

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is always a pleasure to write our fortnightly newsletters, because there is always so much to share and celebrate. This week has certainly been busy with our visit from Ofsted at the beginning of this week. We will share the report in due course, once it has been completed and sent to us by Ofsted. Please remember to come to our open afternoon on Monday 14th October to view your child's work and classroom environment in readiness for parent consultations throughout the week. We will start at 2.30pm and parents collecting at 3.15pm will also have time to view books on collection.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Cousins family who have joined Elm and Oak classes this week, we hope you have enjoyed your first week with us.

As you will have seen, if you have been on the back playground, at the end of the school day, the works are well under way to rejuvenate the outside gym area. Friends Chair, Elaine Chaplin, has also met with me to discuss the next steps for the old millennium area. I have attached the poster that has been shared with you, for your reference. We really need your help! Please look at the dates and our potential time line. If you are able to help in any way, please let Mrs Saunders in the office know. Many thanks in advance.

HELP! WANTED

WE WANT YOU NOW

Our school needs you, whether you can give up your time to lend a hand, help with materials or tools or donate towards the cost of works we need you!

Dates of works
01.11.24
09.11.24
16.11.24

Saturday 9th November
• Prepare dig out ground with sand, DPM. Put fence up and install edging for area and path.
Need: Sand, DPM, bricks and helpers

Saturday 16th November
• Install sensory pathway, repair wooden shelter and lay mulch.
Need: Sensory path items, mulch and helpers

WE NEED HELP WITH:

Friday 1st November
• Digging out the area and marking out of the sensory path.
Need: a digger, disposal of soil, helpers.



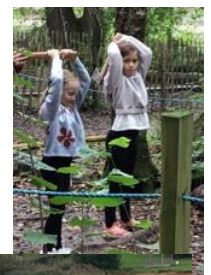
On Thursday the 3rd October, Elm Class took part in an All Rise workshop, very kindly sponsored by Mrs Claire Nash (a solicitor and grandparent). Mr Stewart (a barrister and teacher before founding the All Rise workshop) ran the workshop, which was informative, interactive, and interesting. During the morning, we took part in many activities to develop our understanding of the law and how evidence is found, processed, and used by both the defence and prosecution. The law has to be fair, just, and impartial



and Lady Justice, who sits on top of the Old Bailey is the representation of this: did you know the blindfold represents fairness, the scales represent the weighing up of evidence and the sword represent the punishment? Our day culminated with a trial; Elm Class was transformed into a court, in which we each had a role to play to allow a verdict to be made. Co-written by Charlotte, Levo and Mrs Winter



It was a pleasure to join the Y4's, Mrs Smith and Mrs Curquejo last week on the residential to Bewl Water Reservoir, with Dallington School. This was absolutely amazing! The children were fantastic! They showed great resilience and embraced everything! The exhaustive list of activities and opportunities ranged from Stand up Paddle Boarding, Canoeing, Axe throwing, Archery, Climbing, Games room, visiting the park, making beds and sharing rooms! The children did incredibly well and the centre staff thanked us for our visit reflecting on how polite, focused and tidy the children were. We





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hope the Year 4 parents have enjoyed hearing all about it.

On Friday 4th October, year 3 visited Young at Heart. Not only did the children have an opportunity to read and chat with the members, Frogheath Landscapes had also organised a great activity for all to enjoy. The children were challenged with planting seeds in pots. The children embraced this challenge and worked well with each other and the Young at Heart members. Steve from Frogheath Landscapes was impressed with their efforts, as the children had planted 400 pots by the time our visits came to an end. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit.



Year 1 to year 6 have enjoyed a taster session of rugby with a rugby coach from Heathfield Rugby Club. The children will have another session on Monday 14th October, so please ensure PE kits are in school. This was an opportunity to develop new skills and for possible club links for children to pursue a new club outside of school.

