



# PTCPS Newsletter



Issue 10

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a blustery start to the new term. We hope you are all safe and the return of power and water is allowing you to return to 'normal'. We certainly understand the pressures all families were under. The resilience of the children has shone through and it has been fantastic for us to return to busy school life.

It has been wonderful reading all of the challenges set for the 'Twosday' sponsorship; this certainly shows the creativity, skill and helpfulness of all of the children in our school. A massive thank you to you all, this money will purchase new laptops for our school.

### **Covid update**

From Thursday 24 February (yesterday) the Government have removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In the rare event your child tests negative in days 2-5, then they will be able to return to school as long as they are well enough.

As a school the staff will continue to test twice weekly for term 4. Regular hand washing and sanitising is part of our school routine and will continue alongside good ventilation in all rooms. The staff and parents will not be required to wear face coverings (however the school will continue to review this and may reintroduce face coverings if cases rise or there are events where personal space could be compromised).

We will continue with the same drop off and collection routines.

### **Parent Consultations**

As a small school we take pride on knowing all children and their parents. The home-school partnership is so important for children to reinforce, share learning and meet the needs of each and every child. Thank you for engaging in this week's parent-teacher consultations; the staff have shared the positivity surrounding your child's progress.

We are encouraged as a school to gain parent feedback and I therefore ask you to click on the link below to complete a short questionnaire considering your child's schooling for this academic year. The questionnaire should take no longer than 5 minutes. This feedback is hugely beneficial and I thank you in advance for completing it.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=a4FRxAKj30KK1nSFVrnTpVC0btsW9CVOnO7x9q9v7GxURUpRMktL0DhLNVg2RzYxWUZaVlhKWEIDWC4u>

### **Online Safety**

Thank you to the parents who attended an online safety information meeting on Wednesday. There is another opportunity to hear the information on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February at Dallington. This meeting runs from 3.30pm – 4.30pm and your children can attend with you. All of the resources will be

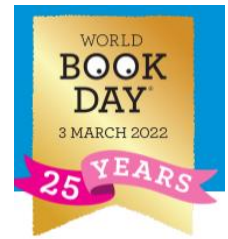
shared on the school website – please take time to look at this information, if you unable to make the meeting.

### **World Book Day**

As a school we will celebrate 25 years of World Book Day next week, the children will enjoy stories in class and in assemblies all week.

On **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** we are inviting the children to come in wearing their pyjamas / onesie and have 'bed hair' (if they wish).

This year's focus is 'You are a reader' and we would like all children to have a photo of them reading in their favourite place or an unusual place (this could be in your house, garden, park or a club!). We will use these photos to create a whole school display, in the school library, reflecting the children's love of reading. If you are able to take a photo, it can be emailed to your child's teacher, shared via Google Classroom or please send in as a printed copy.



On Thursday, each child will receive a book token, which entitles them to 'buy' a book (from a selection) of their choice empowering their reading. Further information on the books can be found via the link. <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

We will also have a book stall next week in the courtyard every morning. The books have been kindly donated and therefore all profits will go towards new class reading books.

### **Reading Initiative**

On Monday the children will be introduced to our school reading initiative. We all know the importance of reading and as a school we need your continued support to hear your child read and discuss the content of their reading with them at home. Our challenge is for children to read/ discuss their book with an adult 4 times a week. The adult must write a comment in the yellow reading record. If they manage this starting from Friday night through to Friday morning, they will receive a raffle ticket. In our Friday celebration assembly a raffle ticket will be drawn and the child will receive a new book gifted by the school. Please encourage and support your child with this initiative to equip all children with the skills of reading.

### **Red Nose Day**

We will be supporting Red Nose Day again this year on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. The school has ordered and therefore will sell the official red nose merchandise. We will let you know when the merchandise arrives and ask you to purchase from us. The school council are deliberating how we will celebrate and fundraise and we will let you know the outcome next week.

### **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 – Icarus, Hazel – Joey, Oak – Madison, Elm – Katie

Thank you for being the best you can be!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.  
Kind regards,

*C. Kinsella*

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

<b>Term 4</b>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	High 5 Netball at HCC
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day – wear your pyjamas/ onesie and have bed hair!
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Oak Class Brian Moses poetry performance workshop
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Elm Class Brian Moses poetry performance workshop
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
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	Punnetts Town School Jubilee celebration from 12.30pm – all to wear red white and blue Parents to come in to share lunch with their child/ren on the playground, then the children will share their Maypole dancing. Parents can then look at their child/ren's work. We will also have a portrait gallery for you to look around and purchase your child's finished painting of the Queen. We will have an optional baking competition, more details will follow and all cakes will be to be eaten and enjoyed with classmates on the 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> Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 residential
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June  (Reserve date Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June)	Sports Day – 9.15am start - Beech and Hazel on the school field followed by Beech and Hazel parents looking at their child's school work. 1.15pm start – Oak and Elm on the school field followed by Oak and Elm parents looking at their child's school work.
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>