



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful, yet busy couple of weeks that have again passed by in a flash! As routines are now fully established the children and staff are working incredibly hard alongside all of the enrichment extras! Forest School Wednesday's has started and this term the year 1/2/5 & 6 pupils are enjoying being outside for their learning. Friday's PE sessions with Mr Lloyd are proving very popular, for pupils from year 1 to year 6. Red Butler staff come in on a Thursday for drumming lessons and on a Friday for guitar lessons. If your child is in year 1 or above and would be interested in learning to play an instrument please contact Mrs Saunders in the school office. School photographs have been taken and all children across the school, have designed a Christmas picture, and these have been sent away to be made into Christmas cards. On Monday we hosted our first fundraising events of the school year. Thank you for your generosity for two charities. The children's donations for Jeans for Genes amounted to £87.00 and the ever popular cake sale for MacMillan raised a fantastic £110.20.

As a school we highly value the links that are built and develop as your child is at school at Punnetts Town. Our first parent consultation meetings have now been set on Arbor and are ready for you to book a date and time. Please log onto Arbor and book a time to meet with your child's teacher. The consultations are face to face and will take place at school. If you are unable to attend in person please reserve the appointment time on Arbor and then message the office separately to request a phone call instead. Please note your time to ensure appointment times aren't missed.

Prior to the consultations we will have an open afternoon on Monday 14th October starting from 2.30pm, giving you the opportunity to look at your child's learning environment and books. You can still pop in at 3.15pm when you collect, if you are unable to come earlier.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Megan Kelly (based in Beech class) and Mr Alex Rowley (based in Hazel class). They are both trainee teachers from Brighton University completing their PGCE. They will be at Punnetts Town until the end of November and then will return in May until the end of June, and I am sure will become familiar names for your children.

The school is currently working to improve the facilities in the back playground. The old millennium area remains out of use, at the moment. Next week the next phase of the project will start, which includes the outdoor gym space. This area will also be fenced off, for roughly 3 weeks, whilst some pieces of equipment and the floor covering is taken out and replaced. The children have been spoken to about keeping everyone safe and not touching any of the fencing. Today, I met with the Chair of 'Friends', Elaine Chaplin, and have discussed next steps after the completion of the gym area. We are appealing to parents to help with this next phase. Elaine is compiling a wish list of materials, skills and time that will help us complete this project. We will share further details next week and hope you are able to help.

Huge thanks are extended to Mrs Winter and Mrs Sands, who very kindly gave up their week, last week, to take the children on their residential to Bushy Wood. The weather was certainly supportive of the outdoor and adventurous activities that were faced by the children and staff throughout the week. I hope you enjoy reading the summary in Elm's class entry.

Elm class:

Year 6 Residential (Bushy Wood): Bushy Wood, was a fantastic experience for the Year 6's. They had an amazing time exploring the Bushy Wood site, and partaking in all the activities. Every single Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed themselves and they all worked really well together.





All of the activities were extremely fun and thoroughly enjoyed: everybody loved all of them, although the favourite seemed to be either sailing or paddle boarding. They also did rifle shooting, raft building, archery and so much more.



The weather at residential was perfect and it was sunny every day! Our food arrived by food van (Monster Foods) and the favourite was the sausage and mash!

A great time was had by all.



English: The year 6's and 5's has been learning to write a transmission based on a human stuck on Mars after a storm hit the planet. They have completed their own plan and are currently writing their own transmission for example someone stuck in a submarine underwater or deserted on an island etc.

They have also been learning about how to write a letter.

The year 6's have also been writing to Bushy Wood for a wonderful residential and the year 5's are writing a letter to someone of their choice.

In maths Elm have been learning about fractions and decimals and have been making good use of our knowledge of place value to support this.



They have been learning about Andy Warhol's style of Art (Pop Art) and have been busy coloring, painting and drawing! Some of these being cans of soup, Mickey Mouse and celebrities - all popular things. The children will be going on to create prints.



In Science they are learning about Earth and space: we are currently looking at some flat Earth and sphere theories some. The children are also researching the effect the moon has on farmers and the planting and harvesting of foods.

Written by George Wy and Ethan

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. Our target as a school is 96%.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	School overall
Week 3	95%	100%	99%	97%	98%	92%	96%	100%	97%
Week 4	89.4%	96%	99%	100%	93.3%	91.3%	94.4%	95.4%	97%



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ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.
Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN. **IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE 10 IN 10**
If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.
1 Day = 2 Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS
4 children & 2 parents = £1280 (Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days)

4 If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...
2ND TIME
2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280
No discount for early payment
3RD TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

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

Our Federation attendance policy has been updated and will be available to read on the school website over the next week. Attached is a poster with the key headlines.

Achievements out of school:

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

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 Monday and shared in the fortnightly newsletter.

Week 2:

Elm: Oscar Oak: Sophie & Stanley Hazel: Alex Beech: Rowan Little Punnetts: George

Week 3:

Elm: All of Y6 Oak: Mia Oak: Icarus Hazel: Ollie Beech: India Little Punnetts: Teddy

Well done everyone!

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 W5	Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th October	Y4 Residential
	Friday 4 th October	Y3 visit to Young at Heart
T1 W7	Monday 14 th October	Open afternoon from 2.30pm
	Tuesday 15 th & Thursday 17 th October	Parent Consultations – Hazel, Oak & Elm classes
	Wednesday 16 th October	Parent Consultations – Beech class
	Wednesday 16 th & Friday 18 th October	Parent Consultations – Little Punnetts class
	Wednesday 16 th October	Y5/6 Football – details to follow
	Thursday 17 th October	Harvest Celebration – donations collected for Hailsham Foodbank – 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	School mufti day (own clothes/ TV character) in aid of 'Friends' (PTA)
	Friday 25 th October	NHS Flu Vaccinations – details to follow
	Friday 25 th October	8.45am Friends AGM – details to follow
	Friday 25 th October	Last day of term 1
	Saturday 26 th October	Punnett's Town Village Bonfire – see village posters



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Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November – HALF TERM		
T2 W1	Monday 4 th November	INSET – school closed for children
	Tuesday 5 th November	Return to school
	Tuesday 5 th November	Y3/4 Wellie Walk and Anglo Saxon workshop – details to follow
	Friday 8 th November	Friends Disco – details to follow
T2 W2	Friday 15 th November	Y6 visit to Young at Heart
	Friday 15 th November	Children in Need – details to follow
T2 W3	Friday 22 nd November	Children (all year groups) to sing at Heathfield Christmas Lights evening – details to follow
T2 W4	Thursday 28 th November	Decoration morning – 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
	Thursday 12 th December	Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day – details to follow
	Friday 13 th December	Friends Christmas Fun afternoon followed by Christmas Fair – 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 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January – Christmas holidays		
T3	Monday 6 th January	First day of term 3
T3	Thursday 13 th February	Last day of term 3
T3	Friday 14 th February	INSET – school closed for children
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February – Half term		
T4	Monday 24 th February	INSET – school closed for children
T4	Tuesday 25 th February	First day of term 4
T4	Friday 4th April	Last day of term 4
Monday 7 th - Monday 21 st 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 26 th – Friday 30 th 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 23 rd July – Thursday 4 th September – Summer holidays		
T1	Thursday 5 th September	First day of term 1