



PTCPS Newsletter



Issue 7

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Dear Parents and Carers,

'It's the most wonderful time of the year!'

As Christmas fast approaches the school is alive with festive cheer. As with many of my opening paragraphs, it has not been quite how I imagined my first Christmas at Punnetts Town School but you will all be delighted to know the festivities have continued.

Today certainly took us all by surprise as we quickly discovered as staff arrived that we had a water problem! At such a busy time of year this was not the news we or you wanted but without water we are not able to open. Thank you for your understanding and for the quick turnaround that both staff and families made for working remotely. It was great to see so many children logging into Google Classrooms and I hope you all enjoyed being part of your child's learning. Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas Jumpers on Monday (as well as Wednesday and Thursday – these can just be own clothes but as a mum I was keen to offer maximum use of Christmas clothes/ own clothes as children grow quickly!)



Christmas started on Monday 30th November with a fantastic decorations afternoon where a multitude of Christmas crafts were created. This was quickly followed with the arrival of the most wonderful outdoor Christmas tree. Many thanks to Fran Vincent who delivered the

tree which was **kindly donated by Sussex Trees, to whom we extend our thanks**. It has certainly lit up the playground. Next week the children will sing and enjoy hot chocolate socially distanced in their bubbles which has been uploaded onto Google Classrooms.

The sound and sights of Christmas are always wonderful. Over the last two weeks Christmas has filled the school. I have been blessed in hearing Christmas singing and seeing Christmas dancing and acting. This has all been in preparation of our whole school Christmas performance, 'Lights, Camel, Action!' This of course has been covid safe and the roles have been divided across the school with the main acting from Hazel class. The filming is now complete and our video is being produced. We will update you on this next week.

There will be more Christmas news to share next week, I am sure!



I would like to thank Elaine and Liz, parents in Beech class who have spent hours creating a new mud kitchen for Beech class, this has been very warmly received and is already covered in mud! Thank you very much this will certainly provide hours of learning for the younger members of our school.

As you might have read or seen in the media schools have been asked to continue Track and Trace up to Christmas Eve. Mrs Saunders and I will therefore be checking the office@punnettstown.e-sussex.sch.uk account and study bugs twice a day in the lead up to Christmas. It is imperative that if a child develops symptoms that the school is informed and a test obtained. We then have to contact PHE and the DFE to follow procedure and potentially contact families to self-isolate. There was also media attention sharing that schools can move INSET days and have one next Friday – at Punnetts Town we will not be doing this and **will finish for Christmas at 3.05/15 on Friday 18th December 2020.**

Class updates:

Beech Class



The children enjoyed making their Christmas decorations and we have hung them up for everyone to enjoy looking at. We made a snowman and also a lantern to hold when we sing around the tree next week. We made our own Christmas tree.



our Carols Christmas We have also Christmas



The children have worked very hard in a dances and the lyrics to some songs ready you enjoy watching it next week!

very short space of time to learn their for our Nativity performance. We do hope

Have a very happy Christmas everyone!

Hazel Class:

In Hazel class we have been working hard on our painting skills. First we used 2 different colours and mixed them together to make different shades.

We then studied different pictures of Poppies that linked with our Remembrance Day work. We discussed the different textures and colours different artists had used in their art work.

Finally, we drew our own Poppy field and using what we had learnt painted it. We are very proud of the results and some will be displayed in Hazel classroom.



Oak Class:

Oak Class have had fun making models and have had even more fun creating our own animations with our figures. This wasn't easy to begin with and we made mistakes, but we persevered and have enjoyed seeing how our efforts have paid off.



In maths we have been learning about multiples and factors (did you know 6 is a perfect number?) and in English we have been thinking about how words can show emotions.

We enjoyed learning the songs and dances for this year's whole school nativity. We are looking forward to seeing the finished performance and hope you enjoy it when you are able to view it.



By Bo and Mrs Winter



Elm Class:

In Elm class, we have been getting ready for the Christmas season, learning Christmas songs and dances for our school production. Elm class welcomed back Mrs Golding to class last week after her maternity leave. The children were thrilled to see her.

Following on from some letter writing back in September, Elm class received a pile of post from Oaklands Court Care home in Horam this week, including an early Christmas gift of an Advent calendar for each child. The children were amazed and so happy. We had Christmas cards and letters

from the residents to each child, thanking the children for their letters and telling them a little about their lives.

Elm class have responded to a local plea to remember our local communities and reach out to each other as we approach Christmas and due to the pandemic. We have been thrilled with the replies and have already written another letter to send back to them.



The rest of the school are also making links with the local community through writing and creating Christmas crafts. I will send you more updates when these have been sent.

Star of the week:

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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 share the following names, who have all been awarded this certificate on Friday 4th and 11th December. Well done to Tom and Josh in Elm, Damla and Daniel in Oak, Finley and Masie in Hazel and Sebastian and Daisy in Beech.

I hope you all have a super weekend and look forward to seeing you for our final week of 2020.

Kind regards

Mrs Claire Kinsella

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Punnetts Town Community Primary School

Dates to note

Term 2		
Week 7	Monday 14 th December	Christmas Jumpers for Save the Children fund
	Wednesday 16 th December	School Christmas lunch day
	Wednesday 16 th December	Oak Class Stargazing 3.15-5.00pm
	Thursday 17 th December	Class Christmas parties
	Thursday 17 th December	Elm Class Stargazing 3.15-5.00pm
	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
Term 6		
Week 1	Monday 7 th June	Pupils to return to school
Week 7	Friday 23 rd July	Last day of school year