

Issue 4

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

And that was term 1! The weeks have flown by again with an amazing fun filled first term for us all. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back and watch confidence and independence grow through the term. The children have made an excellent start to our new academic year and it has been fantastic to hear their enthusiasm and the praise of the staff throughout the school.

Harvest:



Despite the weather we were still able to bring all of the children together for our Harvest celebration in the school hall. We were joined by Reverend Evans from Heathfield Chapel, who spoke to the children about growing crops and being thankful for all we have. The children enjoyed listening to our visitor and in turn entertaining the school community with a mixture of songs, poems and facts. All of the children performed fantastically and we have posted their class contribution on Google Classroom (please access via your child's login). We thank you again for the overwhelming generosity of donations for Hailsham Food bank – as you can see from the picture there was such a wide



range of goods that we know will support many

families who are in need. This is another occasion where we recognise the pressures on day to day living and ask that if you have concerns for your own family that you speak to us in confidence, to see if there is anyway we can help you.

Parent Consultations:

Thank you for your engagement with our open afternoon and morning and the subsequent parent teacher consultations. These are all valuable times for the teachers, pupils and yourselves to share the enjoyment of learning. It was great to have parents face to face where possible and the use of technology still assisted some of our appointments. Please remember you don't need to wait for parent consultations if you have any queries or concerns – please email your child's teacher or catch up at the end of the school day. We appreciate your time in completing the online questionnaire providing valuable feedback for the school. Some parents have showed interest in joining the school for further information sessions; we will share more details of this next term.

Young at Heart:



The Year 3 children enjoyed a fun afternoon with Young at Heart Community group. They enjoyed sharing books, making shadow puppets and playing bingo!





Much fun was had by all. Thank you to the Year 3's for being so polite and engaged on their visit and to the parental help that was offered.

Swimming:

Year 3 and year 4 have now completed their terms weekly swimming sessions at Mayfield School. They have benefitted greatly from the 3 trained instructors and the school staff that accompany the activity. The feedback from Mrs Smith has shown an overwhelming improvement in the children's confidence in the water. They have developed their own swimming styles and have worked hard on their stroke technique. We look forward to taking Year 5 and year 6 after the half term break.

Cross Country:

A huge well done to our Cross Country team who tackled the course in Burwash last Tuesday. The children all showed great perseverance as they ran in the race tackling some very big hills! Huge congratulations to you all and thank you to Mrs Smith for taking the team. Some of the team finished in the top 15 for their year group and will now go on to run again in a few weeks time – we will report again then.



Friends:

Please come along if you can! Our AGM for Friends of Punnett's Town will take place on **Friday 10th November at 9am**. Friends are offering a cup of tea/ coffee and a pastry, so please come along. We are desperately in need of support and ask you to join the meeting to find out a little more! This doesn't have to mean a huge commitment – it can just be volunteering to support one event!

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 6:

Little Punnetts: Zephyr Beech: Gabe Hazel: Harriet Oak: Mia Elm: Maisie

Week 7:

Little Punnetts: Maeve Beech: Rupert Hazel: Icarus Oak: Seb Elm: Charlotte

Thank you for being the best you can be!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and half term holiday. Please remember we have INSET on Monday 30th October, so children should return to school on Tuesday 31st October.

Kind regards,

C. Kinsella

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



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Term and Week	Date	Event
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - HALF TERM		
T2 W1	Monday 30th October	INSET (closed to all pupils)
T2 W1	Tuesday 31st October	First day of term
T2 W1	Tuesday 31st October Wednesday 1st November Thursday 2nd November	Y3 weekly outdoor forest school sessions Y2 weekly outdoor forest school sessions Y4 weekly outdoor forest school sessions
T2 W1	Wednesday 1st November	Y5 & Y6 Football tournament at HCC
T2 W1	Friday 3rd November	3.30-4.30 R/Y1/ Y2 Friends Disco 'Glow Up' 4.45 – 5.45 Y3/ Y4 /Y5/ Y6 Friends Disco 'Glow Up'
T2 W2	Monday 6 th November (weekly for the term, but not 11 th December)	Elm Class swimming
T2 W2	Wednesday 8 th November 9.30am & Thursday 9 th November 5.30pm	Prospective new parents open morning for a Reception school place for September 2024
T2 W3	Friday 10th November 9am	Friends AGM – all welcome
T2 W3	Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th November	Anti-Bullying week – details to follow
T2 W3	Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Fundraising – details to follow
T2 W3	Friday 17 th November	Y5 to Young at Heart – details to follow
T2 W4	Friday 24 th November	Children to sing at Heathfield Lights turn on
T2 W5	Wednesday 29 th November	Christmas decoration morning – details to follow
T2 W5	Wednesday 29 th November	Y3/4 Federation Carols at State Hall
T2 W6	Monday 4th December	Friends 'Elfridges' Store – details to follow
T2 W6	Tuesday 5 th December at 2.15pm Wednesday 6 th December at 9.15am	Little Punnetts Class & Beech Class Joint Christmas production to parents – details to follow
T2 W6	Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper day for Save the children fundraising
T2 W7	Monday 11 th December	Elm Class - One Voice at Del-a-Warr Theatre (Bexhill)
T2 W7	Tuesday 12 th December - 2.00pm Wednesday 13 th December - 9.15am	Hazel Class Christmas production to parents – details to follow
T2 W7	Wednesday 13th December - afternoon	Friends 'Christmas Fun' – details to follow
T2 W7	Thursday 14 th December	Christmas lunch – details to follow



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T2 W7	Friday 15 th December	Christmas class parties – details to follow
T2 W7	Friday 15 th December	Last day of term
Monday 18th December – Monday 1st January – Christmas holidays		
T3 W1	Tuesday 2 nd January	First day of term
T3 W6	Thursday 8 th February	Last day of term
T3 W6	Friday 9 th February	INSET (closed to all pupils)
Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – HALF TERM		
T4 W1	Monday 19 th February	First day of term
T4 W3	Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – details to follow
T4 W5	Thursday 21 st March	Y2 Little Sing at Cross in Hand – details to follow
T4 W5	Thursday 21 st – Tuesday 27 th March	Book Fair – details to follow
T4 W6	Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – Easter holidays		
T5 W1	Monday 15 th April	First day of term
T5 W5	Monday 13 th May – Friday 17 th May	Y6 SATs week – details to follow
T5 W6	Tuesday 21 st May	Class photos
T5 W6	Friday 24 th May	Last day of term
Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – HALF TERM		
T6 W1	Monday 3 rd June	First day of term
T6 W1	Monday 3 rd June – Friday 14 th June	Y4 Multiplication Check – details to follow
T6 W2	Monday 10 th June	Y1 Phonic Screening – details to follow
T6 W4	Thursday 27 th June	Y6 taster day at HCC Whole school change around day
T6 W7	Friday 19 th July	Last day of term
T6 W8	Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET (closed to all pupils)
Monday 22nd July – Summer Holidays		