

## **Punnetts Town Community Primary School**

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Inez Morse

## Be the Best You Can Be!

Newsletter: Thursday 20th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a full on week with some lovely parts, and some challenging parts. I hope you have had a good start to term 6 and that your children enjoyed federation day. The feedback I have had from pupils and staff has been overwhelmingly positive and certainly the year 2 and 3s at Punnetts Town gained a lot from it. Thank you for putting yourselves out to allow the children to be at different schools – I know that can be a real challenge – it is really appreciated.

Please remember that **Brian Moses** will be in school on **Friday 21st June** and we are all looking forward to his workshops and performance. As this is his last visit this year you are very welcome to join us for the **performance, which will begin at 2pm** and last for about an hour, after which there will be an opportunity to purchase books and have them signed by Brian.

One of our vulnerabilities as a small school is around attendance data. The national average for attendance is 96%. This is something that the local authority and Ofsted refer to, especially in relation to outcomes for pupils (how well they do academically). I have had a number of requests for holiday leave recently, and our attendance data for the year is already 95.4%. This is mainly due to illness earlier in the winter months. However, it presents a vulnerability which is made worse by any holidays taken. If children are not in school, they are not learning the school curriculum and therefore their outcomes will

not be as good as they could be. Please support our school by ensuring your children are here every day of the 195 we are open to them.

KS2 parent ordered daily fruit, vegetable and milk will not be offered from September. We feel that pricing does not represent good value for money to families. Please refer to our school Healthy Eating Policy (available on the website or from the office)which indicates the range of snacks which can be brought to school. The school will be monitoring snacks and lunch boxes to ensure they comply with the school policy and our curriculum on Healthy Eating. KS1 and EYFS provision of free fruit, vegetable and milk as part of the government funded service is unaffected and will continue in September.

Next Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, is our change over day when children will meet their new class mates and teacher.

In Early Years Mrs Black will be joined by Mrs Hewitt, Year 1 and 2 will continue with Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Smith, Year 3 and 4 with Mrs Winter and Year 5 and 6 with Mr Agate.

We will have Mrs Rumsey, Mrs Atherden, Mrs Jones, Miss Sherwood, Mrs Venner, Ms Barnes and Ms Prevett supporting the children. Mrs Stevens will be leaving us at the end of the academic year after an amazing 19 years' service! Mrs Langley will briefly return from maternity leave on 8<sup>th</sup> July to the end of the academic year (in Oak Class) but in September will be at Dallington school.

With very best wishes, Inez Morse (Executive Headteacher,

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## Reminders

Please note our inset days for Term 1 - 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September, <u>the children will return on September 9<sup>th</sup></u>

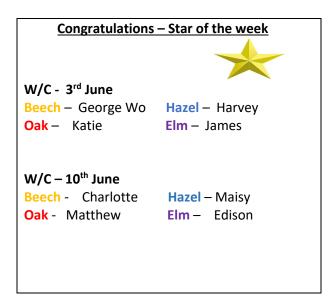
There will also be an inset day on December 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 and July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

To be in line with our healthy eating policy, all snacks children have at break should be healthy options, e.g. fruit, cereal bars - **No sweets or chocolate please**.

Elm class 'connect with the countryside' letters to be returned to the office.

Woodlands Federation)

Weekly Attendance				
W/C -	3rd <sup>th</sup> June	10 <sup>th</sup> June		
Beech -	90 %	98 %		
Hazel -	96 %	95%		
Oak -	97 %	99 %		
Elm -	92 %	93 %		



## **JUNE 2019**

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Elm Class	Residential
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 and rest of school	HCC taster day and change over day

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