



Issue 7

Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

December has certainly arrived with a busy feel, once again. The school has been transformed with a warm glow of Christmas. Huge thanks to Fran Vincent who collected a Christmas tree from Sussex Trees this has certainly made a centre piece in the hall.

Christmas decoration morning was a great success! Thank you to all who were able to stay, the staff greatly appreciated having many extra pairs of hands.

A warm welcome is extended to Miss Chloe Shaw who joins the Oak team until March 2023, as she completes her final teaching placement.

As the cold weather firmly establishes itself it is always worth a quick reminder to all parents and carers what the school will do in the event of an emergency school closure. The decision is made as early as possible once the site has been assessed and staff have assessed their journey – a decision will be made between 7.00 and 7.20, when you will then be informed. We will send out a StudyBug message, update the ESCC school emergency pages (to which you can set up an alert) and our school website page will be updated. We will inform local radio stations, but this is not always as quick. We ask you to share our decision on class 'chats' if possible so everyone is well informed. If we have to do an emergency closure during the school day (e.g. no power), we will send a StudyBug, again please cascade this message.

Elfridges:

What a busy shop to visit, the array of gifts provided great choices for the children to purchase a gift or two! Thank you to the amazing organisation of Friends.

Glyndebourne Choir:

Huge thanks are extended to Mrs Golding who took the school choir to perform at Glyndebourne Opera House on Thursday 1st December. They worked hard as a choir to perfect 8 songs, which they did diligently. Well done to Neve, Alicia, Madison, Rosie and Betty.

State Carols:

Year 3 and Year 4 also performed in front of a packed audience at State Hall on Friday 2nd December in front of both Punnetts Town and Dallington families. The use of our recently purchased glockenspiels provided a seasonal treat of Jingle Bells. Well done to you all for working hard to remember all of the songs.

Friends welly walk:



What a great way to spend the afternoon! Thank you to Friends for arranging such a lovely event for the children, staff and families. Our curriculum asks us to ensure the children have a good knowledge of their locality and this was the perfect event for us all to be out appreciating and navigating our way around Punnetts Town. The activities on the playground were a huge success and a wonderful festive atmosphere was enjoyed by many. Thank you to all who supported us.





Save the Children Fundraising:

We appreciate how many additional costs there are at the moment and so huge thanks in helping us raise £71.00 for wearing Christmas jumpers!

Oak Class:



We have been working hard in Oak class especially during Science. We found out that the shell of an egg is made up of a similar material to that on our teeth. We decided to test what is good for our teeth using eggs.

We decided to boil eggs (well Mrs Smith boiled them!). Then we put them in different liquids to see what would happen to their shell. We choose to put them in water, sugary water, Coke and squash and watch to see what would happen.

We had to think of fair testing and what we had to keep the same, such as amount of liquid, size of the pot and amount of time. We are going to watch them and then write a diary about what happens. We are going to leave them for a week. Please ask us what happens.

Thank you for coming to support us during our Decorations morning and our Christmas Welly walk, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! We made Christmas puddings, Christmas cards, stained glass windows, woollen angels and finished off our Stone Age jewellery! Along with our Christmas Carol concert, it certainly brought us all some Christmas cheer.



Hazel Class:



Hazel class have been working really hard on their Nativity production. All the children have been learning their lines and songs ready for a fantastic performance next week. It has been wonderful to see how they support and encourage the younger children as they practice together. They also enjoyed a busy morning last week

making Christmas decorations and cards. Lots of lovely parents came to help and it was a very merry time painting, threading and drawing. The children even entertained the adults with a Christmas song singalong! They learned about collage and used a variety of materials to create some shepherds for the audience to enjoy during the Nativity production.



Class attendance	Beech	Hazel	Oak	Elm
Week 5	95.4%	95.4%	95.6%	92.3%
Week 6	95.5%	94.6%	95.5%	91.1%

At the end of week 6 our school attendance is 94%, our target is 96%.



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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...

Weeks 5 & 6:

Beech: Rose Hazel: Aria Oak: Evelyn Elm: Maisy
Beech: Alex Hazel: Freddy Oak: Oscar Elm: Grace

Thank you for being the best you can be!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

C. Kinsella

*All dates are subject to change – more details will follow regarding specifics. **Yellow highlight shows new additions/ changes from the previous newsletter.***

Term and Week	Date	Event
T2 W6	Sunday 11 th December	Christingle service at St. Richards Church – 4pm
T2 W7	Tuesday 13 th December	EYFS/Y1/2 Performance – 2.00pm doors open for tea and coffee with a 2.15pm start
T2 W7	Wednesday 14th December	Wear a Christmas jumper instead of school jumper! Please wear normal school uniform underneath.
T2 W7	Wednesday 14 th December	EYFS/Y1/2 Performance – 8.50am doors open for tea and coffee with a 9.15pm start
T2 W7	Wednesday 14 th December	School Christmas lunch Nativity stories and hot chocolate
T2 W7	Thursday 15th December	Class Christmas parties – non-uniform day/ party clothes
T2 W7	Thursday 15th December	Children's last day of term
T2 W7	Friday 16th December	INSET day
Monday 19th – Monday 2nd January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
T3 W1	Tuesday 3rd January	First day of term
T3 W1 – W6	Tuesday 3 rd January	Y2 outdoor learning – letter to follow
T3 W1 – W6	Thursday 5 th January	Y3 outdoor learning – letter to follow
T3 W2 – W6	Monday 9 th January	Y4 Swimming - see separate letter sent via Studybugs
T3 W2	Wednesday 11 th January	School Pantomime visit in the Village Hall
T3 W3	Tuesday 17 th January	Y4 Stay and learn Maths 9.00-9.30am
T3 W3	Wednesday 18 th January	EYFS Stay and learn Maths 9.00-9.30am



