



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another term has yet again passed and a half term holiday is upon us. It has been nice to see the slightly lighter mornings and evenings as we creep through winter. As the weeks continue to pass quickly we ask again for parents/carers to be hearing children read regularly; ideally this is a minimum of 3 times a week, which we ask for you to acknowledge in your child's yellow reading record. As a school, this helps so much and really reinforces fundamental phonic, fluency and comprehension skills. The children's reading records are checked weekly and raffle tickets are issued to those who read 3 or more times throughout the week and they are entered into a book/stationery weekly draw: good luck!

Attendance: Despite the winter illnesses, we are pleased with the attendance across the school. Thank you for your continued support. Our school attendance percentage year to date is 95%. The weekly year group attendance for the last 2 weeks is as follows:

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week 5	88%	98%	95%	96%	94%	93%	92%	87%
Week 6	96%	83%	81%	93%	91%	87%	89%	87%



PCSO: Huge thanks are extended to Amy and Jess who delivered three assemblies to KS2, KS1 and EYFS. In each assembly the children sat and listened beautifully and asked great questions about their roles and keeping people safe.

Online Safety: We live with increasing use and reliance on technology.

In school we continually teach, reinforce and discuss how to remain safe both in the real and online world. On Tuesday this week it was Online Safety Day where each class focused carefully on remaining safe and things we can do to; please ask your child about what they now know.

World Book Day: The School Council have met and agreed a theme for World Book Day, which falls on Thursday 7th March. Children are asked to dress as a book character, and where possible bring a copy of the book with them, there will be a prize for the best character, alternatively children can come to school in their pyjamas in readiness to enjoy a day celebrating books. To tie in with this our writing focus will be based around their favourite character (please see separate message on Study Bugs).

Governor vacancy: We are currently looking for a new Parent Governor to join our Governing Board. This is a great opportunity to support the school – please read through the attached details.

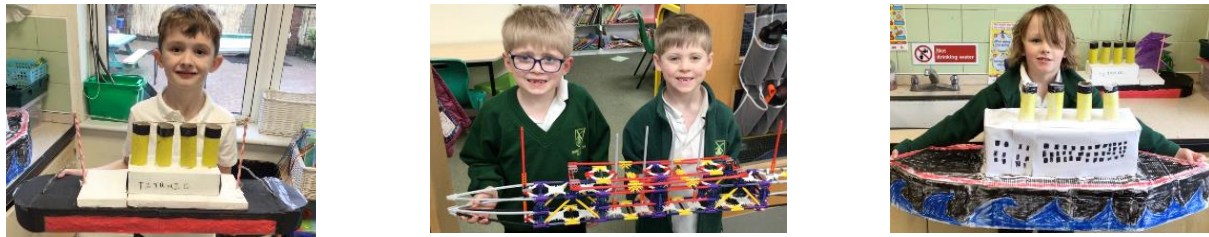
Staffing update: From the start of term 4 Mrs Fletcher will teach Hazel class Monday to Wednesday and Mrs McGain will teach on a Thursday and Friday.

Hazel class: On Monday, we were very lucky to meet a Police Officer and a Police Community Support Officer. They came to Punnetts Town School to tell us about the work that they do in the Community and to answer our questions. Hazel Class listened very carefully and asked them many questions about their work. We were then able to try on Police hats, motorcycle Police helmets and Hi-Vis police jackets! Orla said, "The hats were heavy!" And Harriet noticed, "Their uniforms were different – one was in blue and one was in black". We all really enjoyed meeting them and finding out interesting facts and information about the role of the Police in our community, with George commenting, "I was really excited because we don't normally see them every day."





Hazel have also been busy learning about the Titanic in History this term. Year 2 have made information posters and Year 1 have created puppet shows about the story of the Titanic. George, Stanley, Matthew and Tommy have even created their own amazing, big models of the ship at home and brought them in for everyone to see.



Outdoor Forest School sessions: Term 4 has seen Elm and Nursery enjoying outdoor learning in our forest school area and around the school grounds.

Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed being outside and exploring the forest school area. The children have puddle splashed, played hide and seek, colour matched, listened to a song to help them learn their seasons and made bird feeders. The wet weather certainly didn't dampen their moods!



