemima, Ethan
W/E: 1.12.17 Lottie S, Brandon, Jimmy, Charis
W/E: 8.12.17 Reece, Fern, Kristian, Sophia

Stars of the week

W/E: 17.11.17 Beech: Rosie G, Hazel: Tia-Lacey, Oak: William, Elm: James
W/E: 24.11.17 Beech: Charis, Hazel: Olivia, Oak: Sylvia, Elm: Rae
W/E: 8.12.17 Beech: Rufus, Hazel: Josh, Oak: James, Elm: Reece
W/E: 15.12.17 Beech: Jake, Hazel: Harry, Oak: Jimmy, Elm: Jemima



YMCA WiSE PROJECT

Working to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and young people

Afternoon all,

It has been brought to our attention that some children and young people in our area have unfortunately been exposed to a viral video shared on social media containing indecent images of two children. The video has been shared on a number of platforms including Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook Live. We have received a number of reports from children and young people who have seen this footage; therefore it is highly likely that the students in your school have seen it too.

For **further information**, BBC News have covered the story here – <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-42250466>

In light of the severity of this incident and the way in which viewing this material can traumatise or re-traumatise an individual, we have put together some information for **additional support** services that can help you to support students that have been adversely affected by this video.

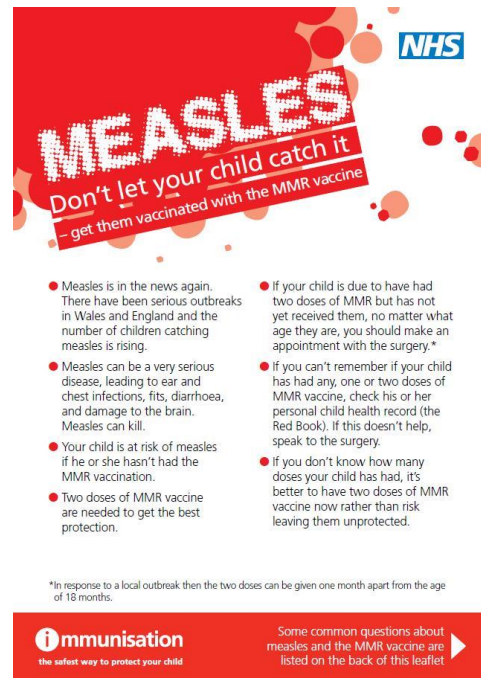
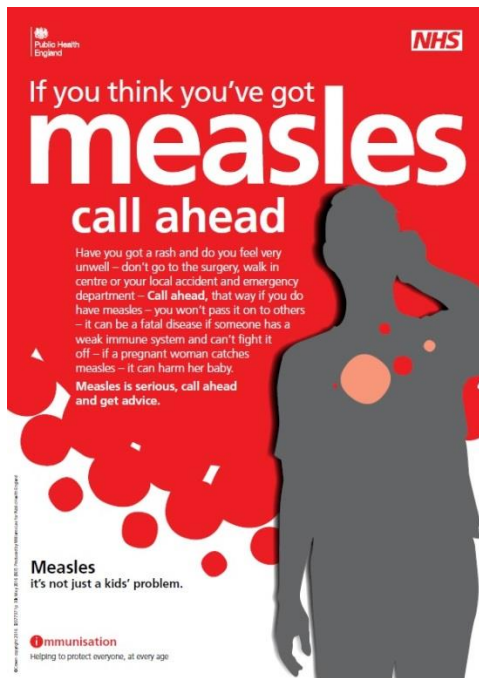
- Survivors Network - Supporting survivors of sexual violence and abuse in Sussex. <http://www.survivorsnetwork.org.uk/content/how-can-we-help>
- YMCA WiSE Project – Supporting children and young people to stay safe in their relationships in Brighton and Hove, East Sussex and Surrey. <https://www.ymcadlg.org/support-advice/wise/>
- CEOP – The National Crime Agency’s Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>
- Childline - free, confidential and available any time, day or night. You can talk to us:
 - by calling 0800 1111
 - by email
 - through 1-2-1 counsellor chat

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

If you would like to talk to a worker at WiSE then please find all of our contact details here – <https://www.ymcadlg.org/support-advice/wise/the-wise-team/>

Kind Regards,

YMCA WiSE team



Please see the message below from East Sussex and the posters above.

