



PTCP&NS Newsletter



Issue 9

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to 2024; we hope it is a happy, healthy, and positive year for you and your loved ones.

I would like to extend huge thanks for all of your support through the very busy Christmas term. The children were fantastic and the events that were managed in school certainly ensured Christmas was enjoyed by all. Thanks are also extended from all staff for Christmas wishes, cards, and gifts – these were thankfully received and very much enjoyed!

So after a wet start, the cold weather has arrived, and it has certainly proved cold. Everyone’s safety is our paramount concern. If there is any doubt regarding weather conditions the school will send a



StudyBug message to advise you as soon as possible. We recognise the juggling act parents and carers have with school drop off and collections, but we have to ensure the safety of the site and the manageability of staff getting into work. During this term, please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day and they must be worn outside for play and lunch times.

Thank you to all of those who have signed up to our school clubs. There are still spaces if your child would like to join a club – please book using ParentMail. If you have any suggestions for a club please let the school know and we can see if we are able to accommodate.

We hope you have enjoyed looking through this terms Learning webs and Home learning menus (sent via StudyBugs, last Friday). The umbrella theme across the school is ‘Blue Planet’ and as always there is so much to learn. The Eco Council have met and discussed completing the Big Bird Watch. This takes place at the end of the month over the weekend of the 26th – 28th January; more details will follow soon.



This year the Federation has decided to issue written school reports, for Y1-Y6, at the end of term 4 (just before Easter). Teachers have to produce a written report once a year and we feel that half way through the year provides teachers the opportunity to celebrate the success and achievements your child has made so far and also provides the opportunity to identify areas within the school year that may need further development. As always there will be an opportunity to meet with teachers on receipt of your child’s report. The final parent consultation will then take place in the final summer term, where we will then welcome your feedback alongside the teachers.

Thank you for your continued support in managing attendance. It is vitally important that if pupils are too ill to be in school, that they remain at home, but we also need regular attendance. The school as a whole is doing well but our overall percentage has fallen to 94.5%. The target is 96%.

The government have just launched a new initiative of ‘Moments matter, attendance counts’. Obviously, we all interpret this in our own ways but if I liken attendance to a favourite TV program (before Catch up TV etc!): if I miss 10 minutes I can generally catch up, if I miss 30 minutes I can still understand but know I have missed out on some key points and if I miss an episode or more I really don’t know what is happening and become disengaged. Please continue to work with us and talk to us about any concerns you have.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week 1	95	97	94	95	95	97	88
Week 2	99	99	92	98	98	92	92

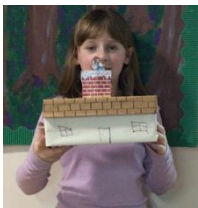
Little Punnetts Class:



Little Punnetts class has settled back fantastically after the Christmas break, it's lovely to see everyone again. This term our topic is 'The Blue Planet' and the children have been busy making igloos, painting with coloured ice cubes and experimenting with salt and ice. The children have also enjoyed learning all about the number's '1 and 2'.



Elm Class:



Elm Class made moving toys in Design and Technology, using cams: we had fun designing and making them.

This term Year 5 and 6 began outdoor learning and had the most wonderful time playing Eagle Eye in the flurry of snow that fell all afternoon and are looking forward to making bird boxes out of milk bottles, which look really effective and should be fully functional.



The whole school enjoyed watching Sleeping Beauty last Friday and enjoyed the ice cream (flakes and sauce) and we are grateful to Friends for providing us with this after panto treat.



We are continuing to collect stamps for the RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People) and we would love for you to bring in any used stamps (there is a stamp 'post box' in the library). Please help us make a difference.

By Alicia, Madison and Mrs Winter



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:

Little Punnetts: Max Beech: Ollie & Albert H Hazel: Arthur B Oak: Dylan Elm: Charis

Thank you for being the best you can be!

Wishing you a wonderful 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 & Week	Date	Event
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 – Wednesday 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 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		