



PTCPS Newsletter



Issue 4

Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our new term. It has certainly been another busy and eventful start!

Thank you for your continued support to help us monitor and manage the ongoing pandemic. For the last two weeks we have continued to work in class bubbles and this will continue into next week as well. We hope to limit contact so Christmas can be enjoyed again as a school. As always we have a plan B, just in case!

As the winter months approach and the prospect of bad weather arrives, we will make a decision by 7.30am as to whether it is safe to open the school or not. This is not just based on the school site but also the ability for staff to get to school safely. If the decision is taken not to open or delay an opening a notice will be sent via StudyBugs and the school website will be updated. We will also inform ESCC and the school details will appear on their school alerts (you can sign up to this 'alerts' page to receive notifications). If a decision to close during the school day we will notify you by StudyBugs.

Next week please support our fundraising. On Monday 15th we have our rearranged 'red day' for St. Wilfred's hospice. Please send your child to school in something red and their own clothes, with a small donation for wearing their own clothes. This is followed by Children in Need day on Friday 19th where we have requested children to wear spotty or colourful own clothes. The school council will also be selling cakes during the school day to the children and at the end of the school day, if any remain! Again they will need small donations and any cakes are gratefully welcomed.

On Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November, we welcomed prospective Early Years parents in readiness for their decisions for choosing their child's first school. Despite a school evacuation (due to the fire bells going off) and a power cut, both meetings were highly successful. The year 6 children made the staff incredibly proud, they were FANTASTIC! They were polite, confident, honest, and articulate showing great knowledge of our super school. As the perspective parents left they couldn't have been more complimentary. Well done and thank you year 6 and to all of the staff.



On Wednesday 10th November, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Venner took year 5 to Bowles Outdoor activity centre. What a day! The children and staff loved the activities (ropes course, climbing and team activities) in their packed OAA (outdoor and adventurous activity) day.



On Wednesday 10th Year 4, Mr Ralph, Miss Webb and Mrs Jones joined Dallington year 4 pupils and staff at Bewl Water Reservoir for their joint residential. The activities have included Canoeing, Axe throwing, Archery, Team games and climbing. The children and staff have reported that they have had the most amazing time! Thank you to the staff for giving up their personal time to facilitate the trip (photos will follow on their return).

Elm Class

Elm Class have enjoyed a busy, fulfilled two weeks back after half term.

On the first Monday we met Mr B, who is teaching us tag rugby this term: he is very funny and inclusive, and we have all enjoyed the two lessons we have had so far.

We made a simple circuit in science and reminded ourselves of the symbols that represents the different components. We will be going on to design something that requires a circuit and explain its use and also carry out an investigation.



The library looks amazing and is decorated with poppies that we made from napkins: these were very challenging, but we were very pleased with the end results. We have also started a display to encourage younger members of the school to think about books and the



characters in them.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we further developed our communication skills through showing prospective parents around our lovely school. It was a little nerve-racking, but very enjoyable. We are looking forward to our next few weeks of learning.

Written by Digby and edited by Digby and Mrs Winter

Hazel Class



Hazel Class have had a thoughtful week, remembering those that have died in war and discussing the importance of showing respect.

While Year 3 have been enjoying Outdoor learning with Miss Sherwood. Year 2 have been thinking carefully about how to keep themselves safe online, with the help of 'Jessie and friends'. More information for parents can be found here- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/>



In Maths, we have been counting in 10's and using our knowledge to help us add and subtract. Year 2's have had an introduction to simple column addition. Year 3 have been perfecting their ability to

use column addition to help them add and subtract two and three digit numbers with and without exchange. We are super proud of them!

Our English sessions have encouraged us to be brave spellers and generate useful word banks that help us to build exciting sentences to form a narrative for a short but very heart-warming animation. It can be viewed here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PstSiTck74>.



Year 2 have been working very hard to use all of their phonics skills confidently and decode a range of real and nonsense words in preparation for their phonics screening later in the term and we have started to enjoy our brand new class



reader, 'The Christmasaurus' by Tom Fletcher.



Science, this week has been exciting! We have experienced being in complete darkness in our 'dark den' and have then witnessed first-hand, how using a light source can then help us to see in it. We were all very brave!

Remembrance

All of the children this week have learnt about Remembrance by taking part in class assemblies, completed art tasks and observed a silence to show their respect. Photos have been added to Google Classroom alongside Elm's assembly.



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 5

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

Week 6

Beech – Erin, Hazel – Charlotte, Oak – Poppy P, Elm – Tia-Lacey

Week 1

Beech – Rowan, Hazel – Griff, Oak – Kayeden, Elm – Danny

Week 2

Beech – Elle, Hazel – George Wy, Oak – Damla, Elm – Eddie

Thank you for being the best you can be!

I wish you all a restful weekend

Kind regards,

C. Kinsella

Mrs Claire Kinsella Headteacher

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

Term 2	
Monday 15 th November	St. Wilfred's hospice fundraising - Paint the town red - children to wear red!
Tuesday 16 th November	Parent consultations for Oak and Beech
Wednesday 17 th November	Y5/6 Cross country final at Beacon Academy, Crowborough
Wednesday 17 th November	Parent consultations for Elm and Hazel
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need fund raising day – children to wear colourful/spotty clothes and a cake sale
Friday 19 th November	9.00am AGM for Friends of Punnetts Town School (school hall)
Tuesday 23 rd November	Parent consultations for Elm, Oak, Hazel and Beech
Wednesday 24 th November	Y6 SATs parents information meeting at 2.30pm
Friday 24 th November	Y6 SATs parents information meeting at 3.15pm
Friday 26 th November	Bags2School collection
Monday 29 th November	Decoration morning (children to wear Christmas jumpers)
Monday 29 th November	Y2 SATs parents information meeting at 2.30pm and 3.20pm
Friday 3 rd December	Y5 and 6 Federation carols at State Hall, Heathfield
Tuesday 7 th 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
Friday 10 th December	Christmas jumper day 'Elfridges' – see Friends of PT updates
Monday 13 th December	Friends of PT Christmas fun afternoon – Friends of PT to follow
Tuesday 14 th December	1.30 EY/Y1/Y2 – Nativity – school hall 4.15/30 EY/Y1/Y2 – Nativity – school hall
Wednesday 15 th December	9.30 –EY/Y1/Y2 – Nativity – school hall 12.00 – School Christmas lunch
Thursday 16 th December	Whole school Pantomime
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term
Monday 20 th December – Monday 3 rd January – Christmas holiday	
Term 3	
Tuesday 4 th January	Children back to school
Friday 11 th February	Open afternoon for all classes from 2.15pm

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