



Issue 20

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you to everyone who has ensured our sports days have been a huge success. The sports leaders have been phenomenal and showed superb skills in organising, running, explaining and inspiring the children to participate in the 8 activities. It was wonderful to see the youngest members of our school engaging in the activities so

enthusiastically with their peers. The concentration and determination were exceptional, with lots of success! The running races at the end of the morning proved a well sought-after event! Thank you to all of the adults for taking part in the races.

The results at the end of the nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 morning:

1 <sup>st</sup>	2nd	3rd	4 <sup>th</sup>	
Yellow	Green	Blue	Red	



















Key stage 2 followed on with further enthusiasm and energy today! The children enjoyed rotating around 4 activities focusing on jumping, throwing and controlling skills. The perseverance and

accuracy certainly were on full display during these activities. The children then returned to the track for races including an obstacle, egg & spoon, sprint and relay! The team work was superb and it was clear to see personal development throughout the afternoon through a number of skills. Thank you again for the adult support at the event, this certainly spurred the children on, who also enjoyed watching the competitive parents at the end! The results will feature in the next newsletter. Thank you to Friends for providing all of the children an ice pop!



















Maths Challenge: It is always a delight to send children off site and this week we were asked to send some year 6 mathematicians to attend a maths challenge workshop at Heathfield Community College. The children represented the school amazingly well, enjoying the problems and revelling in the answers throughout the afternoon.

As you all know Punnetts Town won the Zero Waste competition, which was a key focus during term 4 and as a result the Eco Council continue to monitor waste. The prize for winning was for the children in reception through to year 6 to participate in a stir fry cooking session lead by an extended Chartwells team. The day provided the school with superb aromas and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning how to make a stir fry from cutting to cooking to tasting! As you know Chartwells sought permission to use photos to promote the event – we will share these as soon as they are sent through! But here are a few from our school records.









It seems amazing that we are already preparing for the end of the school year but we had a successful 'Change around Day' where all of the children spent the day with their new class. For some this is all new and for others some parts are the same but for us all there is a change. Please continue to talk to your child at home about their next step, and if there are any questions please come and speak to the current or new teacher.

Thank you to the Elm parents for attending their parent consultations this week. Both Hazel and Oak teachers will host their consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Nursery and Reception will receive their written reports on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June. We continue to hold the SEN reviews as well. If you haven't booked in, please do, because it is vital that there is strong communication links between home and school.

**Hazel class:** Hazel class have, as always, been very busy! We have loved learning about lots of different traditional tales, including *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Together we have read and written different versions of the stories, sequenced the tales, created story maps and written a letter of apology from the giant to Jack! We have been working hard on our handwriting and ensuring that our sentences are clear and correctly punctuated.

In Design and Technology, the children created their own beautiful felt puppets, each of their favourite character from a traditional tale. The children worked really hard designing and sewing their creations and are very proud to see them displayed in the classroom.

In science we have continued to learn about plants and have set up our own experiment. We are growing some bean plants on the window sill and comparing these to some beans plants that we are growing in a dark cupboard. We are ensuring it is a fair test by giving them the same amount of water. We are also making weekly observations of the plants and recording their growth in centimetres. Additionally, the children planted their own bean and are growing it at home, recording its progress in their own 'bean diary'. We are looking forward to seeing how tall our beanstalks grow!





Elm class: Bike ability - Year 6 attended Bike ability, which was fun and really enjoyable: we learnt all the basics of how to ride a bike. We did emergency stop, slow stop, ABCD (A=air, B=brakes, C=chains and D=direction). We made a snake which was really fun until Charlotte did a brake check while at the front and then we all crashed into each other apart from Henry at the back - don't worry we were all fine! We also did a control and awareness game where we had used the whole playground and then we had less and less and less space until we had a semi-circle of space and our skilful riding meant we managed not to crash.

<u>Production -</u> We have been practicing using our scripts for a while now and we have been noticing an improvement in our acting skills. Everybody loves the script, some more than others, but we are still doing really well. We are all looking forward to performing this performance on stage to the school and the Elm parents.

<u>Summer reading challenge - All of us are wanting to do the summer reading challenge, and would like to win the prizes from the library. Reading is a very important part of school - if you can read well and fluently it will help you a lot through your school life.</u>

<u>Punnetts Town Summer Reading Challenge -</u> The school is also doing a reading challenge this year to encourage all children to read more and more in and out of school. To win the prizes, you have to complete the challenge for your class over five weeks. To make sure you can claim your prizes you have to write down the days you have read on the grid.

<u>Chartwells Chef Zero Waste Heroes</u> - At the beginning of the year Chartwells came in and said, "There was a competition to see which school can reduce their food waste the most". So, after 4 weeks they came back with the results of which school had reduced their food waste by the most; we found out that we won the competition! This meant we got a reward which was making a stir fry with them. We all enjoyed making the stir fry together and the best bit was after when we could eat the food that we made.

<u>Newhaven Fort -</u> Last week we went to Newhaven Fort and enjoyed exploring all the different areas - we learnt a lot! We had an informative talk, handled artifacts and then went exploring. The tunnels were such fun, there was even a light tunnel which was not even a meter wide, that wasn't the only thing either there was only one dim light at the very end of the tunnel so it wasn't light! It was called this because the candles were placed in a recess so the gunpowder wouldn't explode due to a naked flame being in the room!

<u>Year 5 Young at Heart - Every year 5 thoroughly enjoyed going to Young at Heart: they read to the Young at Heart members, verbally created a story all about space and played an interactive game. Taster day HCC - Yesterday, all of the Punnetts Town students went 1 year up. Everyone really enjoyed going up a year, they all found it fantastic and interesting, especially the year 6's that went up to HCC. All of the year 6's were really excited to have a new scenery for learning. In the morning, we all met our tutor and got to know each other in our form. After that we went to our first lesson which was English - everyone had the same first lesson but then we all went off in our forms and did different lessons. Then we had a break where we got free drinks and biscuits. At this time, we got to see our friends in different forms, then we went to our second lesson of the day, Science. This was probably the best lesson of the day because we got the Bunsen burners out and we tried to separate rock salt and salt from each other. It got to a point that the Bunsen burners got to an extreme heat 200 Fahrenheit!</u>

All of this has been a part of our amazing year and there is so much more to look forward to over the next few weeks.

Thank You Punnetts Town By George Wyatt

**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	
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Week 3	97%	99%	94%	98%	100%	91%	98%	85%	95.9%
Week 4	97%	100%	97%	99%	99%	96%	98%	93%	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.

Congratulations to Alex who has achieved his 10m swimming badge – well done.

Congratulations to Leo who has achieved his 25m and 50m swimming badges – well done.

**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 Friday and shared in the fortnightly newsletter.

#### Week 3 & 4:

Elm: Lola Oak: Oak class Hazel: Merlin Beech: Rowan Little Punnetts: Arthur

Elm: George Woo Oak: Arthur B Hazel: Ollie Beech: Cody Little Punnetts: Connie

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

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

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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				
T6 W5	W/C Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Reports sent to parents in Nursery & Reception				
	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<mark>Y3/4 trip</mark>				
	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July <mark>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</mark>	Parent consultations Y1-Y4 – please book on Arbor				
	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 welcome evening at HCC				
	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming Gala – details to follow				
T6 W6	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Production				
	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm - Friends summer fundraiser – Colour run, music and BBQ				
T6 W7	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly				
	Monday 21 July	Y6 signing shirts				
T6 W8	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	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET days (pupils not in school)				
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of term 1				