



# PTCPS Newsletter



Issue 3

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to write this newsletter as your substantive Headteacher. Thank you for your continued support and for making our school the best place to work alongside the most wonderful children.

Our Harvest Celebrations on Thursday morning filled the Chapel with delight. Reverend Evans and members of the chapel welcomed us in and enjoyed the array of songs, poems and facts recited by the children. Reverend Mitch also joined us giving thanks for Harvest, the importance of sharing and helping those in need. Thank you for your kind Harvest donations. The fantastic array of tins, packets and jars will make a huge difference in our local community through the Hailsham Foodbank. The class teachers will be uploading clips from our Harvest celebration onto Google Classroom (details of how to access these will follow next week).

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, it is World Mental Health day. We all know that the last 18 months has affected people's lives significantly. **Next week in school, there will be a focus on wellbeing. To launch our week please can all children wear their own colourful clothes on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October (there is no charge for this).**

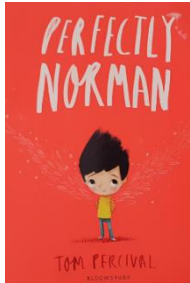
Here are some useful tips and activities you may want to try at home:

- *Label emotions and show empathy – all behaviour has a need that it is trying to reach – ‘you seem sad today, would you like a hug or to come up and sit beside me?’*
- *Acknowledge and embrace your mistakes to show children how you can learn and cope with this in a positive way.*
- *10 minutes of quality play a day – this can be broken up in to two 5 minutes if easier. No mobile phones, no distraction, and one on one time doing something you both enjoy.*
- *Reward yourself in front of your children – ‘I worked really hard today I deserve to sit down and have a cup of tea.’*
- *As an adult, accept compliments in front of your child by saying ‘thank you’.*
- *Get active and be descriptive – ‘let’s get outside for a walk’ – discuss the importance of physical movement and how it can help you feel better.*
- *Observe nature together.*
- *Ask for help when needed and show children it is ok to do so.*

Throughout each term, there will be an update from the classes sharing learning opportunities at Punnetts Town. Today's update comes from Beech and Oak class.

## Beech Class

Thank you to all Beech parents who attended the recently held phonics meetings. Please check out the following link, which shows the correct pronunciation of the phonics, sounds [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW\\_v-1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s)



Beech class have started to follow a new English scheme of work called The Write Stuff. We are looking at the story of Perfectly Norman. The children have engaged very enthusiastically and are producing some wonderful writing as a response to the teaching sessions, which we look forward to sharing with you on Google Classrooms.



We have also been looking at the seasonal changes that occur during autumn. The Early Years children have enjoyed exploring autumnal colours and paint! We are sure you will agree they created some superb artwork.



Outdoor learning has proved to be very enjoyable for the children in Year 1; they have produced some artwork using leaves to create hedgehogs, squirrels, owls and porcupines. They also cleared Beech and Oak vegetable patches learning how to clear and prepare the ground. They have loved the bug hunts, digging for the fire pit and playing games.



## Oak Class

Over the first term, we have been looking at rivers and mountains in our topic 'Misty Mountains & Winding Rivers'. We have investigated a local river, the River Arun, looking at the human and physical features associated with it. More recently, we have moved further afield, looking at rivers from around the world and have made comparisons. In the final few weeks, our focus turns to mountains, in the UK and the rest of the world.

In English, we have been working towards writing our own story, using 'Float' by Daniel Miyares. In Maths, our focus this term has been Place Value and Addition & Subtraction. We have looked at Roman Numerals, numbers up to 10000 and negative numbers in Year 4. In Year 5, we have been learning about numbers up to 1,000,000 as well as estimating and solving multi-step problems.

In Music, we have studied the History of Music, where the class have immersed themselves in music all the way from medieval times through to modern day. Our PE lessons from Premier Sports have taught the class about football skills as well as netball/basketball skills on a Wednesday.

In art we have been looking at the work of famous potters and designing and making our own potion bottles.

In Science, Oak class have been learning about what happens to materials when they are heated or cooled. The children used a thermometer to measure the melting point of solids and were able to give a reading in degrees Celsius. They then made ice-cream by cooling down a liquid (flavoured milk).



#### **Star of the week**

Each week the adults and children reflect in their classes and choose a member of the class to receive the 'Star of the week' certificate. I am pleased to share that in...

#### **Week 4**

Beech – Rose, Hazel – Oscar, Oak – Arthur, Elm – Cashen

#### **Week 5**

Beech – Ava, Hazel – Jacob, Oak – Poppy C, Elm - Sam

Thank you for being the best you can be.

Good luck to the Cross Country and Football teams who will be representing Punnetts Town next week; I look forward to sharing their news with you.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend

Kind regards,

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Please note - All dates are subject to change – more details will follow regarding specifics

<b>Term 1</b>	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Cross Country Y5 and Y6 at Burwash 2.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Football for Y5 & Y6 Boys & Girls team 2.30-5.00pm at HCC
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	1.30-2.45pm Y2 visit to Young at Heart
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents consultations (link sent via StudyBugs)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term – Red Mufti day for St Wilfred's Hospice
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	INSET Days
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October      Half term	
<b>Term 2</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Children back to school
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y5 swimming (for 6 weeks)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Outdoor and adventurous day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 residential
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need fund raising day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Bags2School collection
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Decoration morning
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December times tbc	Y5 and 6 Federation carols at State Hall, Heathfield
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 Y3 and Y4 Carols to Young at Heart – school hall 4.15/4.30 Y3 and Y4 Carols to their families – school hall
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 EY/Y1/Y2 – Nativity – school hall 4.15/30 EY/Y1/Y2 – Nativity – school hall
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 –EY/Y1/Y2 – Nativity – school hall  12.00 – School Christmas lunch
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Pantomime
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January – Christmas holiday	
<b>Term 3</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children back to school

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Open afternoon for all classes from 2.15pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February – Half term	
<b>Term 4</b>	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Children back to school
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Consultations
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April – Easter holidays	
<b>Term 5</b>	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Children back to school
TBC	Maypole Day
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May (tbc)	Federation Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Half term	
<b>Term 6</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Children back to school
TBC	Y6 residential
TBC	Sports Day
W/C Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents and carers
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term