Hazel Class: Hazel class have had a brilliant start to the school year and have been very busy! In English the children have been writing their own dinosaur stories, ensuring they use capital letters and full stops correctly. In maths we have been practicing ordering and comparing numbers. Our geography lessons have been all about the United Kingdom and the children have enjoyed learning lots about the four countries of the UK and their capital cities! In science we have been learning about the human body, particularly the five senses. We have enjoyed taste tests, listening walks and identifying different scents, such as garlic, vanilla and lavender. In art the children have been learning about Paul Klee and have created their own collages this week. In computing we have been learning how to log onto the laptops and use a simple programme to create pictures and add text. The children really enjoyed a rugby taster session this week and always love their forest school mornings and PE lessons. Well done Hazel class, keep up the great work!

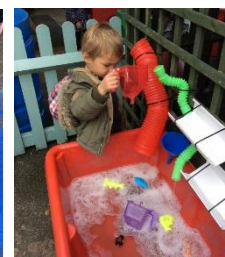


Beech class: Wow! What a few weeks we have had in Beech. The children have settled into school really well. They are learning the routines and are engaging in the class activities with huge enthusiasm and enjoyment. In Maths, we have been matching and sorting and subitising up to 3. We have started our phonics learning and have looked at sounds: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k. We have begun to segment and blend sounds as we begin our reading journey.



Little Punnetts Class: This term the children have had great fun learning about themselves as individuals. We've been exploring different emotions, helping them recognise and express how they feel in various situations. We've also spent time celebrating the special people in their lives fostering an understanding of relationships, empathy, and apperception. It's been lovely to see the children engage in activities. Deeping their emotional awareness and building stronger connections with those around them.

Next week: If you haven't yet secured a **parent consultation time for next week**, please book this





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on Arbor. We look forward to seeing you for these appointments. We also will have our **Harvest celebration** next Thursday. Weather permitting we will walk to the Chapel, during the school day. Due to the capacity of the Chapel, we are unable to invite parents, but we will record each year groups offering and we will post this on Google Classroom. As in previous years we are collecting items for Hailsham Food Bank, items requested are tinned vegetables, tinned meat, toiletries, long life juice, rice, and pasta – please send your donations in from Monday 14th October. In addition if you have any old wellington boots or waterproofs that you can donate to the school as ‘spare’, these would be gratefully received. We have noticed an increase of ‘personal belongings e.g. toys/ cards coming into school, we ask that these items are kept at home and that in school we use the school resources – thank you for your understanding.

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
Week 5	96%	86%	99%	93%	97%	99%	93%	85%	94%
Week 6	92%	96%	98%	99%	98%	96%	96%	91%	96%

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:

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 4:

Elm: Fraser Oak: Ben Hazel: Edi Beech: Jack Little Punnetts: Rose

Week 5:

Elm: Harry Oak: Rose Hazel: Evie Beech: Lenny Little Punnetts: Skye

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 W7	Monday 14 th October	Y1-Y6 Rugby taster sessions during curriculum time
	Monday 14 th October	Open afternoon from 2.30pm
	Tuesday 15 th & Thursday 17 th October	Parent Consultations – Hazel, Oak & Elm classes



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	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
	Thursday 17 th October	Harvest Celebration – donations collected for Hailsham Foodbank
T1 W8	Wednesday 23 rd October	Y5/6 Cross Country at Burwash
	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	Last day of term 1
	Saturday 26 th October	Punnetts Town Village Bonfire – see village posters
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – HALF TERM		
Friday 1st November – Friends working party for outside grounds		
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
	Saturday 9 th November	Friends working party for outside grounds
T2 W2	Thursday 14 th November	3.15pm Friends AGM – details to follow
	Friday 15 th November	Y6 visit to Young at Heart
	Friday 15 th November	Children in Need – details to follow
	Saturday 16 th November	Friends working party for outside grounds
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 23rd December – Friday 3rd 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 17th – Friday 21st 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 4 th April	Last day of term 4



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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