





Issue 12 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

For such a small school we have had yet another busy two weeks. Fundraising has featured heavily and we thank you for your continued support. The 'red theme' today has filled the school with amazing positivity. The three boxes of red noses sold out which was phenomenal, raising £180.00. The mufti day donation has added an additional £92.52 and also £21 from Little Punnetts. The various fundraising events to support families from the Ukraine also show the huge compassion shown in our community. The cookie sale was a lovely way to end the week, thank you to Friends of Punnetts Town. There is also a pencil case and contents donation being organised by Cas Tudor, please check your Studybug messages for further details. Further thanks are extended to Emily in year 1 who initiated the idea of a toy sale which she successfully ran with the help of her friends (and adults!) after school today. All funds raised will also be donated to support families from the Ukraine.

#### **Brian Moses**

Oak and Elm class enjoyed an online coaching session with Brian Moses last week. They enjoyed listening to some techniques to improve their own confidence and ability to perform poetry before listening to Brian's own work.

### **Poetry competition**

As part of the English curriculum, Oak and Elm class have been studiously learning a variety of poems to perform in school. Initially the children performed to their year group. Congratulations to all of the children for learning and performing a poem. The year group finalists were; Betty, Poppy C, Eli, Gilbert, Digby and Matthew.

On Wednesday afternoon we were joined by judges for our school poetry final. All of the finalists performed and showed great confidence, enjoyment and skill, capturing the audience. Well done. I am pleased to share that Matthew in year 6 will go on to represent the school at the HASP poetry competition next Wednesday. Best of luck Matthew.

# **Learning Powers**

The names for the learning powers continue to be voted for in school. We are now joined by Owlbert Einstein the owl, who focuses on the goal.

# **Cross Country North Wealden Partnership Final**

Congratulations to Zoe and Bo who both ran in the North Wealden Cross Country event last week. This competition was after the Burwash and Beacon events. Out of 180 runners Zoe finished in 24<sup>th</sup> position and Bo finished in 55<sup>th</sup> position. Well done to you both for showing great commitment to running and clear perseverance over some very long and difficult courses. Thank you also to Mrs Fordham for accompanying the girls.

# **High Five Netball**



It has been wonderful watching the enjoyment of netball grow in the school. The 2 teams attended the inter schools competition at HCC. Mrs Fordham and Mrs Jones reported the increasing confidence as the children played throughout the competition. We are pleased to share that team A



came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 7 teams and team B came 2<sup>nd</sup> out or 4 teams. Well done to all of the players.

### Dare to be different

We are looking forward to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April for our 'dare to be different' day. More details will follow over the next two weeks from Friends. In preparation we will be discussing respect and kindness in school. Exploring differences and focusing on how this links through the British and School values.

Finally, East Sussex have been in contact regarding school term and holiday dates for local authority maintained schools. They are consulting on a draft proposal for school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2023/2024. We would like to hear the views of schools, parents/carers, and other key stakeholders on the proposed dates before they are finalised and published. The consultation opened on 18 March 2022 and will run until 28 April 2022. All comments must be received by this date.

The consultation can be viewed on the Council's <u>Consultation Hub</u> or at the link <u>https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/copy-of-es-school-term-and-holiday-dates-2023-2024</u>

## 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 – Henry, Hazel – Evelyn-Rose, Oak - Amber Elm – Lois.

## Week 4

Beech – Arthur W, Hazel – Mia, Oak - Maisy, Elm – Daniel A.

Thank you for being the best you can be!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Kind regards,

C. Kínsella

Term 4	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.00am EYFS Stay and Play
Or	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	2.15pm EYFS Stay and Play
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Poetry finalist to represent school at HASP event
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of term
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April – Easter holidays
Term 5	
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	
Term 6	
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
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term
Summer Holidays	
Term 1	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET days for school staff
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	New academic year starts for the children