



PTCP&NS Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a sensational term! I am delighted to share that the school was visited by the Healthy Schools team on Tuesday this week. We achieved Healthy Schools status a couple of years ago and this was the follow up visit to see that practice was embedded and had continued to evolve.

Reviewing evidence based on 4 key areas: SEMH (Social, Emotional, and Mental Health), Healthy Eating, PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education including SRE and drugs education) and Physical Activity, the team reported practice is embedded, that the school is inclusive and everyone is invested, with the wellbeing of everyone at the centre of practice. Children are happy, caring and friendly. Children are important, they are listened to and their views considered and the children talked about school positively and they know who to talk to and how to address worries. There is no lid on the opportunities and aspirations for all which has a positive impact on the school. The school has a strong team who work well and are committed. As you can imagine we are immensely proud of our achievements. Thank you to the staff for their continued hard work, and thank you to the children who make our jobs so fulfilling. Finally to you as parents and carers who support us all.



Easter Joyment: It has been a lovely end to our spring term today. The children came together in song this morning, sharing a collection of songs that have been learnt in school. We also were blessed to have the Easter Bunny visit our school again this afternoon. The Easter Egg hunt was enjoyed right the way across the school and both the 2 year olds and 11 year olds liked meeting the Easter Bunny. A huge thank you to Friends for providing each child with an Easter Egg.



Arbor: So we are almost there with 90% of parents now registered. Please take a couple of minutes during the Easter holiday to access this new account. (You were sent a paper copy of a letter and would have received an email link, please check your junk folders too). It is essential all parents now swap to this system because our current systems StudyBugs, ParentMail and Parent Pay will cease to operate.

Road Safety: As many of you will know there are always concerns about the speed of drivers outside the school, although there are flashing signs this doesn't deter some drivers. Mrs Goldsmith has been discussing with one of our Governors Denyse Whitehouse and I, possible strategies. I hope you have seen the beautiful bright yellow road markings that were repainted yesterday, a small step but very important. There is a petition which is available for parents and carers to sign. Please take time to sign this if you are happy to.

Attendance: Please see our attendance table below showing percentage data for the last two weeks. Our overall school percentage is 95.2%.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week 5	99%	99%	98%	99%	90%	99%	95%	92%
Week 6	96%	100%	97%	100%	94%	99%	98%	93%



Y3 and Y4 visit to Drusillas: To support this terms learning about the Blue Planet, Oak class organised an outing to Drusillas. They had an incredible day learning about the different animals and had the most exciting handling session of a snake and Gretel the armadillo. The children certainly represented our school well, showing great listening and interest throughout the day. The children said that it was a good, fun day reporting that they saw penguins, bats, red panda and camels in their enclosures. Thank you to all of the staff and parents for transporting and supporting the children and for making their learning come alive! especially to Mrs Farley who was able to give the children lots of really interesting information.



KS2 Poetry Competition: Huge congratulations to Poppy C who represented our school at the HASP poetry competition. Poppy was amazing. She stood in front of a large, unknown audience of children from the HASP schools, who were accompanied by their parents and staff. Poppy recalled her poem ' Friends for Life' by Angelica N. Brissett exceptionally well with great confidence and conviction. Well done Poppy, we hope you have enjoyed spending your £10 voucher.



Neurodiversity parent workshop: Thank you to the staff and parents who attended our workshop last week. This has been an area that we have developed over the last year where we have focused on raising awareness of neurodiversity and having effective strategies and signposting in place. Mrs Black has also been sharing stories regarding diversity which links to different international themes throughout the year.

Hazel Class' Year 2 trip to Little Sing at Cross in Hand School: On Thursday 21st March, Year 2 were invited to attend the "Little Sing" event at Cross in Hand Primary School. The children had worked very hard during the term to learn the words to the song "Hot Cross Bunny" and had created their own actions to accompany the lyrics. There were nerves and excitement before their performance, with George saying, "it was little bit nerve wracking!".

Everyone enjoyed performing to the other schools that were there and listened carefully to the other schools' performances. The children then learned new songs and sang together in a large group. The children were treated to biscuits and squash at breaktime, which were "delicious!" according to Arthur B, and some of the children spotted friends they knew from their area and some made new friends too!



Term 4 Forest School Hazel and Elm

Hazel: Hazel class have enjoyed forest school this term, learning about the life cycle of different animals such as frogs, butterflies and learning what amphibians are. The children have also enjoyed the mud kitchen, planting seed potatoes for our in school potato competition! Each class has their own sack where seed potatoes have been planted, we will then measure the potatoes once they are ready to harvest and see which class has grown the largest!



Elm: Elm have enjoyed their second term of Forest school. They walked to a local garden to enjoy the space, observing changes through the seasons and enjoyed the peaceful walk!

The children have, as always, enjoyed helping to keep our school grounds maintained, designing posters for our garden areas and generally being outside! The mud kitchen has been well and truly used this term too!



Eagle Eye is still a firm favourite across the school!

Have an EGG-cellent break!!





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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 5:

Little Punnetts: Mia Beech: Charlotte Hazel: Orla Oak: Harry Elm: George Wo

Week 6:

Little Punnetts: Jack Beech: Eddie Hazel: Millie Oak: Erin Elm: Toby

Well done to Rose for coming third in her solo Modern routine and second in her group performance in her Dance competition.

Grace has triumphed again on her horse, Lulu. She showed great control and skill in her competition finishing in first position three times for jumping a range of different heights. She was awarded a sensational selection of rosettes and trophies. Well done Grace!



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

Wishing you a wonderful Easter break. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15th April for the start of our summer term.

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
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		