



## Punnetts Town Community Primary School

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### Be the Best You Can Be!

MEGA EDITION Newsletter: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

#### News on Mrs Winter

Mrs Winter had a successful operation on her shoulder last week and is expecting to be back at school after the half term break. Thank you for all your good wishes to her.

#### HASP poetry finalists

The KS2 pupils did themselves proud again this year as the finalist to represent Punnetts Town at the HASP (Heathfield Area Schools Partnership) was chosen. Eddie Jones did a magnificent rendition and we look forward to his performance on Wednesday this week.

#### Patron of Reading

Jamie Crawford came in to do his final part of the storytelling project with Years 5 and 6, and 3 and 4. He gave feedback to the Year 5 and 6 pupils, with some 'tricks and tips' for successful storytelling, and heard them share their stories with Oak class who also fed back to them.

One Elm pupil reflected on Mr Crawford's visits, *'It was really exciting and helped us to get ideas and was helping with our writing. How to describe in your story and don't overdo everything otherwise it won't make sense - need to remember synonyms and stuff. Don't put too much description in as it won't make sense.'*

A pupil from Oak class remarked on the storyteller's performance the previous week and said, *'It was really good, I loved the different voices and the songs,*

*especially the monkey song. I learnt to create different characters through voice and make them funny.'*

These experiences for children enhances what the school normally does, with many children never having heard a storyteller before. So far, the school has only received £15 in contributions from Oak and Elm class. This means that we won't be able to continue with the project for younger pupils without further contributions. If your child is in Oak or Elm, and you are intending to give a contribution but haven't yet given your £5, please hand it in to the office. The PTA have very kindly said they will donate the rest of the £300 the visits cost. The children have definitely got a lot from the project so far.

#### Parent-Teacher consultation

This event will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2pm – 7 pm for Hazel and Elm class, and from 3.30 pm – 7 pm for Beech class in the hall (Oak class were able to have their consultation before Mrs Winter had her operation).

If you haven't signed up yet, the sheets are in the atrium. We hope the open afternoon last week helped parents to see the type of work and progress their children are making. If you have any

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questions, please ask the class teacher. We will also be discussing attendance/punctuality and the effect it has on your child's and whole class learning. We will also need to check your contact details as part of our GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) duty so please have any changes handy. These will be given out to you by the class teacher and can be completed there and then and returned for our records. The PTA will also have a GDPR sheet for you to complete, giving them permission to contact you with information about the PTA events and activities. Please help us to be compliant with the regulations by completing and returning the information requested.

**Statutory changes to relationship and sex education (RSE)**

You may be aware that, at the moment, the governors of the school agree the curriculum for relationship and sex education in each school. The content of the RSE curriculum is now going to become a statutory requirement from September 2020 with a statutory curriculum. The statutory change in September 2020 means that the government will now determine what is taught.

We would like to invite all parents to a series of meetings across the federation to give more detail on this. The meetings at federation schools will have the same content, but if you cannot make one meeting you may wish to attend another at a federated school. The meeting to be held at Punnetts Town is at 2.30 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> April in the school hall – we will release the other dates and times as soon as they are agreed.

At these meetings the RSE steering group will take parents through the why, what and how of the statutory RSE curriculum and will answer questions on the RSE policy and take feedback to the governing board. The governors want to hear parents' voice on these important changes to your child's education.

**HASP Quicksticks hockey tournament**

We were able to enter two teams for this event – the teams have to be mixed girls and boys so it was touch and go as to whether we could create two teams of six. Fortunately we were able to have one girl play ever match in each team which enabled both teams to play.

A huge thank you to Mrs McLenahan who came in to run the teams through together. She said, 'They were such good teams, much better than I had expected! They worked really hard and enjoyed the practices.' The scores were very close in the matches they did: 0-0, 4-1, 0-0, 1-0, 4-0, 2-1, 0-2, 0-0. That was a lot of matches to play! Overall it resulted in Punnetts Town being scored 6<sup>th</sup> out of 8 in points.

Whenever our small federation schools play, we need to bear in mind that we have cohorts of around 15 pupils to select from, whereas larger schools have cohorts of at least 30 if not 60 pupils to select from. This means that our pupils have more opportunity to play, whereas in a larger school they may not.

Well done to the hockey team and to the staff who went with them, and teachers and parents who prepped them for the event. They all played with stamina, goodwill and determination.

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### **More after school sports clubs starting**

In the second week of term 4 we will be starting a benchball club on Wednesdays and an archery club on Fridays. There are 20 places in each club at £4.50 per pupil (to be paid direct to Premier Sport), running from 3.15 – 4.15 pm. Benchball is open to KS1 and KS2 pupils (Y1-6) and archery for KS2 pupils (Y3-6).

If these clubs prove popular, we hope to run multi-skills for KS1 pupils and fencing for KS2 pupils in term 5, possibly on the same day to help parents with pick up from different year groups.

Premier Sports fliers will be coming out about these new clubs shortly and an assembly is being run on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February to introduce the Premier team so that pupils know what to expect.

We also have the very popular Fit Kidz continuing on Thursdays at £6 per child (3.15 – 4 pm).

### **Coming soon ... World Book Day 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Just to give advance warning for term 4, World Book day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and around that time we will be celebrating by inviting pupils to dress up as a character from their favourite book.

There is also a letter coming out shortly about a sponsored read during term 4, kindly organised by a parent on behalf of Usborne Books. The pupils will benefit from the commission being paid in books to the school.

I hope you found the information in our newsletter informative. If you have any concerns about anything at all, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance so they can deal promptly with it. Thank you for all the support you give to your child's education at Punnetts Town School – we value the good relationships we enjoy with our parents.

