



PTCPS Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy two weeks!

I feel triumphant writing this letter after the turbulent last two weeks at school. For Beech class, and some of our other children, this has been an insight to discover our remote learning. This has certainly been embraced by all of the staff, especially the teachers, who have done a fantastic job of updating and meeting remotely on a daily basis, as well as running a very busy classroom at school. Their commitment to the school is outstanding and they continually make an extra step to ensure the opportunities for all are at the centre of every day.

Equally, I must thank the children for carrying on as 'usual'. I have been fortunate to virtually drop in to the Google classroom 'meets' and our classrooms at school and it is a pleasure to see the commitment and the enjoyment the children show towards their learning. Well done.

Finally to the family life that has been disrupted by the closing of a bubble. We all know that this provides challenges, because all of our days are busy and I do not underestimate the knock on effect this has had at home and work patterns. Thank you for your support.

I am delighted to share that there have not been any further reported cases of covid and the member of staff who was affected, is making a good recovery. We therefore look forward to welcoming staff and children back on **Monday 30th November. This will certainly be an exciting day as children are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper or outfit for the day** as we enjoy our Christmas decoration afternoon.

I would like to thank the families who have emailed class teachers regarding our Google classrooms and the positivity of the platform. This has certainly helped confirm to staff that the hard work has had the desired impact.

The library is certainly transforming into a room that everyone wants to be using. This week Mrs Richardson has worked tirelessly to paint a selection of story beginnings and endings onto the beams and has added illustrations to the walls. I hope you enjoy looking at the photos for now and look forward to letting you all enjoy the environment, as soon as it is safe to do so. Thank you to Friends of Punnetts Town who brought additional shelving to complete the library area.





PTA

Please sign up to our PTA events page using the link below. As a school we really need your support and there are some great fund raising events on the page which we hope you can support.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofpunnettstown/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Friendsofpunnettstown/>

Staffing

Beech and Elm class families should have received a letter sharing the staffing news, if you haven't please email the office.

During the closure of Beech class, we have been joined by a new member of staff. I am very pleased to introduce Miss Christian, who will share the teaching responsibility in Beech Class. Mrs Black will teach Monday to Wednesday and Miss Christian will teach on a Thursday and Friday. Welcome to Punnetts Town School, Miss Christian.



I would like to extend my thanks to Mr Tooze who has been teaching Elm class on a Friday for a maternity cover. It has been lovely for all of us at Punnetts Town to welcome Mr Tooze to the team. He has built strong relationships with the class and has certainly shared his passion of PE with them. Mr Tooze remains in the Federation teaching at Dallington, so I know he will be able to maintain links with the school. Thank you Mr Tooze for your commitment and hard work.

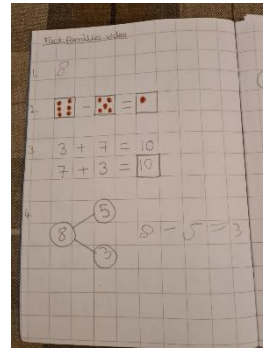
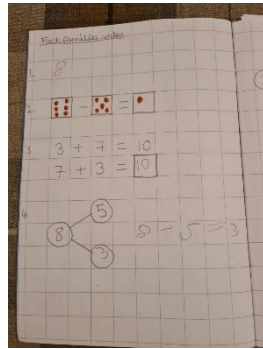
In turn I extend a warm welcome back to Mrs Golding who has been on maternity leave for the last year. Mrs Golding will therefore teach Elm as Mr Agate's job share on a Friday, and we are fortunate to have her working in school on Mondays as well alongside Mr Agate. Welcome back Mrs Golding.

The school has continued to thrive and children once again have adapted to the additional measures we have put in place to help keep our school clean and safe. The classrooms have certainly been busy and I hope you enjoy reading the class updates.

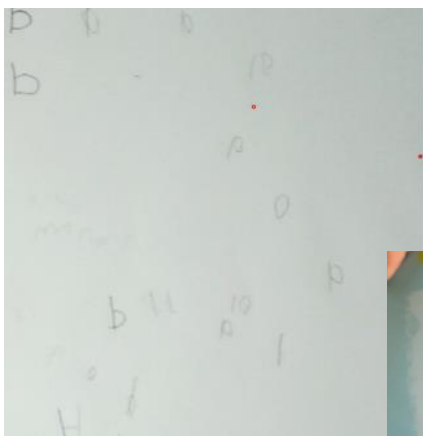
Beech class

What a strange period of time this has been! Beech class have been learning at home using Google Classroom. It has been lovely to see their smiling faces each morning and they have all been working very hard on the work that has been set.

