



PTCPS Newsletter



Issue 8

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for continuing to LFD test your children and yourself over the last couple of weeks. This has certainly helped us as a school to identify cases quickly and reduce transmission as much as possible.

As a school we are focusing on learning powers. They are a collection of cuddly toys which represent different ways in which we learn. Mrs Black has launched this in school and last week the children were introduced to the Bee, a character who prides themselves for working well with others, which is certainly a great skill to possess. In the classrooms the adults have been reinforcing this concept and encouraging the children to work well with others. The school council collected a selection of names for Bee and then all children have voted in their classes. Bee's name is Honey. Well done to the school council and all the children, this demonstrated great democratic skills. This week the tortoise, who represents determination, was introduced and his name will be confirmed after next week's school council meeting. Over the next few week the other learning powers will be introduced and we will continue to share the names with you.

Online Safety

As we all know and read in the news, more time is being spent online by adults and children alike. As a school we focus on teaching children how to remain safe and this extends to their online use. As with many things there is age specific guidance for the things we do, what we read and watch. The following article highlights these factors: please take 5 minutes to read the following article <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/-age-ratings-explained>

School Council

The school council have been working hard with Miss Webb. As part of their discussions they have a recycling point for used printer ink cartridges. If you have any at home or in your office please send them into school. Thank you.

Beech Class News

What a busy term so far!

We have been learning about Little Red Riding Hood in English. Year 1s have written some fantastic descriptions of Grandma's feelings.

In history we have been learning about our local area, the different buildings in Punnetts Town and what they were used for in the past. We have found out that there was a shop and a public house in

Punnetts Town. We have researched the Cherry Clack Windmill, what it was used for and where it came from, then made our own 3 dimensional models.



In science we have been learning about our senses, we really enjoyed testing them. I think the different flavoured crisps experiment was their favourite! We have also learnt about the properties of materials with an exciting experiment to test if an object's properties changed with heat.

In geography year 1 have been learning about directions and how to draw maps, ready for our exciting trip next week to the Cherry Clack Windmill. They have drawn a map of the school for their friend to follow.



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 3

Beech – Millie & Stanley, Hazel – Henry, Oak – Eli & Arthur, Elm – Eddie

Week 4

Beech – EYFS, Hazel – George Wo, Oak – Jake, Elm – Lottie

Thank you for being the best you can be!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

C. Kinsella

Mrs Claire Kinsella
Headteacher

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

Term 3	
Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 9 th February	Y5/6 Hockey Quicksticks at HCC (letter sent to the team)
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 February	Year 3 Swimming starts for 6 weeks
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
Wednesday 25 th May	Class Photographs
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
Monday 6 th June – Friday 10 th June	Y6 residential
TBC	Sports Day
W/C Monday 11 th July	Reports to parents and carers
Thursday 21st July	Last day of term
Summer Holidays	
Term 1	
Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September	INSET days for school staff
Monday 5th September	New academic year starts for the children