



Punnetts Town Community Primary School

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Newsletter: Monday 27th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

This is our first newsletter of 2020, so happy new year everyone and I hope it is the very best year for you and your families!

The end of last year was exceptionally busy with the panto, Christmas fair, Christmas lunch, nativity, federation carols and so on – the beginning of the year has been no different and proves to continue to be equally busy! Check out the diary dates at the end of this newsletter to see what is coming up.

Federation News – Broad Oak CP School

Last week Broad Oak year 3 and 4 children, parents and staff were interviewed and filmed by the BBC for a political show which aired on Sunday 19th January. If you missed it, it can be found on BBC 1 i-player and search for 'Politics South East' show. The program highlighted the continued challenge facing small rural schools and how lack of government funding is causing school budgets to go into deficit. The new national funding formula is not going to help small rural schools and is in fact going to make them worse off. This includes Dallington and Punnetts Town schools.

The final statutory consultation is now running for Broad Oak School as ESCC still seeks to close our sister school. Governors have put together a proposal which shows no deficit from the federation budget in 2019-2020, 2020-21 and only a small deficit in 2021-2022. This is a very different projection to the one in the ESCC closure proposal. Broad Oak has been hit particularly hard since the consultation being announced in June 2019 and ESCC admit that the process is responsible for pupils leaving the school since that time and few joining. However pupils continue to join Broad Oak school with eight having joined since July 2019 despite the projected future for the school. When families visit the school at Broad Oak they fall in love with it and have been delighted with the provision for their children. The school is awaiting the next Ofsted section 5 visit which is an inspection which should change the rating from 'requires improvement' to 'good'. The governors are sure the school is a 'good' school now and the recent league tables show that to be so with Broad Oak being ranked 50th out of 100 East Sussex schools for progress and 2nd out of the nine Heathfield area schools for progress in end of KS2 Reading and Maths SATs papers.

Please use the information below to write to Stuart Gallimore about the benefits of small schools, the local community and the importance of Broad Oak as part of our federation and community. Broad Oak School provides good education, meets the needs of all pupils well, especially SEND pupils, and is the heart of Broad Oak community. The consultation closes at midnight on 6th February 2020. Please tell all your friends and neighbours to do the same and share the information widely.

A copy of the complete ESCC proposal can be viewed at <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/> Alternatively you can request a printed copy of the complete proposal from the address below or telephone 01323 466886. Within four weeks from the date of publication of the proposal (10th Jan), any person may object to, or make comment upon the proposal, by sending their representations to:

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Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services (FAO: Gary Langford, Place Planning Manager), East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes BN7 1UE, or by emailing school.consultations@eastsussex.gov.uk

The minutes of the lead member meeting from the informal consultation held between July and October 2019 and the reasons for the decision to go to statutory consultation can be viewed at <https://democracy.eastsussex.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=456&Mid=4566&Ver=4>

Woodlands Federation PTA Valentine Disco

This event takes place on Friday 14th February at Punnetts Town Village Hall. The KS1 disco is from 3.45pm-4.45pm and KS2 is 5.00pm-6.15pm. The cost is £5 which includes unlimited hot dog, drinks and a bag of sweets. Permission slips and tickets are available from the School Office. We hope your children can attend what promises to be a fun evening. If you can help at either of the discos please let Fiona Lines or the office know.

Please see the PTA notice board in the atrium for up to date information and minutes of the most recent meeting. A huge thanks to all of the members of the PTA who do such a brilliant job in organizing such enjoyable activities for your children. The Christmas fair alone raised an astounding £1600+! Thank you to Emma Stenning and her team for leading on the organization for the event.

Parent and Teacher Consultations

These will be held on Tuesday 11th February from 2pm until 7pm for Hazel and Elm classes, with Beech class beginning at 3.30 pm. Mrs Winter is sending Oak class parents a separate letter concerning her consultations as she is having an operation on her shoulder on 5th February and will be away from school for at least two weeks. An excellent supply teacher, Mr Grey, will be taking Oak class during this time. Appointment lists will be out in the atrium from the 31st January. Any parent having a meeting between 2 pm and 3.15 pm will be able to take their child home after the consultation – when taking your child, please let the adult in charge in the classroom know. Elm, Hazel and Beech consultations will be in the hall as usual. Prior to the meetings on 11th February, parents are invited to an open afternoon on Tuesday 4th February from 2.45 pm to see their child's work in class.

HASP (Heathfield Area Schools Partnership) Key Stage 2 Poetry Recital

All of the children in KS2 have been given a poem to learn and have performed in their classes as part of the curriculum. Three children in each class have been selected as possible pupils to represent the school at the HASP final. These six children will perform to the whole school and a finalist will be chosen to represent Punnetts Town School on Wednesday 12th February.

Study bugs

Please sign up for the study bugs app to record your child's absence through illness. There is an easy to use 'button' on the home page of the school website. Study Bugs collates vital information for the NHS so schools can track any illness trends and be prepared for them before they arrive.

Register by using this link <https://studybugs.com/register>

Check out the atrium notice boards and white board for further information and updates throughout the term.

With best wishes

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Forthcoming DATES TERM 3

Date	Event	Year group
28.1.20	Class finalists perform for whole school poetry competition	3-6
29.1.20	Jamie Crawford, Patron of Reading, visiting in pm	3-6
31.1.20	Sign up sheets out for parent and teacher consultations	R-2 and 5-6
3.2.20	Oak class parent and teacher consultations 2pm-7pm	3-4
3.2.20	Staff and governor training for new RSE curriculum	-
4.2.20	Whole school open afternoon from 2.45 pm	R-6
5.2.20	HASP Hockey tournament 2pm at HCC	5-6
6.2.20	Rev. Mitch assembly	Whole school
6.2.20	ESCC statutory consultation on closure of Broad Oak finishes	-
10.2.20	Maths Challenge at Mayfield School (one pupil to attend)	5
11.2.20	Governor monitoring of safeguarding procedures	
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

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

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