



PTCPS Newsletter



Issue 7

Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Welcome back to the new term. Staff have asked me to express their sincere thanks for all of your kind Christmas gestures.

Our first two weeks have flown by and the children are working incredibly hard and showing great enjoyment in their learning. The teachers have sent copies of your child's termly topic information and home learning tasks. Please take time to read these and encourage your child to continue learning at home. Covid has certainly impacted all children's education over the last 2 years and little and often moments of learning will help everyone. Sharing of books across the school remains a key priority for all children, please try to provide opportunities throughout the week to hear your child/ren read.

We have had an increasing number of positive Covid cases since our return from the Christmas break. As a school we continue to monitor and do all we can to stop the spread of Covid. As we all adjust to the ever changing guidance I ask you to continue to lateral flow device test your children, this has identified asymptomatic children as well as confirming those with symptoms and through this earlier identification it helps us limit the spread any further.

Hazel Class News

Working Hard on Science in Hazel class!

We have started learning about plants and discussed what we already knew about them. We then looked at different plants, looking closely at the roots, stem, leaves and flowers. We even found some wildlife had come into the classroom with the plants and meant we could discuss the role of plants had on the wildlife.



We then designed our own experiment to prove what roots do and wondered if roots get more water if there are lots of little roots or whether a plant would get more water if there was just one root. Hazel class split into groups and were given different sizes of cotton wool to represent roots. Some groups kept their cotton wool as a lump and other groups pulled the wool into lots of strands that looked like roots. We then took turns to put water on the cotton wool from a syringe and recorded our results. We had to use our Math's skills to measure the size of the cotton wool and measure the water in the syringe. Next week we are going to compare our results and see if we can prove our predictions.



Hazel class are going to use what we have learnt about plants to make up a dance about the life cycle of a plant. We look forward to showing you it once completed.

In Geography we have been thinking about the weather and climate and what each term means. We thought about the different weather types we have in England and other weather we know of in other countries like tornados.

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 1

Beech - Freddy, Hazel - Seb, Oak – Napat, Elm – Matthew, Digby & Matilda

Week 2

Beech – Aria, Hazel – Fraser, Oak –Isla, Elm – Finn and Reuben

Thank you for being the best you can be!

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 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 21 st July	Last day of term