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Dear Parents and Carers,

Comic Relief Red Nose Day ‘Do Something Funny For Money’ – raise a smile, a laugh and some money for those who need it. What a day! Well I can certainly report we have been able to do all of the above today. In a world where the cost of living has really affected so many of us we truly thank you for your support and generosity today. As always the change of pupils coming to school in non-school uniform is always extra exciting and lovely to see. We thank you hugely for supporting the sale of our red noses; I can report we sold 100. Cakes are always a favourite and the joke telling in assembly certainly raised some giggles and smiles. There was certainly a great deal of dopamine, serotonin, endorphins and oxytocin (feel good hormones) flowing through the corridor today. We have raised a sensational £353.55. THANK YOU!

One joke that I have remembered today is: What is a snake’s favourite subject in school? Hisssssstory! Mrs Smith (our History subject leader will be pleased!)

Arbor: You will all have now received a paper copy of a letter sharing the school’s change of Management Information System which is called Arbor. This was a change the school needed to make and once we all adjust to the new system it will, in time, make communication more streamlined. On Tuesday this week you received an activation code via an email – please check this and follow the instructions to register. This system will replace StudyBugs and ParentMail so therefore it is crucial you register. If you have any problems registering please contact the school office as soon as possible, so we can help rectify the situation.

Year 1 to Year 6 written reports: We hope you have enjoyed reading your child’s annual written report. It is always lovely to read about the happiness and progress of the children that we see and experience in school every day. Thank you to the teachers for their hard work in completing the reports. Once you have read the report please send back the acknowledgement slip – this can be simply signed and returned to acknowledge receipt, or you can add a comment or request a meeting to discuss the report further. Please ensure this is returned as soon as possible.

Attendance: Please see our attendance table below showing percentage data for the last two weeks.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week 3	97.6	94.7	96.0	97.3	92.5	98.8	99.2	99.3
Week 4	88.85	96.7	90.7	98.7	94.4	96.3	98.5	92.0

World Book Day: WOW! This was fun. This year marked the 29th year of celebrating this wonderful day. The children looked fabulous in their array of book character costumes and pyjamas! The day celebrated a day for our love and immersion in books. We coincided the day with our house day; this meant that the children worked with their peers across the school in their house colour teams. The teachers led the activities and the support staff rotated round with the children. We have a wonderful display celebrating the activities in the school library. The activities consisted of writing a whole school story, illustrating the story, making badges, making spoon characters, reading with others, making a bookmark, and joining and completing a task in drawing club! Nursery children also completed lots of fun activities consisting of making a wand, a giant caterpillar and characters from the Gruffalo!



KS2 Poetry Competition: Well done to all of Key Stage 2 for working hard to learn a variety of poems. The children then recited the poem in their classes. Each class chose their winners who performed in front of the school for our school poetry final. This year the finalists were: Emily, Henry F, Harriet L, Aphra, Henry B, Charlotte, Poppy C, Alicia and Maisy B-S. They were all fantastic demonstrating great confidence in their performance. The judges concluded that Poppy C was the overall winner and she will represent our school next week at the HASP poetry final. Well done to you all and good luck Poppy.

Mothers Day: Thank you once again to Friends who created another wonderful pop up shop last Friday, the 8th March – this was themed for Mother’s Day and all those who look after us. The pot plants were a lovely thought and the children enjoyed selecting a favourite colour and hiding it away in a bag for last Sunday’s big reveal!

Big Dance: A huge well done to the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who represented our school at the HASP Big Dance this week. As a class they have worked hard to choreograph and perfect their performance. The music chosen was Post Malone’s Sunflowers, this is from the recent Spiderman film. The team work and execution of the dance was sensational! Well done!



Beech Class: It’s been a busy term so far in Beech!



We have introduced Drawing club to support the children with their vocabulary and writing. The children have been very imaginative with their drawings taking the adventure further with exciting scenarios and codes and special words for their drawings to do something unexpected and exciting!

In Phonics the children continue to recap sounds learnt so far and also letter orders. They have been practising their high frequency words, both verbally and in writing.



In maths the children have been working on number order and composition, using some great subsidising skills and number knowledge. Most recently the children have started to look at number comparison focusing on doubles.

The children have also been enjoying leaning all about Jungles and Rainforests, learning the differences between living there and living in the UK, Jungle sounds and using their crafted binoculars to spot jungle animals.



In Art and Design we have used our Jungles and Rainforest topic to theme what we have made. The children have made some amazing Jungle animal sculptures using influence of Barbara Hepworth. In addition the children have completed junk modelling creating jungle trees and their own pair of binoculars.



Oak Class: Oak class have been classifying!



In science we are learning about different living things and being able to classify using scientific terms such as vertebrate and invertebrate, exoskeleton and crustaceans.

Desert Habitat Classification

Use the table to sort and classify the living things using the characteristics of each living thing.

	snake	insect	vertebrate	invertebrate	exoskeleton	crustaceans
Does it have a tail?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Does it have antennae?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Does it have a long neck?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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“We put different living things into groups and we learnt the names helped by a bite size film. It really helped me learn” Harry stated. We found different mini beasts from the school to observe, draw and classify. We have also been making our own classification charts using these



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terms. We are looking forward to going to Drusillas next week and handling different creatures that can be classified in different ways.

In PE we have been learning how to play cricket! We had to learn how to bowl using the windmill technique and keeping our arms straight. Oak class were then able to work on batting and playing mini games. We have also been improving our catching skills trying to throw it as high as possible without dropping it ready to catch when it is hit to us in the cricket field. Griff said "I have really enjoyed learning how to play cricket and have really got better at bowling straight to other people."



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 am**

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

Please come and join us, if you can.

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 3:

Little Punnetts: Imogen

Beech: Eleanor

Hazel: Merlin

Oak: Henry, Emily, Harriet & Aphra

Elm: Henry, Charlotte, Poppy, Maisy & Alicia

Week 4:

Little Punnetts: Freddie

Beech: Albie & Rupert

Hazel: Mila

Oak: Ben

Elm: Grace



Well done to Elle and Emily who took part in Hastings festival on Saturday 9th March finishing in 1st place and receiving their gold medals! They are now through to the next stage which is 'All England Dance' – good luck to you both!

Congratulations are also sent to Ava who has also danced her way to first position in the Hastings Festival. Ava will also now go onto the 'All England Dance' – good luck Ava!

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 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 22 nd and Monday 25 th March	Nursery parent conversations – please book an appointment with nursery staff
T4 W6	Monday 25 th March 1.15 – 5.15 Wednesday 27 th 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	Tuesday 16th April	Y1 Young at Heart visit
T5 W1	Wednesday 24 th April	CLASS+ coffee and chat at Dallington School – 9.00 - 10.30am
T5 W2	Wednesday 24 th April	Y5/6 Tag – details to follow
T5 W2	Wednesday 24 th April	CLASS+ coffee and chat at Punnetts Town School – 1.15 - 2.45pm
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 20 th 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 – 6.00pm 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
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 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		