



Issue 15

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The beautiful spring weather has had a great impact as we finish term 4 basking in the sunshine. Let's hope the warmer weather continues as we enter the Easter break. As always the time goes so quickly through the academic year and as we finish term 4, there is so much to reflect on. This year continues to highlight how well the children do at each age and stage of their development. It is great to see their confidence and happiness in school and the fantastic resilience and determination to be the best they can be. Thanks are extended to the staff who always work incredibly hard to facilitate as many opportunities as possible, as you will hear in the newsletter below!

Our clubs and wrap facility continue to be a great asset of the school. The letter for terms 5 and 6 will be sent during the Easter break. If you have any lego, board games, puzzles or dressing up clothes that you no longer need and that are suitable for school please can you send them in for school use, many thanks in advance.



During terms 3 and 4 the Eco Council led on an initiative as Food Waste Heroes. This was a project introduced by Chartwells to help us reflect and reduce our food waste in school. The initiative certainly had impact

and we WON! The children of Punnetts Town managed to reduce their food waste by 30%, which was the highest out of all the schools across the local authority who participated. Well done and thank you. The Eco Council will now continue to monitor waste as an ongoing initiative for the remainder of the school year. This will support the drop in's that Chartwells staff will make unannounced to ensure we are all maintaining this achievement.



On the topic of food please can I remind you all about 'healthy snacks' for morning break times. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all receive 'free' fruit provided by the school. From year 3 upwards parents need to supply a snack. Although the younger children's snack is provided, if you would like to send in a different snack that is absolutely fine. However, just a reminder for the acceptable foods for a mid-morning healthy snack are: fruit, vegetables, crackers, bread sticks, cheese, and sandwich (this list is not exhaustive). Food that is not acceptable for a mid-morning snack is: chocolate, biscuits, crisps. If your child brings a packed lunch this is when a bag of crisps or a small chocolate item could be eaten (your choice). Cereal bars are acceptable but should not have chocolate. Please support us with the items you send in. We always try to be fair but as you can imagine when 1 brings in something unacceptable, others follow. Please remember we are a **nut** free school.

Thank you to Friends who organised a wonderful pop up shop for Mother's Day – it was great to see the children actively involved in the purchasing of the cream teas – we hope you enjoyed them! I know the children certainly enjoyed their early visit from the Easter bunny yesterday afternoon. We hope they all enjoy the little treat from Friends and the Easter bunny!



**Book Fair:** Thank you to everyone who visited and supported our Scholastic Book Fair this year. It is always lovely to host the book fair and to see lots of new books that are available to our children. The school was able to choose £180.00 worth of new books for 'free' due to the commission from parents' purchases. Huge thanks are extended from all of the classes who now have more books in their rooms.



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**HASP Poetry Final:** Huge congratulations to Emily, who represented our school at the poetry final. Emily shared her poem 'Spring' and was given amazing feedback for her confidence and enthusiasm. Well done you were fantastic! Thank you to Emilia and Sophie for supporting Emily at the event.



**Reports:** We hope parents in year 1 to 6 have enjoyed reading their child's written report for this academic year. We have found that sending them now provides further time and opportunities for the children to focus on the key targets to secure their end of year expectations. If you haven't done so already, please return the slip to acknowledge your receipt, with any comments. If you require a follow up meeting, please indicate this on the slip. Thank you for so many positive replies already; we are very proud of every child's progress and happiness in school.

**Beech class:** The children had a lovely time at Bodiam Castle. Luckily, it was a sunny and warm day. The children began by finding the features of the castle with an I-spy sheet. We did need a little help from the very knowledgeable castle volunteers. We all enjoyed our picnic, we even had two duck visitors join us for lunch. After lunch we trekked back up to the castle, ascending the tower. It was a little bit of a challenge, however, the children were all determined. We were all excited to reach the top. It was very high, but the view was amazing. The children enjoyed looking through the grates at the top, although, the adults all thought it was too scary!



**Hazel class:** Science Observatory Centre Federation Trip! We had so much fun during an absolutely jam-packed day filled with hands-on exhibitions, workshops and a very entertaining and interactive science show! Luckily the sun was shining so we got to explore the water maze and all of the outside exhibitions too, enhancing our curiosity about all thing's science. We really enjoyed helping to plan an outfit for an astronaut to wear in space and having a tour of the telescope. It made us dizzy when it opened and started to spin. What an experience!



