



PTCPS Newsletter



Issue 6

Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I start this newsletter with sharing our **Star of the weeks!**

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 - Emily, Hazel - Lola, Oak – Todd, Elm – Izzy

Week 6

Beech – Ethan, Hazel – Oliver, Oak –Grace, Elm – Matilda

Week 7

Beech – Everyone in Beech! Hazel – Daisy, Oak – Bo, Elm – Everyone in Elm!

Thank you for being the best you can be!

What a busy December! The school has been full of Christmas cheer and I am sure as you read this newsletter you will see how hard the children and staff have worked and the huge opportunities we have had to share Christmas wishes throughout the school.

We have been joined by Mr Ashwood who will be based in Hazel class until March 2022. He is in his 3rd year at Brighton University and has already settled well into class and the school, he is flourishing as a trainee teacher.

Decoration morning

The school was certainly full of fun! The super activities were greatly enjoyed by all. All children made wonderful decorations for the school Christmas tree and the hall display boards. They all have some wonderful crafts that they will be bringing home.



Christmas tree

Huge thanks to Sussex Trees for donating the most amazing Christmas tree and to Fran Vincent for collecting and transporting to school. It has been a wonderful image in the school hall and I am delighted it has been re-homed for Christmas!



Reverend Mitch visited the school and led a wonderful advent assembly to years 4, 5 and 6 pupils. They thoroughly enjoyed the balloons!

Federation Carols

The Year 5 and 6 have worked hard with Mrs Winter to master a range of traditional, new, foreign language and actions to sign sing a song. The evening was a huge success and the children certainly looked smart, sang beautifully and represented the school well.



Young at Heart

Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed working together to learn a wonderful selection of songs to share with their families and the members of Young at Heart. Again these songs were warmly received and it was a delight to see so many faces across the four performances.



Save the children

Christmas jumpers have certainly been worn well this year. The Friends swap and buy shop worked



incredibly well (and will be back next year, so please hold onto your jumpers to swap next year!). On Friday 10th December it was lovely to see all of the jumpers and a super fundraising amount of £67.00 was raised and supported by Little Punnetts collecting £25.50. Thank you for your donations.



Elfridges!

Friends of Punnetts Town have certainly been busy running the best shop in town! If you are lucky enough to receive a gift from Elfridges this year, I can confirm that the careful and enjoyable shopping experience was a sight to behold and I am sure you will love your chosen gift.

Christingle

Miss Webb enjoyed working with children across the school, in small groups in readiness for the Christingle service. The children then joined a wonderful service on Sunday afternoon. The sharing of songs



and guitar playing of Jingle Bell rock certainly spread some further Christmas cheer. The lighting of the wonderful Christingles created a magical site in the church and the children confidently shared the significance behind their Christingles.



The Big Little Nativity

The Early years, year one and year two children have exceeded all expectations in their nativity this year. The staff have thoroughly enjoyed helping the children create a super production which has been thoroughly enjoyed by families across three productions and by Horam Care Home who 'zoomed' in remotely to enjoy the production. Well done children!



Christmas Lunch



Our super cooks Hanna and Karen made a super lunch for the whole school on

Wednesday which was hugely enjoyed by all. Although we didn't come together as a school, the adults and children in their classes thoroughly enjoyed the food and crackers!



Pantomime

Although we were unable to attend the theatre the FABULOUS staff entertained the children in their classes with their own mini pantomimes. Thank you for everyone for getting involved! The pantomimes were then followed by class parties with games, food and music!

Father Christmas

Father Christmas was able to visit us in school this week. The children have certainly been good and have worked hard in school so this was a magical end to a very busy and hardworking term.



And finally...

The celebration of Christmas stories, read by all the staff, in classes, has completed our term and festivities. The children were hooked as the staff shared stories whilst the children were treated to a hot chocolate and cookie.

I would like to finish by expressing my thanks to all of the children for their hard work and resilience since September. They are a joy to have in the building and it is a pleasure to work with them.

I also thank the parents, carers and families who support us in all we do. Thank you to 'Friends of Punnetts Town' who have been on site full time during December. We truly appreciate everything you do and all of the hard work you do. All staff have asked me to express huge thanks for the Christmas wishes, cards and gifts. Thank you.

And finally to the staff, who are so hardworking, flexible and dedicated. They are a super team to work with and continue to show great dedication to the children and school. Thank you.

To you all I wish you a very Happy Christmas, I hope you are able to spend it with those you love, and wishing you all continued good health in 2022.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4th January.

Merry Christmas!

C. Kinsella

Mrs Claire Kinsella
Headteacher

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

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 * <i>Covid-19 permitting</i>
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
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term