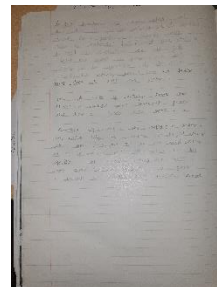
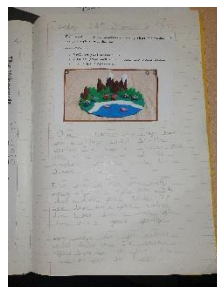
Year 1 children have been learning alternative spellings of some sounds we have already learnt such as 'oo' which can also be 'ew'; 'oa' can also be 'oe' and 'ph' is also 'f/ff'. They have been challenged to learn 10 new 'tricky' words before we return to school next week! Their literacy lessons have been all about Jack and The Beanstalk. I am looking forward to reading all your sentences Year 1! Maths is all about subtraction at the moment and finding out the different ways it can be done e.g. counting back; finding the difference or finding a part.



Reception children have been learning new sounds 'r'; 'h'; 'b' and 'f'; they have also been listening to a song about the 'tricky' words I, no, go, to and the. Some children have then been 'word detectives' and tried to spot them in their reading books! For maths they have looked at numbers 3, 4 and 5 so far. They have used objects to represent the number and some have tried to write it too.



Hazel class



This week Hazel Class have enjoyed creating playdough models. The models had to match the gunk monsters we read about in our class book "Slime" by David Walliams. We have also been inspired by other playdough models, and had a go at building our writing stamina by writing a longer adventure story inspired by a playdough scene. In Maths we have had a focus on money and have been using our times table knowledge to help us to count money easily. We have now begun creating our Nativity, and are all very excited about sharing this with you, as we head towards Christmas.



Oak Class



Oak Class have been learning more about Space. We have been studying the rotation of planets and discovering some absolutely amazing facts about Mars, which has been extremely enjoyable and the whole class have been totally engaged in our learning.

In English we have been learning how to write a transmission: it has been a delight to have been given this opportunity to learn the skills we need to do this.

We have had continued to have fun learning steps to dances, to help us understand more about Space, including the order of the planets, asteroid belts and orbits. We have also enjoyed learning our steps for the school nativity.

We have been lucky enough to see Mrs Richardson create the most amazing designs in the library this week. Each day she has added more and more illustrations and words, and the finished product is incredible. We are so grateful to her for making our library even more exciting. Thank you.

Written by Cashen and Mrs Winter

Elm class



This week Elm has been working on Non Fictional writing, looking at the features of a leaflet and brochure, and attempting to create their own leaflets. Lots of trial and error so far so we continue with this next week.

In R.E we have continued our work looking at religions of the United Kingdom. We have been researching Ganesh and finding out about his story.

In Topic we have been on a virtual tour of the planets in space, including dwarf planets and the asteroid belt. We have had lots of fun and learnt lots of amazing facts along the way. This virtual tour has been a hit on our virtual classroom.

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 Yagmur in Elm, Cashen and Tia-Lacey in Oak, Alicia and Levo in Hazel and EYFS and Year 1 in (for being super remote learners! A huge well done to you all!

I hope you all have a super weekend and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 30th November.

Kind regards

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Dates to note

Term 2		
Week 5	Monday 30 th November	Christmas decoration afternoon – children to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas outfit
	Tuesday 1 st December	Christmas post box starts today, outside Mrs Kinsella's office. Write the name and class of the recipient on the envelope. Cards will be quarantined for 72 hours.
Week 6	Friday 11 th December	Save the Children fundraising day, the official Christmas jumper day –wear a Christmas jumper/ outfit and donate £1.00
Week 7	Last week – a dry day!	Children and staff singing outside in bubbles as a school, around the Christmas tree with hot chocolate and a treat!
	Wednesday 16 th December	School Christmas lunch day – wear a Christmas jumper or outfit
	Thursday 17 th December	Class Christmas parties
	Friday 18 th December	Last day of term
Term 3		
Week 1	Monday 4 th January	Pupils return to school
Week 6	Thursday 11 th February	Last day of term
	Friday 12 th February	INSET
Term 4		
Week 1	Monday 22 nd February	Pupils to return to school
Week 6	Wednesday 31 st March	Last day of term
Term 5		
Week 1	Monday 19 th April	INSET
	Tuesday 20 th April	Pupils to return to school
Week 6	Friday 28 th May	Last day of term
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Week 1	Monday 7 th June	Pupils to return to school
Week 7	Friday 23 rd July	Last day of school year