



Issue 12

Thursday 13th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great term. It seems unbelievable with the speed of time that we have already reached the midpoint of our academic year; the children have all worked so hard this term, with lots of success and happiness in school. As we all look forward to and enjoy the half term week, there is much talk of signs of spring and the lighter and warmer days and nights that are ahead.

It is always lovely to send groups of children off site to represent our school. This was certainly the case last Wednesday when Mrs Curquejo took the Netball team to compete in the HASP event at HCC. At Punnetts Town we often finish in 5th position and this was the case again at this event out of 8 teams. Huge well done to the children. It was also wonderful to hear what a great team the children made; they were polite, supportive, fair, encouraging and a pleasure to be with for the afternoon. This was lovely feedback to receive. Thank you all for representing our school so well.



Thursday 6th February marked, what would have been, Bob Marley's 80th birthday. The children have been working hard in school to learn a medley of songs, with actions, that were sung as part of the Young Voices concert, spreading Bob Marley's message of peace, freedom, love, and unity. We hope you have enjoyed the children singing along at home!

NSPCC Number Day: Friday 7th February marked a fun day of maths in school. Mrs Fletcher shared resources across the school promoting fun opportunities where the children apply their maths skills to everyday scenarios. Some flower templates were sent home and have made a lovely display promoting maths in our school environment. Thank you for the donations sent in to support NSPCC.

Intra competition: The school council organised a super intra school football competition where the children played football in their house and class teams. The children played so well and really supported each other brilliantly! The winning teams for the classes were:

Highest scoring year groups:

1 st	27 goals	Reception/ Year 1 and Year 2
2 nd	25 goals	Year 5 and Year 6
3 rd	8 goals	Year 3 and Year 4

Highest scoring house:

1 st	Green house
2 nd	Red house
3 rd	Yellow house
4 th	Blue house

Well done to everyone and thank you for joining in so well.

Online safety: Safer Internet day has been celebrated throughout this week. As we all use the internet more and more it is crucial that we continue to learn and educate each other to stay safe both in the real and virtual world. Please talk to your child about what they know and the ways they can stay safe on the internet; there are parental settings that help manage this.

Little Punnetts class: We have had a busy term in Little Punnetts, exploring lots of different exciting topics. We celebrated the Chinese (Lunar) New Year where the children created their own Chinese lanterns and learnt all about the different traditions and that it is the year of the snake.

We have been embracing the cold weather by exploring all things winter. We have been dressing up warm and looking at the changes in weather. We learnt all about hibernation, the different animals that hibernate, and what they do to prepare for winter. The children have loved looking at the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" where we created our own bear hunt using different sensory materials.

Hazel class: Hazel class have enjoyed another busy, productive half term. Our topic has been 'To infinity and beyond!' and the children have produced some amazing home learning projects about



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the first moon landing. In class we researched the solar system, learnt about the lives of the astronauts Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong, and Michael Collins and found out what life is like on the International Space Station.

Year 2 created some wonderful space art with 'Young at Heart' and everyone has been busy in DT making space rovers, complete with axels and



wheels. In English the children have been creating their own stories about an animal flying to the moon!



Our science topic has involved looking at different materials and their properties, as well as investigating solids and liquids, and also floating and sinking. In computing we have enjoyed learning how to program the Beebots and how to debug our program if the Beetbot hasn't done what we thought it would. Well done, as always, Hazel class!



Hazel class have also been working incredibly hard at home and have been reinforcing and embedding their learning. Thank you for this additional support from home, this has such a positive impact in school. Keep up the hard work Hazel class!

Elm class: Year 6 organised and ran a house day where the children took part in a 'Rock Paper Scissor' competition, which was enjoyed by adults and children and inspired a house football tournament for National Football week: again this was enjoyed by both players and supporters.

Punnett's Town was represented by pupils from Elm at both the HASP Athletics and netball competition. All the participants enjoyed taking part and showed great sportsmanship.



In art, we have studied Stephanie Peters, who paints natural disasters, which linked to our Geography. In Geography, we learnt about different natural disasters and how they occur and chose one as an art focus. In art we learnt how to use different brush techniques, layering and had an Art Gallery where we learn to critique others interpretations of a natural disaster and their use of colour to depict it.



Outdoor learning has been, wet, cold, dry, and sunny; regardless of the weather all the sessions were enjoyed. We learnt about habitats and attempted to create a nest – how a bird does this with its beak is incredible as we had great difficulty with two hands!

As scientists, we investigated a series of circuits and experimented with different amounts of voltage and in computing, we learnt how to program a micro: bit and create a step counter.

