



PTCP&NS Newsletter



Issue 1

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new school year; September 2024 – July 2025! Welcome to Punnetts Town!

A huge welcome to all of the children, and especially to those who are starting their nursery and reception school journey. The children have all done so well as we finish our first week of school. Punnetts Town is a wonderful school, which I thoroughly enjoy leading. The staff pride themselves in really developing strong relationships with all of the children, and knowing them well as individuals. We also know the importance of working closely with parents.

It has been wonderful to see how confidently the children have returned to school, thank you for supporting us in the mornings, with quick drop offs, to help the children settle and start their learning. It is always wonderful to hear all the news from the summer holidays and it certainly sounds like you have all enjoyed the last 6 weeks. Please remember to pass on any messages to myself or Mrs Saunders and we of course, will pass these onto the class teachers. If you do have any concerns, please raise these early, by talking to class teachers at the end of the school day or sending an email in via the school office.

We have welcomed two new members of staff; Mrs Sophie Field who will teach on Thursday and Friday in Hazel class and Miss Mia Hesling who will be working as part of the Early Years team. A separate 'Whos Who' sheet has been sent to you giving you information and photographs of the staffing structure and to help you familiarise yourselves with new staff teams. We hope you have been able to attend a Meet the teacher session this week. Just to remind you on Monday, 9th September, Mrs Smith for Oak class and Mrs Fletcher for Hazel class will repeat the sessions lead this week by their job shares. These sessions will run at 2.30pm and 3.20pm. We hope you have found these useful.

The teachers have shared their overview for the year ahead in their Meet the Teacher slides and additional documents will be sent via Arbor next week and will also be on our school website – please take time to read through these to help with the reinforcement of learning at home. We do ask that you regularly share books with your child at home, and record this in their reading record. It is so important to read regularly, and for children to see adults as positive reading role models. We also ask that you support your child's maths fluency skills, as suggested by class teachers, again this really helps build confidence, and knowledge which helps learning develop for your child. Little and often works, please find and prioritise some time.

School is always a busy place, and this has certainly been the case throughout the summer holiday as well. Huge thanks are extended to the staff who have worked above and beyond in our extensive move of all of the classrooms and additional work spaces. We have also started our regeneration of the outside space. The Millennium area, which has served the school well for the last 24 years, is currently out of use as the first stage of our plans. The ground is being cleared and the back section will create a new, year 6 area, whilst the front section will become a more natural area, providing a quiet and peaceful area for all pupils. In time, it will be useful to ask for parent support in helping prepare the ground, which we will be in contact about.

The outside gym, is still in current use, but will be taped off nearer the end of September as we start the replacement of key pieces of equipment and flooring. We ask that you ensure your children do not go in taped off areas, or use the outside gym at the end of the school days, because these areas have to be supervised by staff. Many thanks.

It is always lovely to hear from our local community who speak so positively of our pupils. I have been asked to remind parents and carers to be cautious on the pavements, crossing driveways and in the car park. With an increase in electric vehicles and the ongoing road works along Battle Road, we know how vehicles can appear, so please keep your children close to you, thank you.

Do you shop in Asda? If you do, please support the school. Asda currently have an incentive running 'Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools'. It is linked to your own Asda rewards app, where you can select 'Schools in Need' and then a percentage of your spend will come to the school.

Attendance: You may have seen or heard on the news about the new regulations to support attendance in schools. Children should be in school for 190 days each academic year unless they are too unwell to be in school. Irregular attendance really impacts children's learning, wellbeing and opportunities. The new guidance, outlines how all schools will now manage withdrawal from learning applications:

*By completing and submitting this form I understand that if the request is unauthorised the Legal Interventions Team at East Sussex County Council will be notified of the absence taken and a legal intervention may be instigated in the form of a Penalty Notice. I also understand that if a Penalty Notice is issued it will be to **each parent for each child taken out of school**. I also acknowledge the following:-*



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- A limit of no more than 2 penalty notices will be issued to the same parent for the same pupil within a 3-year rolling period will apply from 19 August 2024.
- The first penalty notice issued to the parent for that pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second notice is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
- A third penalty notice will not be issued within a 3-year period. Therefore, in cases where the threshold is met for a third (or subsequent) times within those 3 years, a penalty notice cannot be issued, and alternative action will be taken instead. This will often include considering prosecution but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance legal interventions.

We will continue to report on weekly attendance in our newsletters and hope that our school target of 96% will be achieved this year.



Achievements out of school:

Huge congratulations to Joey. During the summer holidays he competed in Wales, over 3 days in the 10 & Under Championship at the Summer Championships. He finished in 9th, then 2nd then 1st! Joey also competed at Hickstead for the NSEA grass roots championships. He finished in 4th position qualifying to represent Punnetts Town School at the National Championships in October! Wow – fantastic riding skills Joey, well done.

Star 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 Monday and shared in the fortnightly newsletter.

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

Kind regards,

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
T1 W2	Monday 9 th September	After school clubs start – please book on Arbor
	Monday 9 th September	Hazel (Y1/2) Meet the teacher 2.30pm and repeated at 3.20pm Mrs Fletcher Oak (Y3/4) Meet the teacher 2.30pm and repeated at 3.20pm Mrs Smith
	Tuesday 10 th September	Y4 visit to Young at Heart
	Thursday 12 th September	9am-11am – Toddlers to start in the Village Hall
T1 W3	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th September	Y6 Residential
T1 W4	Monday 23 rd September	Fundraising day supporting Jeans 4 Genes Day (wearing ‘jeans’) and a McMillan cake sale – more details will follow
	Tuesday 24 th September	Individual school photos
	Thursday 26 th September	Heathfield Community College Open Evening 5.30pm -.8.00pm
T1 W5	Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th October	Y4 Residential



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	Friday 4 th October	Y3 visit to Young at Heart
T1 W7	Tuesday 15 th & Thursday 17 th October	Parent Consultations – times will be set on Arbor for you to book
	Wednesday 16 th October	Y5/6 Football – details to follow
T1 W8	Wednesday 23 rd October	Y5/6 Cross Country at Burwash – team letter to follow
	Thursday 24 th October	Nursery and Reception classes Wellie Walk – details to follow
	Friday 25 th October	NHS Flu Vaccinations – details to follow
	Friday 25 th October	Last day of term 1
	Saturday 26 th October	Punnetts Town Village Bonfire – see village posters
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – HALF TERM		
T2 W1	Monday 4 th November	Return to school
	Tuesday 5 th November	Y3/4 Wellie Walk and Anglo Saxon workshop – details to follow
T2 W2	Friday 15 th November	Y6 visit to Young at Heart
T2 W3	Friday 22 nd November	Children (all year groups) to sing at Heathfield Christmas Lights evening – details to follow
T2 W5	Tuesday 3 rd December	Y5/6 Christmas Carol Concert – details to follow
	Wednesday 4 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Carol Concert – details to follow
T2 W6	Wednesday 11 th December	Nursery & Reception Christmas performance – details to follow
T2 W7	Tuesday 17 th & Wednesday 18 th December	Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas performance – details to follow
	Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas lunch day – details to follow
	Thursday 19 th December	Class Christmas parties – details to follow
	Friday 20 th December	Last day of term
Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January – Christmas holidays		
T3	Monday 6 th January	First day of term 3
T3	Friday 14 th February	Last day of term 3
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – Half term		
T4	Monday 24 th February	First day of term 4
T4	Friday 4 th March	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
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 26 th May	First day of term 6
T6 W3	Friday 20 th June	Sports Day (Reserve date 27.6.24)
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 5 th September	First day of term 1