



# 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, Flynn 4<sup>th</sup>, Mack 4<sup>th</sup> and Samuel 1<sup>st</sup>, which qualified them to the next round representing the Heathfield area, running around Crowborough Beacon School. Out of 68 runners, Mack placed 43<sup>rd</sup>, Sophia 41<sup>st</sup>, Flynn 14<sup>th</sup> and Samuel 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School	<b><u>INSET DAY</u></b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School	Pupils return for start of Term 2
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Elm Class	Boys football tournament at HCC - 2.00pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School	Prospectus Parents' morning 9.30 – 10.30
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr R – Yr 5	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School	Prospectus parents' morning 9.30-10.30
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Pantomime Visit
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Term 2**

**29<sup>th</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**29<sup>th</sup> October – Inset Day**

**Christmas break - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019**

### **Term 3**

**3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup> January – Inset Day**

**4<sup>th</sup> January – Inset Day**

**February half term – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

### **Term 4**

**25<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Easter Break – 8<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Good Friday – 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Easter Monday – 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> – Bank holiday**

### **Term 5**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**May half term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

### **Term 6**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