Check out the diary dates below (also displayed on the white board in the atrium) and events and news on the class boards outside each classroom. Please also see the action, community and events boards in the atrium and PTA board.

*With all good wishes, Inez Morse*

As part of World Book day, there will also be certificates, a book worm quiz organised by Mrs Smith, and a book fair organised by Mrs Winter.

### **Late arrival procedures**

If arriving after 9 am at school, please report to the office who will record your child's arrival (registration is taken in class at 8.55 am). Parents will then be able to leave their child at the office and the pupil will make their own way to class.

Parents will not be permitted to go into the main school building with their child to avoid disruption to whole class learning. Any messages or concerns can be passed to Mrs Saunders in the office.

### **Reminders for School uniform**

Skirts/dresses/pinafores/culottes/shorts – should be knee length. This is practical for the varied activities during the school day. Please ensure that, as your child grows, school uniform is replaced to keep to this rule. We have a range of second hand uniform on offer which may help. If there is a temporary reason that you child is out of part of the uniform/dress rules, please tell a teacher or office staff.

No nail varnish or extreme hair styles are to be worn. A wrist watch and one pair of stud earrings are permitted. No trainers should be worn during the day, except for PE or playtime. Please see Punnetts Town school website uniform page (under Parents tab) for more detail.

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### Forthcoming DATES TERM 3

Date	Event	Year group
10.2.20	Maths Challenge at Mayfield School (2 pupils representing PT)	5
11.2.20	Governor monitoring of safeguarding procedures	Whole school
11.2.20	Parent and teacher consultation meetings 2pm-7pm	R-2 and 5-6
12.2.20	HASP poetry final at Broad Oak school	KS2 pupil
14.2.20	Yoga and mindfulness assembly	Whole school
14.2.20	Federation PTA Valentine disco 3.45-4.45 pm and 5-6 pm	R-2 and 3-6

### Forthcoming DATES TERM 4

24.2.20	Scottish Day with dressing up	Y5-6
25.2.20	Cllr Pam Doodes (Wealden Council) special assembly 11 am	Whole school
26.2.20	Premier Sport assembly 9 am	Whole school
26.2.20	Chartwells working with Hazel class as part of DT	Y1-2
27.2.20	Fit Kidz Club continues 3.15-4pm (£6)	Y4-6
28.2.20	Yoga and mindfulness assembly	Whole school
4.3.20	Premier Sport Benchball club starts 3.15-4.15 pm (£4.50)	Y1-6
5.3.20	World Book Day	Whole school
5.3.20	Parent Forum members 2.45 pm in Maple	Parent Forum members
6.3.20	Premier Sport Archery club starts 3.15-4.15 pm (£4.50)	Y3-6
9.3.20	Lead Member decision on closure of Broad Oak School 10.30 am County Hall, Lewes	Public
10.3.20	Rev. Mitch assembly	Whole school
11.3.20	Toy Museum Trip	Y1-2
13.3.20	Red Butler music assembly to parents 9.15 am	Whole school
13-18.3.20	Book Fair	Whole school
20.3.20	Little Sing Festival at Cross in Hand school 9.45 am (no parents)	Y2 only
25-27.3.20	Federation residential at Kingswood, Ashford	Y4 only
31.3.20	Big Dance Festival at Assembly Hall Tunbridge Wells	Y5-6
1.4.20	Punnetts Town RSE parent meeting at 2.30 pm in the hall	All Federation parents
2.4.20	Open afternoon for parents to share children's learning	Whole school
16.4.20	EYFS allocation day for September 2020 intake	Sept 2020 EYFS parents

Dates and details are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change. Please always check with the office.

### Term Dates 2019-20

Term 3 ends – 14.2.20

Term 4 begins – 24.2.20

Term 4 ends – 3.4.20

Term 5 begins – 20.4.20

Term 5 ends – 22.5.20

Term 6 begins – 1.6.20

Term 6 ends – 21.7.20 (22.7.20 is an inset day for PT)

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**Academic year 2020-21 begins Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**(Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September are inset days for PT)**

**Advance warning – proposed dates (subject to change) Term 5**

May	Year 2 end of KS1 SATs – throughout the month	Y2
7.5.20	VE day Cake Bake judging for Heathfield area schools	KS1 and KS2
<b>8.5.20</b>	<b>VE day bank holiday – school closed</b>	<b>Whole school</b>
9.5.20	Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council VE celebrations	Public
11-14.5.20	End KS2 SATs	Y6

**Advance warning – proposed dates (subject to change) Term 6**

8-19.6.20	Multiplication tables tests	Y4
11.6.20	Parents' Forum in Maple at 2.45 pm	Parent Forum members
27.6.20	Punnetts Town PTA Summer Fair at the village hall, PT	All welcome
2.7.20	HASP swimming Gala at the Sovereign Centre (evening)	Y5 and 6
8-10.7.20	Punnetts Town Elm class residential @ PGL Hastings	Y5-6
13.7.20	Eco conference celebration beach clean and picnic at Eastbourne	School council representatives
15.7.20	End of year reports out	Whole school
17.7.20	Open afternoon of pupils learning	All parents
<b>22.7.20</b>	<b>Inset day – school closed</b>	<b>Whole school</b>

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**6<sup>th</sup> October Tempest photography, individual photos**  
**27<sup>th</sup> November State Hall, Heathfield booked for Woodlands Federation Y5-6 carol concert**  
**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December EYFS/KS1 nativity**  
**11<sup>th</sup> December PTA Christmas Fair**

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