



# PTCPS Newsletter



Issue 9

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredibly busy half term, it seems hard to believe we are now half way through our academic year but as always it is a pleasure to work with your children all day, every day.

### **Open afternoon**

The sun has certainly helped with our first open afternoon for the year. It was wonderful to see so many parents on site and finding out more about their child's learning. Thank you to Friends for providing refreshments and we hope to facilitate more opportunities as we move through the year.

### **PPG statement**

As we all have found circumstances have changed significantly over the last couple of years and as costings continue to rise we ask you to read the following information and apply for free school meals. Not only does it mean your child will receive free school meals every day at school but also the school will receive a premium which we can use in school to support your child. Many people often don't think they qualify or their child already has or doesn't want a free school meal, they do not have to take up that part of the offer, but the additional funds that come into school can make such a difference.

*If you are receiving any of the benefits listed below, you are asked to complete an online Application Form:*

*<https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/school-life/school-meals/free-school-meals>*

- [Universal Credit - GOV.UK](#) – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- [Income Support - GOV.UK](#)
- Income-based [Jobseeker's Allowance \(JSA\) - GOV.UK](#)
- Income-related [Employment and Support Allowance \(ESA\) - GOV.UK](#)
- Support under [Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 - GOV.UK](#)
- The Guaranteed element of [State Pension Credit -GOV.UK](#)
- [Child Tax Credit - GOV.UK](#), only, if your annual household income (assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) isn't over £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

### Wrap around care and sports clubs

It has been a delight to have this provision on the school site and we thank you for supporting us. The staff leading the sessions are enjoying this additional part to the day and the interaction in both sports and wrap around care. The children speak incredibly positively about all of the sessions and their enjoyment is clear to see and hear. I would also like to thank parents for the positive feedback and how this has helped your busy lives as well. The new clubs letter has been circulated so please book your places on ParentMail. If a club is fully booked you are now able to add your child to a waiting list on Parentmail. We will then endeavour to add further provision.

### Online Safety

You will have received a letter today sent on behalf of the Federation, this is sharing information about our online safety week during the first week back of term 4. As part of the work we do in school we are also offering two parent sessions, to raise awareness of the online world the children access, offering advice and support. We encourage you to attend one of the sessions for parents. The first is at Dallington on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 3.30pm – 4.40pm and the second at Punnetts Town on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 5.00 – 6.00pm.

### 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.

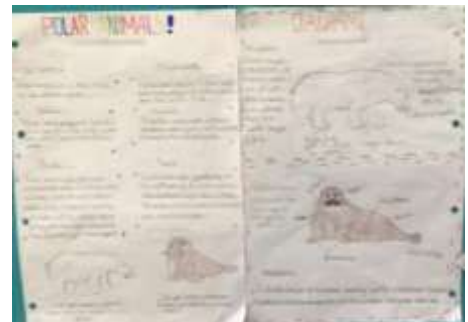
They have also voted in 3 of our Learning Powers; Honey the Bee who enjoys working together, Tiny Tim the Turtle who is determined and Monty the Monkey who enjoys his learning.



### Quicksticks

Huge congratulations to the teams who represented Punnetts Town this week at the Quicksticks, hockey event. The children worked incredibly well in their teams. One of our teams came 2<sup>nd</sup> and the other 5<sup>th</sup> in the event. We are delighted with their newly developed skills in hockey and their super team work. Well done to all for taking part and to Mrs Fordham and Mrs Hutchison for attending the event.

### Elm Class News



Through our topic 'Frozen Kingdoms' Elm Class have learnt about: living things and their habitats in Science and carried out an experiment to find out how blubber acts as an insulator, using ice, water, food bags, gloves, straw and lard; in Maths we have been learning to work with decimals (adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying) and in English we have developed our understanding of non-chronological reports whilst learning about Emperor Penguins and Robert Falcon Scott's expedition to the Antarctic through diary writing.

In Art, we developed our observation skills and use of different mediums: we recreated Inuit art using paint and then felt tips, learnt about the artist Kenojuak Ashevak and used pastels to recreate images of the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis).

We enjoyed sharing and learning from the homework that was completed.



We have taken part in two sports events, athletics and hockey, both of which were enjoyed by all who were able to attend and we thank Mrs. Fordham for organising this and us!

Written by Danny and Eddie, edited by Mrs. Winter



## Oak Class News

What a busy term we've had here in Oak Class!

Our Year 4's have had a fantastic time swimming this term. Mrs. Venner, Miss Webb and Mrs. Jones have been very impressed with the hard work you all put in during your lessons. Both Year 4 and Year 5 have made fantastic progress in their gymnastics skills too.



Our Topic for this term has been 'Road Trip USA!' we've written postcards from Disneyland in Florida, planned tours around New York's most famous landmarks and discovered what life for the Iroquois Tribe was like. Mrs. Andrew's has made some wonderful dreamcatchers with the class, like the Iroquois Tribe would have.

We've had lots of fascinating debates in English, writing balanced arguments about whether we should be allowed to feed animals in national parks. As well as that, everyone made some brilliant points in their independent write, 'Should we support the work of Zoos?'

I'm very much looking forward to our Topic next term which is, Vikings & the Anglo-Saxons.

Enjoy your half term Oak Class!

## Awards

If your child participates out of school and receives awards please send these into school so they can be celebrated in our weekly Friday 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 – Year 1, Hazel – Toby, Oak – Charis, Elm – Mila

### Week 6

Beech – Fearne, Hazel – Harriet, Oak – Zoe, Elm – Josh.

Thank you for being the best you can be!

Wishing you all a fantastic half term holiday!

Kind regards,

*C. Kinsella*

Mrs Claire Kinsella  
Headteacher

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

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> February	Year 3 Swimming starts for 6 weeks
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 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
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
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
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June –Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 residential
TBC	Sports Day
W/C Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents and carers
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>Summer Holidays</b>	
<b>Term 1</b>	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>INSET days for school staff</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>New academic year starts for the children</b>