



# PTCPS Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

In the blink of an eye, it's July! As we enter the last 3 weeks of the school year there is so much to celebrate and congratulate the children on and at the top of that list is their resilience. We all know as adults how difficult this year (and the previous year) has been and how our lives have had to adapt on countless times but for the children school and life has certainly presented challenges. The resilience the children show is outstanding and despite all of the frequent changes, they all continue to work hard, interact with their peers and adults confidently.

This week has seen the start of the formal transition sessions. The school has worked hard to ensure children feel supported with their imminent change of class, classmates and staff. There will be two further transition sessions in the last few weeks. I am hopeful to then share the final placing of support staff before we break up for the summer holiday. I can share that all classes continue to have a fantastic allocation of staff to ensure all children feel supported during their school days.

I am sure you have all read that unfortunately Friends of Punnetts Town have had to cancel the summer fair, this was certainly a difficult decision. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July, we are still asking children to come into school in their own clothes and ask for a voluntary donation of £1.00 per child. This money will go towards the hampers that are being made. The hampers will then form the raffle prizes. Raffle tickets will be in the children's bags soon.

Most children need a snack in the morning and we encourage them to have them but please make sure they are healthy snacks. EYFS and Key Stage 1 receive a free piece of fruit or a vegetable. KS2 are welcome to bring their own along. Ideally, this would be a piece of fruit or a vegetable. The discussion of healthy snacks is contentious and the branding of products in the supermarkets certainly do not help. **Unacceptable snacks are** chocolate, biscuit, crisps, cakes etc..., other **suitable healthy snacks are** crackers, bread sticks and carefully selected cereal bars. I hope that provides some clarity and thank you for your support.

## Elm and Oak

On our one sunny day of the week, Key Stage Two enjoyed an afternoon of sports and activities.

Year 6 had the task this year to design and develop some games and activities for the children to do on sports day. Year 6 rose to the challenge admirably and created activities that enthralled the children and allowed the children to have fun and enjoy sport.

The children were active all afternoon and finished just in time for the end of the school day with smiles and cheers. It was a glorious afternoon, sun charged and full of laughter. Such a pleasure after the ups and downs of the previous year.



## Hazel and Beech

### Wellie throwing - Fun for all!

At last the weather was kind, so we took the opportunity to do some sports activities. Beech and Hazel class got together. We threw wellies, caught beanbags, dribbled hockey balls in and out of cones and had to throw balls on to targets to score points.

Next we had to balance bean bags on tennis racquets and pass around our team mates. Rosie said, 'This was the best activity as it was so much fun and we won loads of points. I love sports day!'

Madison said, 'Our score was 32 on the catching and throwing as a team! Which is a great high score. It is higher than the group before us got.'

'It was harder to throw the bigger wellie boot because they were heavier. The smaller one went a lot further,' Finley reported and Ethan added, 'I was the first and only person in our team to throw the wellie boot the furthest and get 4 points!' 'You can jump over stuff,' Mia stated when completing the long jump activity.

All the children and staff agreed that we all enjoyed all the different activities and look forward to seeing families there to watch next year.



Thank you to all of the staff for helping our activities to run smoothly. A number of photos and videos were taken and will be uploaded to Google Classrooms. There will be more activities next week, which will be uploaded after the event.

We recently sent out a survey on studybugs to gauge requirements for Breakfast and after school clubs. If you haven't done so already it would be really helpful to us if you could complete this so we are able to judge provision that is required for September and offer a variety of clubs that would interest the children. Please see link below:-

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=a4FRxAKj30KK1nSFVrnTpVC0btsW9CVOOnO7x9q9v7GxUQ1ZHRlITFg3TFIDV1pUTjFRUK5OQklzSi4u>

I hope you all have a restful and fun football weekend

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 6</b>	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Mufti Day in exchange for £1.00 towards Friends fundraising
Week commencing Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	School reports
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school trip to Port Lympne
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers celebration week
<del>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July</del>	<del>Friends Summer Fair from 2pm-Cancelled</del>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of the school year