



Issue 1

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome to our new academic year, 2023 - 2024. The sun is certainly shining on us this week as we have returned with great big smiles and happiness from the summer holidays – we hope you all had a super break.

I am delighted to share and welcome the school Nursery to our newsletters as well. Our school is now called Punnetts Town Community Primary & Nursery School; and we are able to offer education for 2 – 11 year old children. This is a hugely exciting extension to the school which all children have managed so beautifully. The Nursery classroom will be known as Little Punnetts class. The nursery team is led by Mrs Su Black who works closely alongside: Mrs Hannah Bateman, Mrs Jackie McCarthy and Mrs Kelly Reynolds.

We also welcome 15 new Reception children, who comprise Beech class. The children had two half days at the beginning of the week and are now full time: they have settled so well and their confidence is wonderful.

We also welcome Harriet and her family, who have joined year 2. To all children and families it has been wonderful to hear of your summer holiday stories and great to see how all of the new classes have adjusted in this first week back to school. We have been joined by Mrs Sandra Curquejo (based in Oak & Elm classes) and Mrs Iona Sands (based in Elm class). A photo sheet will follow soon for you to start making connections!

The children all look very smart and I thank you for following the school uniform policy (see the school website). Please keep updating name labels to ensure we can return any lost uniform!

Thank you to all who have been able to attend the Meet the Teacher sessions this week. We will send out the slides, (via StudyBugs and upload to Google classroom) in case you were unable to attend. As we settle into the school year there will be more updates and opportunities for parents and carers to be involved in the learning of your children. We will be sending out details soon.

Attendance in all schools remains a key priority. Our school attendance policy is available to read on the school website. Please ensure your child is in school every day; if they are too unwell for school they should be kept at home and we ask you to register their absence via StudyBugs by 9.30am

Reading remains a key school priority and we hope you can support us in raising your child's confidence by reading at least 3 times a week. The school issues a raffle ticket to each child who does read at least 3 times a week and they are then entered into a weekly draw to win a book. Please write a brief comment in children's reading records to show your interactions.

The cost of living continues to be something we are all very aware of. In school we receive an additional grant from the government for pupils who are entitled to pupil premium. This is based on parent(s) income and is hugely beneficial to the school. Mrs Saunders is easily able to check, in confidence, by using your National Insurance number. If you are willing for her to check please contact the school office. Sometimes this is overlooked because reception and year 1 and year 2 children are all entitled to a free school meal, but the additional grant makes a big impact and can be used to fund trips/uniform etc for your child.



## Play Park Grand Opening:

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September we were invited to join the Parish Council and Ray from Kompan for the grand opening of the park. With great excitement the children and staff went over to the park. In the summer term pupils had designed a poster to share the message that dogs are not allowed into the park. The competition was judged by the Parish Council, and John Rivers announced the runners up and overall winner, Rosie, in a short ceremony. Rosie then cut the ribbon to declare that the park was formally open for use. The excitement of being able to then use the park was wonderful, followed

by a cooling down with an ice cream (funded by Kompan – the builders of the play park) back at school. I am sure you will enjoy this updated facility and the superb new access to help everyone to come and play safely.



## Friends:

We have sent the letter as our wonderful Friends of Punnetts Town host our summer fair 'Fun on the Field'. As always there is so much time and effort put into the event and we truly thank the committee, lead by Gemma and Elaine, for their continued hard work. I look forward to sharing totals raised over the 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:

All classes have received certificates this week for settling into their new learning environments so well and making great connections! Well done everyone!

Thank you for being the best you can be!

We hope you all enjoy/ed the summer fair and wishing you all an enjoyable warm weekend!

Kind regards,

*C. Kinsella*



# PTCP&NS Newsletter



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

Term and Week	Date	Event
T1 W2	From Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	School Clubs running – see separate letter sent 5.9.23
T1 W2	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Oak Class swimming – see separate letter sent 5.9.23
T1 W2	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September (weekly for T1)	Reception Outdoor Forest School sessions – see separate letter sent 7.9.23
T1 W2	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September (weekly for T1)	Year Outdoor Forest School sessions – see separate letter sent 7.9.23
T1 W2	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Toddler group to run in the Village Hall
T1 W2	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 Residential meeting at 3.20pm in Oak class
T1 W3	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual school photos
T1 W4	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Residential visit
T1 W4	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October from 8.30am	Y6 hosting Macmillan Coffee Morning – details to follow for eat in and take away options! Open to all parents/carers
T1 W5	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4 Federation Residential visit
T1 W6	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 Young at Heart – details to follow
T1 W7	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations Reception – Y6 – details to follow
T1 W7	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term 1
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October - HALF TERM</b>		
T2 W1	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET (closed to all pupils)
T2 W1	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	First day of term
T2 W2	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November (weekly for the term)	Elm Class swimming – letter to follow
T2 W4	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Children to sing at Heathfield Lights turn on – details to follow
T2 W7	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Elm Class - One Voice at Del-a-Warr Theatre (Bexhill) details to follow
T2 W7	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January – Christmas holidays</b>		



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T3 W1	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	First day of term
T3 W6	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
T3 W6	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET (closed to all pupils)
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM</b>		
T4 W1	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term
T4 W3	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – details to follow
T4 W5	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March – Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair – details to follow
T4 W6	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter holidays</b>		
T5 W1	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term
T5 W5	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week – details to follow
T5 W6	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class photos
T5 W6	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – HALF TERM</b>		
T6 W1	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First day of term
T6 W1	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check – details to follow
T6 W2	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonic Screening – details to follow
T6 W7	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
T6 W8	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July and Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET (closed to all pupils)
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Summer Holidays</b>		