You have probably heard that there are currently confirmed measles outbreaks in Liverpool, Leeds and the West Midlands. There are also several large measles outbreaks across Europe, with Romania, Italy, Germany and Greece being the worst affected countries, and there is a continued risk of imported cases, highlighting the need to maximise efforts to achieve 95% uptake of two doses of MMR to prevent spread. In the South East we have a confirmed outbreak in Surrey which the cases to date have been in a range of age groups, and the majority have not been vaccinated.

Amaze

The East Sussex information, advice and support is now provided by **Amaze SENDIASS** – Special educational needs and disability, information, advice and support service for parents and carers of children and young people aged 0 – 25 and young people themselves.

The new East Sussex advice helpline will continue to be a one stop shop on anything to do with children and young people with SEND. Callers will speak to a trained advisor who can offer up to date information and practical advice.

Parents, carers and young people can call **01273 772289**, then select 'East Sussex' option, or email

eastsussex@amazebrighton.org.uk

School Diary Dates

Mon 30th Oct – Weds 20th December

Fri 15th Dec After School Irish Dancing Club
 Mon 18th Dec Oak and Elm Classes
 Tues 19th Dec Whole School
 Weds 20th Dec All Day Whole School
 Thurs 21st Dec – Mon 1st Jan Whole School
 Tues 2nd Jan-Fri 9th Feb Whole School
 Tues 2nd Jan 2018 Whole School
 Weds 3rd Jan Whole School
 Thurs 4th Jan Elm Class
 Mon 8th Jan Recorders
 Tues 9th Jan AM KS1
 Weds 10th Jan 11am Elm class
 Weds 10th Jan After School Twiggies Club
 Thurs 11th Jan Oak Class
 Thurs 11th Jan Lunchtime Drumming Club
 Fri 12th Jan After School Irish Dancing Club
 Mon 15th Jan

Mon 15th Jan After School Warblers Club
 Tues 16th Jan After School Tag-Rugby Club
 Weds 17th Jan After School Twiggies Club
 Weds 17th Jan All Day Whole School
 Fri 19th Jan After School Irish Dance Club
 Weds 24th Jan 2.00pm Parent Forum
 Tues 30th Jan 1.30-4.30pm Hockey Team
 Fri 9th Feb AM Reception
 Fri 9th Feb Whole School
 Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb Whole School
 Mon 19th Feb Whole School
 Mon 19th Feb Warblers Club
 Weds 21st – Fri 23rd Mar Year 4
 Weds 7th Mar PM Elm Class
 Weds 7th Mar Eve Elm Class

Thurs 29th March Whole School
 Fri 30th March – Fri 13th Apr Whole School
 Mon 16th April Whole School
 Mon 14th –Thurs 17th May Year 6

Term 2

No Irish Dancing Club
 No Recorders today
 Last day of Term 2
 INSET Day – school closed to pupils
 Christmas Holidays
 Term 3
 INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
 First Day of Term 3 for Pupils
 Last Elm Class Swimming
 Recorders for Oak and Elm
 Assembly by NSPCC
 NSPCC workshop
 First Twiggies Club
 First Oak Class Swimming
 First Drumming Club
 First Irish Dancing Club
 Closing Date for Applications for
 School Places in September
 First Warblers Club
 First Tag Rugby Club
 No Twiggies Club
 Reading Patron Brian Moses
 No Irish Dance Club
 Parent Forum Meeting
 Hockey Tournament @ HCC
 Audio/Visual Screening
 Last Day of Term 3
 February Holiday School closed
 First Day of Term 4
 No Warblers
 Yr 4 Residential at Blackland Farm
 Big Dance Rehearsal
 Big Dance at Tunbridge Wells
 Assembly Halls
 Last Day of Term 4
 Easter Holidays – School closed
 First Day of Term 5
 SATS week

Punnetts Town Community Primary School Year Dates 2017-18

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-Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils

Tuesday 3rd 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

School Year 2018-19

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

Tuesday 4th September 2018 - Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Head of School: Mrs C Winter
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Executive Head: Mrs I Morse

Joint Chair of Governors: Ms S Gleadow
and Mrs S Foy