This week we have been writing thank you letters and recounts as a result of our special day out. We always look forward to competing in our spelling hive on Friday's and trying our best to get to the top of the spelling shed leader board!



**Maths - Problem solving and reasoning** has been our focus in Year 2, learning how best to 'prove it' when solving a range of mathematical problems in preparation for our end of key stage assessments. Year 1's have been enjoying learning new mathematical vocabulary surrounding weight and volume and exploring this practically too.



**Home learning celebrations -** We have enjoyed showing and discussing our home learning this term. A huge thank you to mums and dads for your support with this! Hazel Class have been very proud of all of their creations and fact finding.





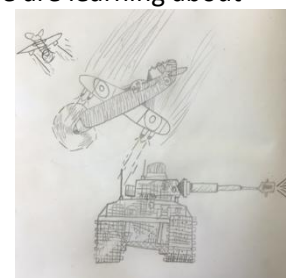
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**Oak class:** The children from Oak class have been learning about the water cycle and confidently shared their understanding of the process using their posters which had moving levers and parts.



**Elm class:** This term, Elm have enjoyed learning the rules of tag rugby in PE and our team have taken part in a tag rugby tournament at Cross-in Hand Rugby club and are looking forward to one at HCC after Easter. Congratulations to our four cross country finalists for competing at Crawley – we are all very proud of you. We have just had our last swimming session and we all worked hard to perfect our swimming strokes. In Art we have learnt how to use different techniques to create mood, using our history on WW2 as inspiration. We have written recounts about being in an air raid and learnt about evacuees and kinder transport (refugees from Germany). In science we are learning about forces and have made parachutes to investigate air resistance and used clay models to test water resistance. Written by Levo and Mrs Winter



**Cross Country:** Well done to Charlotte, Henry, George & Toby for attending the next round of the Cross Country final held at Crawley. They all ran competing for the North Wealden area against other children who had qualified across the county. Well done for your great achievements and for supporting each other so well.



**Young at Heart:** Year 5 enjoyed a super visit to Young at Heart. Not only were the residents there but they were also joined by a selection of Owls and raptors – they reported this was a fantastic visit with the birds flying around the room.



**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 5	100%	98%	100%	96%	100%	98%	96%	90%	96%
Week 6	99%	100%	99%	89%	95%	98%	92%	94%	96%



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**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 Daisy! Daisy competed in another Irish Dancing competition where she completed a number of individual dances. She finished in a variety of places after competing against many dancers. Well done!



Well done Evelyn for achieving level 2 core skills at your gymnastics club! Fantastic news!



Rose had a dance competition on Sunday 30th March. Rose danced amazingly well and came back with 5 medals, plus a host award and a judges choice award! In her solo performance she came 1st place. Two of her group dances came 2nd place. Another two of her group dances came 1st place. Well done Rose!



Harrison attended his first rugby festival at the weekend. He scored 3 try's for the team. Well done Harrison!

## 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: Evelyn    Oak: Millie    Hazel: Jack    Beech: Beech class    Little Punnetts: Bonnie

### Week 6:

Elm: Joel T    Oak: Teddy    Hazel: Evalyn    Beech: Rowan    Little Punnetts: Phoebe

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

Wishing you a wonderful Easter break. We hope you enjoy some time with your families and friends and look forward to coming back to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

*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
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter holiday</b>		
T5 W1	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	First day of term 5
	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y5/6 HASP Tag at HCC 2pm arrive/ 230 start/345 or 415 finish
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	WW2 Hands on History Day for whole school – details to follow
T5 W3	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School closed
	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3/4 Tennis at Cross in Hand Tennis club – details to follow
	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations – details to follow
T5 W4	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
T5 W5	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photographs – NOW on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
T5	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Last day of term 5
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half term</b>		
T6	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	First day of term 6



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T6 W2	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends Father's Day pop up shop – details to follow
T6 W3	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (Reserve date 27.6.24)
T6 W5	W/C Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Reports sent to parents in Nursery & Reception
T6 W6	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Production
T6 W7	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
T6 W8	Monday 21 July	Y6 signing shirts
	Tuesday 22 July	Mufti Day and ice cream
	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term 6
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July – Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September – Summer holidays		
T1	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of term 1