



PTCP&NS Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The spring weather is certainly surrounding us as we stride towards the end of our fourth term. The school as ever continues to be a busy and thriving space and the independence of all pupils from nursery through to year 6 shows through in their confidence and resilience in school.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Evangeline Smith who has joined the Punnetts Town team this week working in Elm class. On Monday 24th March, Mrs Sarah Carey will join our Nursery team; we are looking forward to welcoming her and will send further information to nursery parents next week.

Thank you to the parents from Nursery and Reception for taking the time to meet with key staff to discuss your child’s progress and attainment. The teachers from Year 1 to year 6 are currently completing written reports which will come to you in the last week of this term. There will be a letter that accompanies your child’s yearly written report, and we ask you to complete this and return it to the school before the Easter break. The Nursery and Reception children will receive their written reports in July. Whether through discussion in person or in the written report, please take note of your child’s next steps/ targets – please support us alongside your child to help them progress and feel confident in their learning. Little and often is perfect for most things: reading, discussing texts, comparing facts, multiplication tables, number bonds all help and make a huge difference.

We are delighted to welcome you to our annual school Book Fair, provided by Scholastic. This is always a lovely opportunity for you to look at books with your children. The school receives a percentage of any monies spent on books or stationary; so please consider taking a look and potentially buying something. The book fair will be open, in the school library, from Friday 21st March through to Wednesday 26th March in the afternoon (at school collection). You can pay with cash or online using a QR code.



Huge congratulations to all the children who participated in KS2 Poetry recital. The finalists were fantastic and we all wish

Emily, our school finalist, the best of luck in the HASP poetry competition.

At school we celebrate our similarities and differences throughout the day. This week has been Neurodiversity week where the children have continued the theme of ‘we’re all the same but different’. The children at Punnetts Town all show great respect to one another and it is evident in their work and play, which makes us very proud.



What a great success Red Nose Day has been again! The School Council always enjoy organising fundraising opportunities. Own clothes, face paint, dyed hair and cakes is always a hugely popular combination – sprinkled in with some red noses has made the perfect day in school. The children recognise the importance of helping others and this has been evident again this year with us raising **£146.90**



Thank you all for supporting us!

Big Dance: On Wednesday 12th March the children from Elm class attended the annual HASP ‘Big Dance’ at HCC. The children have been working hard in school alongside the Elm staff and Abi from AB Stage School to choreograph and





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learn a dance to KSI's song 'Thick of it'. They all did incredibly well and owned the big stage that evening as they performed to a huge audience.

Heathfield Youth Group: On Monday 17th March Elm class were visited by Ed Peasgood, a Lead Youth Participation Worker from the Heathfield Youth Hub. The children learnt about the new youth hub, shared their ideas for activities, and helped design ideas for the new sensory and garden spaces.

Heathfield's youth hub is benefitting from a multi-million pound government grant to re-build, with a new multi storey youth hub opening in the autumn of 2025.

The youth hub has free activities for young people aged 10 to 19 living in Wealden, happening after school/in the evenings and during school holidays.

We offer free art, music, games, sport and cooking. We are a supportive figure in children's lives, particularly when it comes to transitions to secondary school, mental health or bullying.

We would love for your child to come along to youth club when we re-open in September, you can find out all our information here:

<https://www.escis.org.uk/family-information/heathfield-youth-hub/>

We are also planning to offer some gardening and woodwork activities in the summertime where children can help us make and plant our new garden. Watch this space!

Tag Rugby: Well done to the rugby team who played at the Rugby ground on Wednesday 19th March, coached by Mrs Jones. The team worked incredibly well together and really improved their passing skills and tactics. The team will go on to represent the school at another Tag Rugby event in a couple of weeks, and I look forward to sharing the next update on their progress.



Oak class:

Oak have been poets this term! They have all written poems about a River, using metaphors and rhyming couplets. They have all become very good at thinking of words that rhyme – ask them for their ideas!

Oak Class worked very hard to successfully learn and recite their Spring poems for the HASP Poetry Competition. After an in-class competition, where everyone bravely recited their poems, Emily, Emilia, Icarus and Fearne were chosen to represent Years 3 and 4 at the whole-school heat of the competition. The judges were hugely impressed by everyone's performance and the winner was announced – Emily! Well done to all of Oak's finalists, we are very proud of you! Emily will now go on to represent Punnett's Town School at the inter-schools final. Good luck Emily!

Oak class celebrated World Book Day. Everyone came dressed as a favourite character or in their most comfortable reading clothes! We took part in a fun national quiz, hosted by the authors of a children's football book. Many famous footballers read the questions and appeared in the quiz and great fun was had by all! Later on we all made Top Trump cards of our favourite characters and played against each other to see who would be the 'Greatest of Them All'!

In Science they have been experimenting with States of Matter, completing several interesting experiments. In PE they are learning to play Tennis!



Little Punnetts:

In nursery this term we have been looking at magic!

The children have enjoyed creating their own potions and exploring stories like 'Room on the Broom' and 'Zog and the Flying Doctors'. We have been making our own magic wands and, as always, the children have loved the play dough and have used it to create different animals and items for magic spells. We have spent lots of time up in the garden this term, the children have loved using the climbing frames!





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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 to date
Week 3	97%	98%	99%	97%	94%	94%	100%	95%	96%
Week 4	92%	97%	99%	100%	92.5%	98%	96%	96%	96%

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 Jack who carefully crafted a bird table to help him spot birds easier during the big bird watch, where he then saw and heard a variety of birds. Well done Jack.



Congratulations to Erin who represented Lewes Swimming club and finished in 1st position in 25m Backstroke and 1st in 50m Butterfly! Wow what an amazing achievement!



Sophie and Rose competed in the IFDPA (the International Festival of Dance and Performing Arts) at Disneyland Paris with their dance studio AB Stage School. They performed in 3 group dances and came home with third and first place awards! In total the team won 8 awards. They also took part in the pre-parade around the park! Both Sophie and Rose' parents were very proud of their achievements as are echoed by the whole school. Huge congratulations and well done to Sophie and Rose.



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 3:

Elm: George Wy Oak: Poppy Hazel: Albert Beech: Lenny

Week 4:

Elm: Griff Oak: Ava Hazel: Fletcher Beech: India Little Punnets: Zephyr

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

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

C. Kinsella

All dates are subject to change – more details will follow regarding specifics. Yellow highlight will show new additions from the previous newsletter.



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Term & Week	Date	Event
T4 W4/5	Friday 21 st March – Wednesday 26 th March	Book Fair – details to follow
T4 W5	Tuesday 25 th March	Reception class outing
	Tuesday 25 th March	Y1/2 class outing
	Tuesday 25 th March	Year 5 to visit Young at Heart
	Thursday 27 th March	Cross Country final – runners parents notified
	Friday 28 th March	Friends Mother's Day pop up shop
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 W1	Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of term 5
	Wednesday 23 rd April	Y5/6 HASP Tag at HCC 2pm arrive/ 230 start/345 or 415 finish
	Thursday 24 th April	WW2 Hands on History Day for whole school – details to follow
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 W8	Monday 21 July	Y6 signing shirts
	Tuesday 22 July	Mufti Day and ice cream
	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