



Punnetts Town Community Primary School Newsletter



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MacMillan Coffee Morning

This was a lovely morning, and the Year 6s performed their duties brilliantly. They all had the experience of welcoming, serving, washing up and selling raffle tickets. We would like to thank everyone who came, donated cakes or bought raffle tickets; the whole event raised £321 for this great organisation.



Harvest Festival



We enjoyed a lovely Harvest Festival service at the Heathfield chapel. Each age group, from Little Punnetts to Year 6, shared the work connected with harvest and sang beautifully, led by Mrs Masters on the piano. Our thanks go to Chris Roache who joined us to help us remember that we are fortunate to be able to have enough food to eat; to Edwin, from the Chapel, for accommodating our service again this year; to Jonathan Austin for providing us with sound; to Mrs Masters for co-ordinating our Harvest Festival and to the children for leading our harvest festival.

Our retiring donation went to the NSPCC and the collection raised £71.00

The Year 6s (led by Mrs Atherden) were able to take the harvest gifts to local members of the community, with donations also being made to the local foodbank. We have had some lovely thank you letters back from the members of the community, noting our generosity and the polite manners of the Year 6 children.

Thank you so much to everyone who made a contribution towards this event.

Open afternoon and Parents' evenings

It was lovely that so many of you were able to attend the open afternoon and parents evening to see the learning that has been happening in each class and to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group. We hope that everyone who wished to have a consultation was able to make one. If this was not the case, please contact the office or the class teacher (if you have not already done so).

Cross Country Runners at Burwash

Our valiant year 5 and 6s entered the HASP cross country running competition on 19th September. They each gave their all, were a credit to the school and extremely supportive of each other; a member of the public specifically made a point of saying how polite and incredibly supportive they were. Congratulations to each and every one of our runners for taking part. Sophia placed 8th, Flynn 4th, Mack 4th and Samuel 1st, which qualified them to the next round representing the Heathfield area, running around Crowborough Beacon School. Out of 68 runners, Mack placed 43rd, Sophia 41st, Flynn 14th and Samuel 10th. Samuel and Flynn qualified for the third round which is being held at Brighton in March 2019. A massive well done to them all!!



New Play Leaders

The Year 5s have risen to their role as play leaders and have been organising and leading activities at lunchtimes, which are being enjoyed by all age groups. Well done to all of you.



School Council Elections

Each class have held their school council election and the following children will be representing the classes: Hazel – Bo and Eva, Oak – Isabelle and Matthew, Elm –Josh and Sophia , and ECO councillor - Jakae

Meetings will begin next term and the councillors will meet to discuss and achieve many things for the benefit of the whole school. Badges will be given out in Friday's assembly.

Cooking with Chartwells

Hazel Class made a hearty vegetable soup and a crusty plaited roll with the assistance from Chartwells. Hazel have been thinking about where our vegetables come from and as part of their topic have been looking at the vegetables that are grown in the United Kingdom. Our thanks go to Chartwells for their time and for providing the resources.

After School Clubs

The children are currently enjoying, netball, football, multi-skills and Warblers. If you would like further information regarding any of these clubs please speak to the office.



Music lessons:

Children are enjoying learning a variety of instruments and we currently have four music teachers delivering sessions at different times of the day, this includes piano, violin, African drumming, guitar, ukulele and drumming. If you would like more information about the instruments that the children can learn please speak to the school office.

Safer Road Crossing and parking

Thank you for your continuing support with this; for your consideration of how you enter and exit the car park and for your support in giving consideration to where you park, both in regard to visibility for crossing the road and also for recording the speed of oncoming traffic. Please also give consideration to our neighbours and avoid blocking any drives or restricting access in any way.

Brian Moses



On the 15th October we enjoyed an evening of poetry with our patron of reading, Brian Moses. Children from across the federation recited a selection of poems, written in classes, beautifully. There was a wide range of poetry, written by children from Year 2 to year 6. The poems selected to be shared were chosen by a class vote and then read either by the children who had written them or by others. Brian Moses then performed some of his poems, which were enjoyed by all. We look forward to him coming into Punnetts Town in November and working with the children. Our thanks to Friends for providing the children with the opportunity to benefit from Brian Moses as our patron of reading for another year.

Citizenship, democracy and parliament

Today Huw Merriman, MP of Bexhill and Battle, visited our school and delivered an assembly where the children had the opportunity to develop their understanding regarding citizenship, democracy and parliament. We thank him for his time and for sharing his experience and answering questions from the children.



Snow Warnings and Other Closures

As we approach the winter, it seems a good time to remind you of the procedures for school closures. If snowy, or very icy, weather affects the school site and the school needs to be closed for safety, a notice will be placed on the ESCC website. You can also sign up for an 'alert' from ESCC if our school is closed. Local radio stations will also be informed. Any decision will be taken by 7 am when the weather has been poor overnight. If we need to close during the day, we will send the information out with a text message via parent mail, and would ask that you

inform any other parents. The same procedures will apply in other circumstances, such as loss of power or water supplies.



Sale of Poppies

From Tuesday 30th October, we will be selling poppies and small merchandise in the Atrium, on behalf of the Royal British Legion. All donations will be greatly received.

Punnetts Town CP School Diary Dates

Friday 19th October	Whole School	Last day of Term 1
Monday 29 th October	Whole School	<u>INSET DAY</u>
Tuesday 30 th October	Whole School	Pupils return for start of Term 2
Tuesday 30 th October	Elm Class	Boys football tournament at HCC - 2.00pm
Thursday 8 th November	Whole School	Prospectus Parents' morning 9.30 – 10.30
Wednesday 14 th November	Yr R – Yr 5	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 29 th November	Whole School	Prospectus parents' morning 9.30-10.30
Wednesday 12 th December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 14 th December	Whole School	Pantomime Visit
Wednesday 19 th December	Whole School	last day of Term 2

Punnetts Town Community Primary School Year Dates 2018-19

School Year 2018-19

October half term – Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October

Term 2

29th October – 19th December 2018

29th October – Inset Day

Christmas break - Thursday 20th December – 3rd January 2019

Term 3

3rd January 2019 – 15th February 2019

3rd January – Inset Day

4th January – Inset Day

February half term – Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

Term 4

25th February – 5th April 2019

Easter Break – 8th April – 22nd April

Good Friday – 19th April

Easter Monday – 22nd April

May 6th – Bank holiday

Term 5

23rd April – 24th May 2019

May half term – Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Term 6

Monday 3rd June – 23rd July 2019

