PTCPS Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 2, I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. Today has been a wonderful day in school, filled with colour. Thank you for supporting our Children in Need fundraising appeal with your contributions.

I hope that you have all now seen our Harvest celebration. This was shared via Google Classrooms. All parents can access this via their child's log in and password (a letter was sent home prior to half term with your child's details on to gain access). If you are unable to access the site please contact the school office and a duplicate letter will be issued. Thank you for the thoughtful emails to share your delight in watching the celebration, it certainly made me smile. Well done to the children and staff with their efforts to plan, make and compile this.

Thank you for all of the families who have already met / or are due to meet the class teacher next week for parents consultations. These are vital meetings to share how your child has settled into this academic year and to discuss their progress. If you have not made an appointment, please contact the office so I can ensure all teachers have spoken about all of their pupils.

Armistice day was observed in school through class assemblies, discussion and a silence. The children also decorated the classroom windows as a sign of respect.

From weekly correspondence with ESCC I have had the following information through to share. As a school we are always here to listen and support your child and urge you to keep us up to date with any concerns you may have. Additionally there is this facility to text the School Nurse.
"During these unsettling times, as a parent/carer of child aged between 5 and 19, you may be worried about your child's health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need. Our school nurses are still here to help - you can text them for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues. Parent/carers of children aged 5-19 can send a text to: 07507 332473."
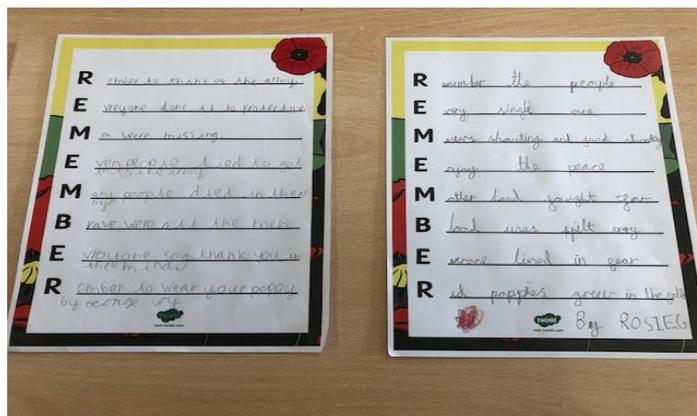
Beech class

Beech class topic this term is 'Once upon a time'

We have been working this week on the text Goldilocks and the 3 bears and telling the time. Year 1 children are adding and subtracting and working on fact families.

Hazel class

Hazel class Remembrance Day.

In Hazel class we learnt all about Remembrance Day and why it is important to remember on 11th November every year. We listened to the last post being played and joined in the countries 2 minute silence. We have made our own poppies and some animal poppies too for all the animals that also fought in the war. We then wrote acrostic poems about what we had learnt. These will be displayed outside our classroom.

Oak Class

Oak Class have enjoyed researching facts about the Solar System and Mars and have used this to help us learn more about non-fiction writing. In PE we have learnt more about the Solar System through dance.

We have been learning about subtraction and exchanging and have been enjoying solving different calculations.

We had a class Remembrance Assembly, on Wednesday, and discussed sacrifice and service and the similarities of them during WW2 and today.

Written by Matilda and Mrs Winter

Elm class

Elm class have been working hard on formal writing techniques, writing letters to a local care home to brighten up the residents during this lockdown period. We have been looking at the structure of letters, the formality of letter writing and the language of letters.

In our topic work we are looking at Earth and Space as part of our topic this term, studying the moon and its cycles. We have been following the International Space Station online and took a virtual visit of the station. It was fascinating finding out about how people live in space and what jobs they undertake. We have also been looking at the different plants and doing some space maths, working out our ages on different planets.

PTA

The PTA would like us to remind you of the AGM that is being held on Friday 27th November. This will be held on Microsoft Teams. If you would like to join the committee please either let the Office or the Chairs Lucy Gurr or Gemma Lindridge know you would like to join. As parents of the school you are member and if you would like a more active role to help raise much needed funds for the children to benefit from please come along to the meeting.

Stars of the week:

This is awarded by the classroom staff based on pupil's attitude to learning, behaviour, effort and progress throughout the week. I am always delighted to award these certificates and to have the opportunity to hear about the accomplishments.

I am delighted to have presented these certificates to William in Elm, and Joel in Beech, Thomas in Elm, Oliver in Hazel, Ben in Beech and Isla in Oak.

Well done to you all!

Kind regards

Mrs Claire Kinsella
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<u>Dates to note</u>
We have not included a lot of detail at the moment because of the on-going uncertainty surrounding Coronavirus.
We will send updates as soon as we are able to book and confirm events moving forward.

Term 2		
Week 5	Monday 30th November	Christmas decoration afternoon
Week 7	Wednesday 16th December	School Christmas lunch day
	Thursday 17th December	Class Christmas parties
	Friday 18th December	Last day of term
Term 3		
Week 1	Monday 4th January	Pupils return to school
Week 6	Thursday 11th February	Last day of term
	Friday 12th February	INSET
Term 4		
Week 1	Monday 22nd February	Pupils to return to school
Week 6	Wednesday 31st March	Last day of term
Term 5		
Week 1	Monday 19th April	INSET
	Tuesday 20th April	Pupils to return to school
Week 6	Friday 28th May	Last day of term
Term 6		
Week 1	Monday 7th June	Pupils to return to school
Week 7	Friday 23rd July	Last day of school year