Upcoming event: World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March. We enjoy celebrating our love of books on this day. The children are invited to come to school in 'clothes they enjoy!'. This maybe comfy clothes they enjoy wearing e.g. onesie, tracksuit, pyjamas but equally becoming a book character may be something they 'enjoy'. So the options are open to you; wear clothes that you enjoy! We also ask that before the 6th March you take a photo at home of your child enjoying reading or being read to – the background is up to you; this could be on the sofa but could be on the trampoline or on the back of a horse – the options are endless! If you are happy for your child's picture to form a whole school display, please send in the picture or send it to the school office, where we will then print it.



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Attendance: Good attendance really helps the pupils in their social, emotional, and academic learning. Please prioritise attendance at school and talk to us if you or your child has any concerns. We ask Nursery parents to inform the school of any absence in line with school policy, to ensure the school attendance records are accurate. Our target as a school is 96%.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	School overall
Week 5	95%	94%	96%	95%	96%	94%	96%	92%	95.9%
Week 6	95%	93%	97%	95%	96%	94%	96%	92%	95.9%

Achievements out of school: Please send in any achievements that your child has achieved out of school, so we can celebrate their success.

Well done to Erin who has had more success in the swimming pool. She competed with her Lewes team at the Brighton Dolphin swimming event. Erin swam in 5 different races and her team finished 2nd overall. The following day she swam an amazing 650m raising funds for timing and blocks for her swimming club.



Well done to Orla who achieved her level 2 in the learn to swim scheme – well done Orla.

Stars of the week:

Each week the adults and children reflect on the week and choose a member of the class to receive the 'Star of the week' certificate. These are presented in our celebration assembly every Thursday and shared in the fortnightly newsletter.

Week 5:

Elm: Buster Oak: Roo Hazel: Isaac Beech: Christopher Little Punnetts: Archie

Week 6:

Elm: Daisy Oak: Millie Hazel: Rupert Beech: Kit

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

Wishing you a wonderful half term break, we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 25th February.

C. Kinsella

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 13 th February	Last day of term 3
	Friday 14 th February	INSET – school closed for children
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – Half term		
T4 W1	Monday 24 th February	INSET – school closed for children
	Tuesday 25 th February	First day of term 4
	Every Wednesday in T4	Forest school for Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4
	Every Wednesday in T4	Y5 and Y6 swimming for 6 weeks every Wednesday
	Wednesday 26th February	Reception face-to-face parent consultations – book times on Arbor
	Every Friday in T4	Forest School for Reception and Nursery risers



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	Thursday 27 th February	CLASS+ coffee afternoon at Dallington School 1.30-3.00pm
	Friday 28 th February	Year 1 to visit Young at Heart
T4 W2	Monday 3 rd March	Nursery face-to-face parent consultations – book times on Arbor
	Tuesday 4 th March	Nursery face-to-face parent consultations – book times on Arbor
	Thursday 6 th March	Nursery face-to-face parent consultations – book times on Arbor
	Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
T4 W3	Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th March	KS2 Poetry sharing week
	Wednesday 12 th March	Y5/6 Big Dance at HCC
T4 W4	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st March	Neurodiversity week
	Tuesday 18 th March	CLASS+ Coffee morning at Punnett's Town School – details to follow
	Wednesday 19 th March	Y5/6 Rugby – details to follow
	Thursday 20 th March	Y2 Little Sing – details to follow
	Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief/ Red Nose day – details to follow – we will be selling red noses!
T4 W4/5	Friday 21 st March – Wednesday 26 th March	Book Fair – details to follow
T4 W5	Tuesday 25 th March	Year 5 to visit Young at Heart – details to follow
	Wednesday 26 th March	Y5/6 Tag Rugby at Heathfield Rugby club – details to follow
	Thursday 27 th March	Cross Country final – runners parents notified
	Friday 28 th March	Friends Mother's Day pop up shop – details to follow
T4 W6	W/C Monday 31 st March	Reports sent to parents in Y1 – Y6
T4	Friday 4 th April	Last day of term 4
Monday 7th - Monday 21st April – Easter holiday		
T5	Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of term 5
T5 W3	Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – School closed
	Wednesday 7 th May	Y3/4 Tennis at Cross in Hand Tennis club – details to follow
	Thursday 8 th May	VE Day 80 th Anniversary celebrations – details to follow
T5 W4	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th May	KS2 SATs week
T5 W5	Tuesday 20 th May	Class photographs
T5	Friday 23 rd May	Last day of term 5
Monday 26th – Friday 30th May – Half term		
T6	Monday 2 nd June	First day of term 6
T6 W2	Friday 13 th June	Friends Father's Day pop up shop – details to follow
T6 W3	Friday 20 th June	Sports Day (Reserve date 27.6.24)
T6 W5	W/C Monday 30 th June	Reports sent to parents in Nursery & Reception
T6 W6	Thursday 10 th July	Y5/6 Production
T6 W7	Thursday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
T6	Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of term 6
Wednesday 23rd July – Thursday 4th September – Summer holidays		
T1	Thursday 4 th September	First day of term 1