



Issue 5

Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 2; last week was certainly a windy and wet start to the term which comes with a timely reminder of poor weather communications. The school will send updates via StudyBugs as soon as decisions can safely be made. If there are concerns, warnings will be given the night before, so please keep checking for updates on StudyBugs. If the school is closed we will additionally update the ESCC school closure list. In the meantime please ensure your child has a coat with them every day, even if it is not due to rain – the weather is changeable and unpredictable!

Remembrance:

The children came together today for an assembly to show our respect in readiness for Remembrance this weekend. It was humbling to watch all pupils from Reception to Year 6 engage with a period of silence to show their respect. There have been some lovely activities across the school showing an awareness and empathy of the past and present conflicts.

Staffing:

Mrs Rebekah Golding (Friday Hazel class teacher) has now left to start her maternity leave. Mrs Natasha McGain will cover Mrs Golding's leave in Hazel class. Hazel class parents are invited to 'Meet the Teacher' on Friday 17th November at 9am and 3.15pm.

Mrs Hannah Huggett has also joined the Hazel team as a learning support assistant working Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

We have attached a separate document showing 'Who's who' for our school – we hope you find this helpful.

Roles & Responsibilities:

It is always wonderful to welcome positions of responsibility in the class. This year we have taken time to settle into routines, understand the importance of roles and democratically vote pupils into their positions. It is with much pleasure that I can share the news...

School Council: These pupils attend meetings to represent pupil voice across the school to promote a better learning environment. There are many topics of discussion such as events, fundraising, playtimes and enrichment opportunities. The pupils leading our school council are: Alicia, Toby, Aphra, Henry, Jack S, Leo, Amelie and Sam.

Eco Council: These pupils learn about the climate and how we can help manage our school environment and beyond which they disseminate to their classmates. The pupils leading our Eco Council are; Toby, Griff and Millie.

Play Leaders: It is always wonderful for pupils to use their initiative and that is exactly what has happened for this group of pupils. This role involves pupils leading different activities at lunchtime managing the weather patterns. In the colder months they will help staff supervise indoor activities, whilst in the warmer months will lead games on the playground, all on a rota basis to ensure they have their free time too. The Play Leaders are; Charis, Rosie, Madison, Alicia, Maisy, Poppy, Grace and Amber.



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Librarians: The pupils help organise and manage our school library, this involves managing the computer system to add books to the system with bar codes, to reading stories to pupils. The Librarians are; George Wo, George Wy, Charlotte, Maisie, Toby and Joey.

Year 5 and Year 6 Ambassadors: Huge thanks to our amazing Ambassadors who have led tours for prospective parents this week. The children showed great confidence engaging with visitors and leading tours around the school, demonstrating their knowledge and love for our school. The feedback from visitors was sensational. Well done and thank you to: Charis, Alicia, Madison, Grace, Rosie, Maisy, George Wy, George Wo, Rhys, Toby, Charlotte, Joey, Levo and Henry.

Little Punnetts Class:



The children have settled well into nursery after the half term. This week's topic has been dinosaurs. The children have been enjoying using their fine motor skills and exploring their senses with shaving foam, playdoh, herbs and oats.

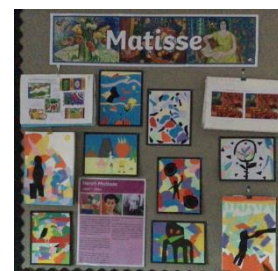


Elm Class:

As historians we have been exploring the lives and beliefs of people and Gods of Ancient Greece. We have also been naming places and seas in, and surrounding, Ancient Greece. Luckily, this term year 5 and 6 have the privilege of going to Mayfield Girls School and have swimming lessons. In R.E we have been summarising what Jesus said on the Sermon on the Mount, writing it into speech bubbles and thinking how the messages can be important to anyone, not just Christians. We



have learnt more about light, Matisse (and how to paint with scissors) and how to craft a narrative and have most recently been given a picture that we could all think of our own perspective and write a story.



Written by Charlotte and Toby

Friends:



Thank you for supporting our school disco – the children certainly enjoyed the event with non stop dancing and games. Thank you to all of the volunteers and for Friends for running this event, the children (and adults) clearly had a wonderful time.

Thank you to all who attended the AGM this morning. I would like to send huge thanks and admiration to all who have

helped lead and run events for the school. The fundraising is pivotal to so many additional 'extras' that really enrich the school environment. Over the last year there has been a big push in raising funds to further develop our outside space – these projects are now starting to develop and will



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continue to do so over the next few months where the Reception outside cabin is being insulated, electrics added to create a workable space all year round and an outside canopy to the front of the school for sheltered learning. The commitment shown to support our school is wonderful; there are always events that need extra hands so if you are able to offer time or to organise an event please get in touch with Elaine Chaplin our Chair.

I would like to thank the committee for a hard working year. As our co-chair; Gemma Lindridge steps down I extend my heartfelt thanks for her commitment over the years and successful leadership. The school is a much better place for the events and fundraising. I also thank Debbie Codd; Friends' Secretary, who has ensured all notes and records are updated and maintained. Both Gemma and Debbie have shown great commitment to the committee and we thank them for helping to make a difference.

I also extend my thanks to Elaine Chaplin who has co-chaired with Gemma and who now will continue to Chair on behalf of the committee. Daryl continues to be Treasurer and Lucinda is stepping into the position of secretary. All parents and staff are naturally part of Friends and as we all know many hands make light work – so please continue to support in anyway you can. Please see the link to Friends page <https://www.facebook.com/Friendsofpunnnettstown>

School Council:

The School Council are excited to share their plans for Friday 17th November – Children in Need Fundraising Day. The theme this year is SPOTacular – so please wear something with spots for a donation of £1! This could be on your clothes, in your hair or on your face with face painting! The school council will offer SPOTacular face painting at a cost of 50p (face paints will be shop bought so if your child has an allergy please make alternative arrangements). The children will also run a cake sale (donations warmly received) during the school day – children should bring 50p to purchase.

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:

Little Punnetts: George Beech: Albie Hazel: Rose Oak: Henry Elm: Tyler

Week 2:

Little Punnetts: Lenny Beech: Eleanor Hazel: Willow Oak: Griff Elm: Ethan M

Thank you for being the best you can be!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

C. Kinsella



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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
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - HALF TERM		
T2 W3	Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th November	Anti-Bullying week – SPOTacular theme – wear spots for £1 + face painting 50p and cake sale 50p
T2 W3	Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Fundraising – details to follow
T2 W3	Friday 17 th November	Y5 to Young at Heart
T2 W4	Friday 24 th November	Children to sing at Heathfield Lights turn on
T2 W5	Wednesday 29 th November	Christmas decoration morning – parents/ Carers are invited to join their children in class from 8.55am to 11.00am to make Christmas decorations!
T2 W5	Wednesday 29 th November	Y3/4 Federation Carols at State Hall
T2 W6	Monday 4 th December	Friends 'Elfridges' Store – StudyBug sent
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 13 th December - afternoon	Friends 'Christmas Fun' – details to follow
T2 W7	Thursday 14 th December	Christmas lunch – details to follow
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 W1	Friday 5th January	Pantomime day at school – performance to the children
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



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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		