



# PTCPS Newsletter



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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 5. We hope you had a restful Easter break and managed to make the most of the dry days.

The Easter holidays for the school was certainly a busy fortnight and I am truly delighted with the results of the ongoing development of the school grounds. I am overwhelmed by the support of the parent body with kind donations and valuable time that has been given. In addition, the support and generosity from local businesses has certainly helped the school immensely.

As always there are a number of people to thank.

R & A Gardening service who laid the new pathway to extend Beech area and linking to the main playground.

Elaine Chaplin and Emma Stenning for working with Miss Christian and her partner, Chris, to develop a new construction area for Beech class. The additional donations from Jewsons, Kids Stuff and Beech parents has brought this area together.

Rowland Stenning for crafting a new seating area in Elm's outdoor area. Which has be painted by Gemma Lindridge, Kirsty and Bo Belton and Katie James. Friends have also purchased cushions to complete the area.

Miss Sherwod, Miss Webb, Mrs Fordham, Mrs Venner and Tina Farley for developing the Forest School area, clearing the school garden ready for class planting, and reciting the bug hotel ready for new arrivals! **Miss Sherwood has asked that if anyone is able to supply some bark chippings for the school Forest school area please contact her, she can arrange collection.** Thank you in advance.

The importance of using outside space is more important than ever and this remains a focus for us as a school. I will keep you updated as we progress further.

A final thank you extends to Charlotte Blackham from Serenity Beauty based at the Horam Emporium who kindly delivered care packages to all staff; these were unexpected gifts and certainly meant a lot to everyone. Thank you for the kind gesture.

Congratulations to Joseph Rofe who has received a wonderful email commending his poster entry for the Mars Poster Competition, the main judge, Libby Jackson, passed on her congratulations to Joseph, who received a certificate and prize for his entry.

## Staffing

Mrs Golding has now officially started her maternity leave and I am sure you will join me in wishing her family all the best for the safe arrival of baby number 2 at the beginning of May. In her absence Miss Christian will now job share with Mr Agate and Elm class. Miss Christian will also continue her job share in Beech with Mrs Black.

We also welcome Nicole Butler, a Canterbury University trainee teacher to the Beech team; she will be with us for all of term 5 and the first week of term 6.

## Elm Class



What a busy few weeks. We have been enjoying our focused writing week this week. The Harry Potter theme for writing focused our skills on how to write an effective setting with lots of description. In P.E this week we had a visit from Quidditch for kids, a local sports club that play Quidditch. We learnt the rules and then had a go ourselves. It was not easy, especially

as we did not have working broomsticks, but we managed it!

In Science this week, we have been dissecting a flower to look at the reproductive cycle of a plant and how it produces seeds.

In RSE we have started talking again about internet safety and what happens with data, images and information once posted on the net. We discussed the fact that once posted it can never be retrieved.

We continue to read our class book Scavengers and discuss reading daily. Please continue to read as much as possible and discuss books when possible.



## Oak Class

Oak Class have enjoyed a busy eight days back at school.



We have learnt about the Patron Saint of England - St George - through stories, comprehension, videos and have created our own models using recycled materials (upcycling): milk bottles, egg boxes and cardboard tubes. We had to use masking tape to secure these

together and some new tinfoil (as Mrs Winter did not have any recycled foil).

We will take a photo of our display when it is finished and put it in our next newsletter segment.



This week we have enjoyed an English focus week and have been developing our understanding regarding descriptive writing, focused on settings, using Harry Potter as our



stimulus. We had a wonderful surprise on Monday when we discovered that we were having the opportunity to learn about Quidditch. The weather was amazing and we had fun playing the game: being members of the Harry Potter Houses, learning how to be seekers, the golden snitch, chasers, keepers and beaters.



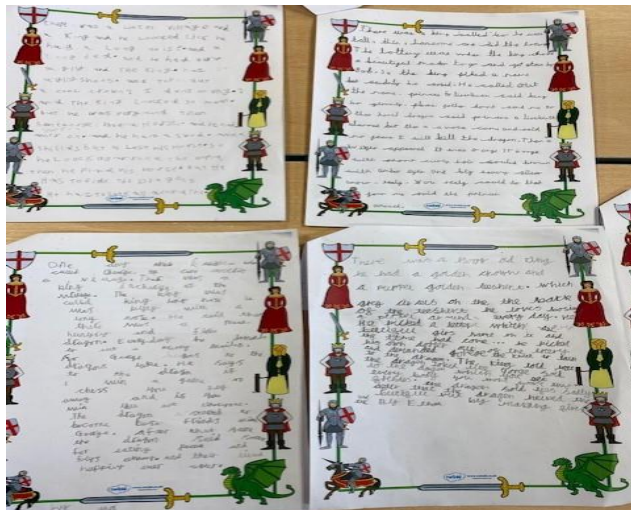
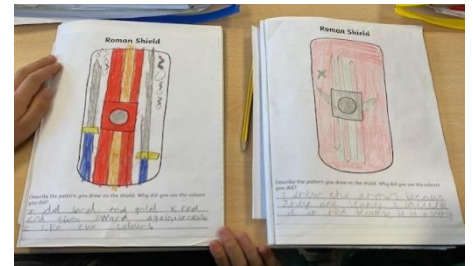
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## Hazel Class



We have had great fun thinking about what a Roman shield looked like. Why did it have eagle wings? We have then designed our own Roman shields. We looked closely and thought about what images we thought would represent us as Romans or scare the people we are

fighting. Our next plan is to make these out of cardboard! So please save your boxes to bring in in 2 weeks' time.

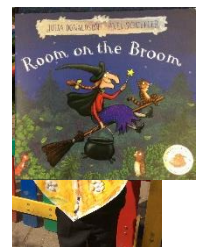


As a school, we were all working on the story of George and the dragon. We have been working hard in Hazel class, on writing our own different ending. We all came up with different ideas and brainstormed what they might sound like. We used some great adjectives and then wrote our stories. We then edited them and copied them out working hard on presenting them neatly as well. We also designed our own dragons!

## Beech Class



Beech class have been very busy since their return from the Easter holidays. We love our new construction area. We have learnt about St George and enjoyed dressing up to celebrate his special April. We also made our own



day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

shields. We are now using Room on the Broom to help us with our learning. Year 1 have been writing about the story and Reception are beginning to act out the story. In Maths, Reception children are looking at numbers between 11 and 20. Year 1 are beginning to look at multiplication and have been grouping objects and making arrays.

Please try to enjoy our reading challenge and help raise funds for your child's class. We hope you have a fantastic bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Kind Regards

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## Key Dates

We are hoping further events will be added, but for now, we remain cautious and will provide dates when we know more about the easing of restrictions.

<b>Term 5</b>	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	PE Celebration Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs - Tempest
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Maypole Day – details to follow
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for May half term at 3.05/3.15pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	May half term
<b>Term 6</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Week commencing Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	School reports
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of the school year