



PTCP&NS Newsletter



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Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that we have leapt into March! We hope you like the new canopy at the front of the school; this has certainly helped in providing a little extra cover especially with the variable weather. Thank you to Friends who part funded this project.

It has been wonderful to see all of the fundraising for Friends ‘Leap into action’ challenge – the photographs and videos have been a delight to watch. The creativity is fantastic with a range from supporting and helping our nature and environment to physical and mental challenges! All of these funds will be going to help fund further technology which is used by all pupils across the school - I am delighted to share the total of £1515.70! This is FANTASTIC, thank you!

Teacher/ Parent communication: As explained in previous correspondence the teachers of all pupils in years 1 to 6 will be sharing your child’s written report in a couple of weeks, this is to share the success your child has had so far this year and any next steps that will help them as we approach the last 2 terms of this academic year. As always if parents would like to make an appointment in response to the school report they can just before the Easter break. Parent consultations for pupils in year 1 to Y6 will then be held in the final summer term.

Reception aged children’s reports will be issued at the end of their Reception year, but Mrs Black will make appointments for Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th March; please see the message on StudyBugs.

Nursery parents will be invited to phone call appointments on Friday 22nd and Monday 25th March. All of this communication is vitally important for staff and parents to share messages about your child’s nursery and school experiences.

CLASS+ COFFEE & CHAT Sessions April 2024: We look forward to hosting CLASS+ sessions on the theme of Supporting Independence Parents /carers are able to choose from morning or afternoon sessions at either of the schools:

DALLINGTON C of E PRIMARY on **TUESDAY 16 APRIL 9.00am - 10.30 a.m.**

PUNNETTS TOWN COMMUNITY PRIMARY & NURSERY on **WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 1.15pm -2.45pm**

Please come and join us, if you can.

Attendance: Please see our attendance table below. We have also attached some new posters shared by the DfE to support decisions when reporting absence to school and determining if your child should remain at home or be in school.

There have been different reports of illness since we have returned from half term, which include; coughs, colds, sickness and we have had a few cases of scarlet fever and strep A – if you have concerns about symptoms that your child displays please seek medical advice and inform the school.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week 1	98%	96%	96%	92%	96%	88%	99%	97%
Week 2	97%	96%	81%	88%	99%	97%	97%	90%

World Book Day: This is next 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.

Comic Relief/ Red Nose Day: on Friday 15th March we will be supporting this fundraising opportunity. As has become a well known accessory is the famous red nose! The school has purchased the noses and will be selling them every morning from Monday 4th March: the noses cost £2 each. The school council will share their ideas next week for how we will also support this charity during our school day on the 15th.



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Chartwells: recently launched a school competition to design a poster for Bumblebees to use as they come out of hibernation. The kitchen staff Mrs Tripp and Mrs Page had the very difficult job of judging the competition. The 2 winners have received 3 plant pots each for their classes and some seeds to plant and nurture in readiness for our warmer weather and the return of the bees. Thank you to all who took part and well done to Fearn Barclay and Lenny Humphrey who are the winners – well done.

Little Punnetts class:



In Little Punnetts class this term, the topic is the jungle and rainforest. The children have enjoyed using their imagination to mimic the movements of some of the animals that live in the jungle. We had a fantastic time experimenting with moving different parts of our bodies.

We have introduced 'Story Dough' to our children this week, they have found this very engaging and have been making some lovely stories with playdough. As you can imagine the children make some brilliant characters such as 'Robot face'



In Maths the children have been continuing to look at the numbers '1-3' as well as '4 and 5' and subitising.



Elm class: We are in our second term of forest school and in the first session this term we enjoyed a walk down to a local garden and are looking forward to returning before the end of the term. We were looking at how plants change, identifying different trees and enjoyed being outdoors with nature.



We have learnt how to write a character description and had to think carefully about our word choices to create imagery for the reader (along with many other literary devices!).



In science, we have been learning about life cycles and are now learning about classification. As part of science and English we have been learning more about our Blue Planet and following the during our reading of *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell we researched animals in the Amazon, created an image of our chosen animal and wrote an information page all about them.

Netball: Well done to our wonderful netball team who joined Mrs Jones at HCC playing in a series of games against the other local Heathfield Schools teams – the team showed great sportsmanship and worked incredibly hard as a team, finishing in 7th position. Well done and thank you.



Friends: Thank you for supporting the first 'Foodie Friday' last week, just to remind you this will be in place every Friday with snacks/ treats costing between 50p and £1.



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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: Mia Beech: Sid Hazel: Reuben Oak: Roo Elm: Poppy

Week 2:

Little Punnetts: Imogen Beech: Stanley Hazel: Fearne Oak: Joel Elm: Joey



Well done to Joey and his pony Barney who represented the school at Felbridge for the NSEA show during half term. They were 2nd and qualified for the national championships in the 75cm and then went on to win the 85cm for Punnetts Town from almost 70 starters, resulting in qualifying for a place in the Nationals in October!

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

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

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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
T4 W3	Tuesday 5 th March	Y3 /4 to DT for 'Jack Fuller Federation Day' postponed
T4 W3	Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
T4 W3	Friday 8 th March	Mothers Day Shop – details to follow
T4 W4	Wednesday 13 th March	Y5/6 Big Dance at HCC
T4 W4	Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – details to follow
T4 W5	w/c Monday 18 th March	Reports out to parents
T4 W5	Monday 18 th 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 W5 & W6	Friday 22nd and Monday 25th March	Nursery parent conversations – please book an appointment with nursery staff
T4 W6	Monday 25th March 1.15 – 5.15 Wednesday 27th March 3.00 – 4.30	Reception class parents consultation in person – book via StudyBugs
T4 W6	Thursday 28 th 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 W1	Wednesday 24th April	CLASS+ coffee and chat at Dallington School – 9.00 – 10.30
T5 W2	Wednesday 24 th April	Y5/6 Tag – details to follow
T5 W2	Wednesday 24th April	CLASS+ coffee and chat at Punnetts Town School – 1.15 – 2.45
T5 W4	Wednesday 8 th May	Y3/ 4 Tennis – details to follow
T5 W5	Monday 13 th May – Friday 17 th May	Y6 SATs week – details to follow
T5 W5	Monday 20th May	Y1/2 Aquarium visit
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
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



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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		