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T3 W3	Thursday 19 th January	Census Day
T3 W3	Thursday 19 th January	Y3 Stay and learn Maths 9.00-9.30am
T3 W3	Thursday 19 th January	Y5/6 Young Voices concert
T3 W3	Friday 20 th January	Y1 Stay and learn Maths 9.00-9.30am
T3 W4	Wednesday 25 th January	Y5/6 Sports Hall athletics – details to follow
T3 W4	Thursday 26 th January	Y2 Stay and learn Maths 9.00-9.30am
T3 W4	Friday 27 th January	Y5/6 performance of Young Voices in Punnetts Town Village Hall 2-3pm – more details will follow
T3 W5	Tuesday 31 st January	Y1 Phonics screening briefing for parents/ carers - 2.45pm and 3.20pm
T3 W5	Wednesday 1 st February	Y5 Stay and learn Maths 9.00-9.30am
T3 W5	Thursday 2 nd February	Y6 Stay and learn Maths 9.00-9.30am
T3 W5	Thursday 2 nd February	Y4 Multiplication check briefing for parents/ carers - 2.45pm and 3.20pm
T3 W6	Monday 6 th February	Open afternoon to view child's work from 2.30pm
T3 W6	Tuesday 7 th February	Parents consultations
T3 W6	Thursday 9 th February	Parents consultations
T3 W6	Friday 10th February	Last day of term
Monday 13th – Friday 17th February HALF TERM		
T4 W1	Monday 20th February	INSET day
T4 W1	Tuesday 21st February	Children's First day of term
T4 W1 – W6	Tuesday 21 st February	Y1 outdoor learning – letter to follow
T4 W1 – W6	Wednesday 22 nd February	Y6 outdoor learning – letter to follow
T4 W1	Wednesday 22 nd February	Y5/6 Netball competition - details to follow
T4 W1 – W6	Thursday 23 rd February	Y5 Outdoor learning – letter to follow
T4 W2 – W6	Monday 27 th February	Y3 Swimming - letter to follow
T4 W2	Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
T4 W4	Friday 17 th March	Comic Relief day
T4 W5	Thursday 23 rd March	Y2 Little Sing – details to follow
T4 W5-W6	Thursday 23 rd to Wed 29 th March	Book Fair
T4 W6	Wednesday 29 th March	Y5/6 Hockey Quicksticks competition – details to follow
T4 W6	Friday 31st March	Last day of term
Monday 3rd – Friday 14th April EASTER HOLIDAY		
T5 W1	Monday 17th April	First day of term
T5 W1 – W6	Tuesday 18 th April	EY outdoor learning – letter to follow



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T5 W1	Wednesday 19 th April	Y5/6 Tag rugby competition – details to follow
T5 W1 – W6	Thursday 20 th April	Y4 outdoor learning – letter to follow
T5 W3 – W6	Monday 1 st – Friday 26 th May	Y2 SATs
T5 W3	Friday 5 th May	Class photographs
T5 W4	Monday 8th May	Bank holiday
T5 W4	Tuesday 9th – Thursday 11 th May	Y6 SATs
T5 W4	Wednesday 10 th May	Y3/4 Tennis competition – details to follow
T5 W5	Thursday 18 th May	Census day
T5 W6	Monday 22 nd May	Y6 Bikeability
T5 W6	Friday 26th May	Last day of term
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June Half term		
T6 W1	Monday 5th June	First day of term
T6 W1 – W6	Tuesday 6 th June	Y2 outdoor learning – letter to follow
T6 W1 – W6	Thursday 8 th June	Y3 outdoor learning – letter to follow
T6 W1 – W3	Monday 5 th – Friday 23 rd June	Y4 Multiplication check
T6 W2	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th June	Y1 Phonics screening check
T6 W4	Tuesday 20 th June	Sports Day – EY/Y1/Y2 am and Y3/Y4/ Y5/ Y6 pm
T6 W5	Tuesday 28 th June	Reserve Sports Day – EY/Y1/Y2 am and Y3/Y4/ Y5/ Y6 pm
T6 W5	Wednesday 5 th or Thursday 6 th July	Y4/5/6 Swimming gala – details to follow
T6 W6	Wednesday 12 th July	Y5/6 End of year production
T6 W7	Friday 21st July	Last day of term
Monday 24th July – Thursday 31st August Summer Holiday		