



PTCPS Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your positivity and support on our return to school. Your patience on Monday morning, whilst dropping off your children, was much appreciated. Now that everyone has a clear understanding of the process, all seems to be working well. As we can all see social distancing is difficult on the school grounds and with the heightened information coming from the news we would appreciate adults wearing face coverings at drop off and pick up, where possible, to help keep the children, families and staff safe.

The children have adapted fantastically and all staff have shared how calmly the children enter their classes at the beginning of the day. The bubbles are working well and routines of regular handwashing have been established. The children remain in their bubble/ class for the day including lunchtimes and playtimes. Thank you for sending children in their PE kits on their designated PE days; this was a school decision and is certainly helping with the flow of lessons so the children can be outside and active.

As expected the cold and cough season has started. Naturally this is now promoting more discussion than this time a year ago. The key to our success is communication and it is imperative for families to give the school clear and accurate information to ensure all pupils, families and staff are kept safe.

If your child has a cold please inform the school Via Study bugs, as long as there are no further symptoms they can still attend. Often a cold will have a cough associated but we need to be vigilant in identifying if the cough is persistent. Therefore if your child has a cold with a persistent cough they should not attend school and should be closely monitored. If you child has slight cough (not persistent) without a temperature they may attend. Where a temperature is recorded your child must not attend school. All such symptoms must be reported to the school. All staff will monitor the wellbeing of the pupils throughout the day especially if we have been alerted to a cold.

Most families have now signed up to and are using Study Bugs; please ensure you have activated your account to ensure you receive key information from the school.

Online safety

Please find attached an information sheet that has been produced to share with families regarding an app called 'Tik Tok'. This is an app for people aged 16+. I would like to make you aware there have been some reports by the BBC that there are some inappropriate

(violent and upsetting) videos being shared on this platform. Please ensure you continue to check your child's device and adjust settings accordingly.

Class updates:



Beech class

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to Beech this week. We have been working on number and place value in Maths as well as comparing lengths. We counted out the beads then ordered them numerically before comparing the longest and the shortest. We were able to explain our reasoning very well. "Mine is the longest because it has 10 beads, that one is the shortest, it has 1 bead."

Hazel class

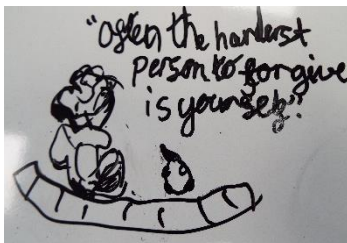
In Hazel class we have been very busy settling in to our new classroom layout. Our topic is land ahoy and we have been doing pirate brain gym, pirate PE warm up games as well as using the ipads to work on our phonics. Hazel class have enjoyed having their own iPad each to use to work individually on for personalised learning. We have had to learn how to get to different web sites and how to log in using the school's child safe system. It has been great fun and a great learning tool too!



Oak Class

Oak Class have been learning and thinking about how the way we act, or what we say, can affect people's feelings and whether something will be 'a bucket filler' or a 'bucket dipper'.

We have been refreshing our skills in using a thesaurus to find synonyms to help extend our vocabulary.



We have begun a self-portrait using mirrors to look at our features and have also started thinking how we can create art work in the style of Charlie Mackesy.

Elm class



This week in Elm we have been looking at place value and partitioning in maths, reminding ourselves of how amazing we are in maths and solving number problems every morning.

In English we have been working on our handwriting and reminding ourselves of different punctuation marks.

We have been focusing on the future us, as part of our time traveller theme, considering

what makes us happy, how we learn best and what we would like to be in the future. We have set ourselves school and home targets and thought about who we would like to be when we are 18. Lots of smiles and laughing was had.

A really fun week along with getting to grips with all of the new rules around Covid and keeping ourselves safe. Well done Elm.



I will like to extend my congratulations to all of the children who have been working so hard in their classes, this has certainly been a busy week for all and a fantastic start to our new school year.

As we settle into our new routines further dates and information will be shared.

Thank you once again for your patience and support. Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend

Kind regards

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