





Issue 15 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term has started well and the last 2 weeks has certainly been busy.

### We need your help!

Thank you for the offers of help to hear children read in school, we are very appreciative of your time supporting us. If you would like to volunteer please speak to Mrs Saunders. Please continue reading as part of your normal routine at home and remember to write a short comment in your child's yellow reading record.

### **Friends of Punnetts Town**

As a small school we really value all of the fundraising efforts made by the whole school community. We currently have a very small committee for Friends and we really need some new members. Please speak to either of our co-chairs; Gemma Lindridge or Kirsty Belton to find out more. Thank you in advance, the fundraising makes a huge difference to the resources and learning experiences all your children benefit from.

### Fond farewell

We would like to wish Max and his family all the best as he starts his new school, which is much closer to their family home. This will certainly mean a quicker commute to school for them and not a 2 hour round trip each time! We will miss you Max.

### Welcome back!

It was lovely to have Mrs Golding back on site after her maternity leave. She is working in Beech on a Friday morning and with Hazel on a Friday afternoon. For those of you who don't know Mrs Golding she is one of our class teachers who worked with years 5 and 6 in the last academic year. I am sure you will all get to know her over the coming weeks.

### Hazel class



# Why has my shoe got rubber on the bottom of it? But how did they ride that bike!

In Hazel class we are looking at different materials and discussed why different items are made out of the materials that they are. We went for a walk around



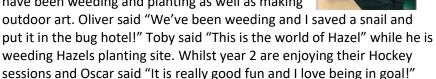
school looked at different items and thought about why a bench was made out of wood or plastic and not glass!

We then thought about our shoes. We noticed they all had rubber on the bottom, so we came up with an experiment to test why rubber and not wood, tin foil, paper towels or plastic instead. We measured the force it needed to travel across the table using a force metre and measured it in Newtons. Rubber won!

We have also started our new topic about the Victorians. We discussed some of the new inventions the Victorians made and had. We then made a topic cover. The class thought the penny farthing bike looked very difficult to ride. We also looked at a photo of Queen Victoria and used our historical detective skills to work out what we might know about her from a photo.



Year 3 have started their outdoor learning. They have been weeding and planting as well as making





In Science, we have been writing an explanation page on how light travels and how we see things: we have been enjoying collecting information from various sources, so people can learn more about light.

In English, we have been up-leveling our writing skills through proof reading and editing, and linking this to our science work, and in spelling we have been learning how to apply the suffix 'ibly' and 'ably' and how you have to sometimes change the root word to make a different word.

In P.E, we have been learning our maypole dances: the boys are performing the Dilwyn dance (stick dance), the girls are performing a garland dance, with decorated hoops, and Double Plait.

In Maths, we have been revising all of the topics as we are getting prepared for SATs and have been enjoying marking SATs papers that have been completed already!

Our topic is Gallery Rebels and so far we have created some flowers out of kitchen roll and will be learning other ways to make artificial flowers, ready for the Platinum Jubilee; we are excited to be preparing a crown that will be on display at All Saints and Saint Richards Church.

Written by Josh and Tia-Lacey, Edited by Elm Class



# Success outside of school

Congratulations to Evelyn for gaining her Stage 3 in her swimming lessons. Keep up the hard work.



A huge well done to Rosie who had her hair cut last weekend and donated her hair to the Princess Trust, Well done Rosie, we are all very proud of you.



### 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 2

Beech – Sophie, Hazel – Finley, Oak – Harvey, Elm – All of Elm Thank you for being the best you can be!

Wishing you all a lovely long weekend, see you all on Tuesday! Kind regards,

# C. Kínsella

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

Term 5		
Throughout May	Year 2 SATS	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Friends Bingo night at the village Hall 5pm Cancelled	
W/C 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Punnetts Town School Jubilee celebration / Maypole Day 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	
Saturday 28th May	Heathfield Show	
	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	
W/C 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 and Y2 Phonics Screening	
Tuesday 14th June	Y6 visit Young at Heart - More information to follow	
Tuesday 14th June	Friends Father's Day Shop 12.45-3.00 in library	
Friday 17th June	Elm and Oak classes to visit All Saints Church - More information to follow	
Thursday 23rd June	Move up day in school - spend the day with new teacher and support staff	
Monday 27th June	EY & Y6 Height and weight – More information to follow	
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.	

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	New academic year starts for the children	
September		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET days for school staff	
Term 1		
Summer Holidays from 22 <sup>nd</sup> July		
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term	
Saturday 16th July	School summer Fete 2.00-7.30	
	Year 3 Federation day based at Punnetts Town for the day – more details to follow	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Federation day based at Dallington for the day – more details to follow	
W/C Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents and carers	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Mufti Day – children to wear their own clothes for £1	
W/C 4th July	Y6 Bikeability week	
Thursday 30th June	HCC open evening for year 5	
Wednesday 29th June	Y6 Big Dance at HCC - More information to follow	