Elm

Elm have enjoyed forest school this term, as a whole class and starting the term with a snowy session. They have taken part in a rolling programme of school maintenance, designing and making bird and hedgehog houses and taking snippings of plants on the school ground in the hope that they will root and we can plant them. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their bird or hedgehog houses. Beetle Tag and Eagle Eye have also been enjoyed during their sessions!





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Friends: Friends will be hosting their new 'Foodie Friday' every week starting from next term. There will be an opportunity to purchase a treat, if you would like to, at the end of the day. If your child attends a club they will also have the opportunity to make a purchase with a member of staff. Further details will follow after half term.

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 5:

Little Punnetts: Zayn Beech: Gabe Hazel: Evie Oak: Jack Elm: Arthur

Week 6:

Little Punnetts: Sonny Beech: Gabriel Hazel: Arthur W Oak: Poppy Elm: Amber

Can your child confidently ride and jump on a horse? Mrs Smith alongside Mrs Dalton have registered the school with the NSEA (National Schools' Equestrian Association) and Joey has already entered events representing the school. If your child would like to be part of the team please contact Mrs Smith (Oak class teacher) or Mrs Dalton (parent).

Well done to Rhys for qualifying through the RDA to represent the Hope in the Valley Team on his horse, in Wales during the summer holidays – good luck at the competition.

Well done to Amber who represented Lewes Swimming team in the clubs annual Dolphin Meet. Amber swam in a backstroke and relay race and came 1st in her butterfly race. She was also selected to swim in the Squadron race. Lewes swimming club finished in 1st place! Amazing news.



Well done to Rose for performing in the Hailsham pantomime of Cinderella; you were a fantastic fairy. What a super achievement to perform in front of such a big audience.



Thank you to everyone for being the best you can be!

Wishing you a wonderful half term holiday.

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) Teachers at PT/ LSA at DT
Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – HALF TERM		
T4 W1	Monday 19th February	First day of term Outdoor Forest School - Y5/6 Monday with TS/ SJ/ IS and SC and Y1/2 on Tuesday with TS/ MW/ HH Premier – Y3 the Y4
T4 W1	Wednesday 21st February	Y5/6 Netball at HCC
T4 W2	Friday 1st March	Y2 to Young at Heart – letter to follow
T4 W3	Tuesday 5th March	Y3 /4 to DT for 'Jack Fuller Federation Day'
T4 W3	Thursday 7th March	World Book Day – wear book character clothing or pyjamas School Poetry final
T4 W3	Friday 8th March	Mothers Day Shop – details to follow
T4 W4	Wednesday 13th March	Y5/6 Big Dance at HCC
T4 W4	Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day – details to follow
T4 W5	w/c Monday 18th March	Reports out to parents
T4 W5	Monday 18th March	Y3 / 4 visit to Drusillas
T4 W5	Thursday 21 st March	Y2 Little Sing at Cross in Hand – details to follow
T4 W5	Thursday 21 st March – Tuesday 27 th March	Book Fair – details to follow
T4 W6	Thursday 28th March	Easter bunny visit and Easter egg hunt
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 W2	Wednesday 24th April	Y5/6 Tag – details to follow
T5 W4	Wednesday 8th May	Y3/ 4 Tennis – details to follow
T5 W5	Monday 13 th May – Friday 17 th May	Y6 SATs week – details to follow
T5 W6	Tuesday 21 st May	Class photos – details to follow
T5 W6	Thursday 23 rd May	Maypole afternoon – details to follow
T5 W6	Friday 24 th May	Y3/4 Tri Golf competition – details to follow
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	Thursday 6 th June	5.00 – 6.00 New Reception parents meeting
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



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T6 W2	Wednesday 12 th June	Reception class outing to Wilderness Wood
T6 W2	Friday 14 th June	Father's Day Shop
T6 W3	Tuesday 18 th June	HASP Y5/6 Olympics Day
T6 W4	Thursday 27 th June	Y6 taster day at HCC Whole school change around day
T6 W6	Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 Production – details to follow
T6 W7	Wednesday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers assembly to Y6 parents and Y6 sleepover – details to follow
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		