



PTCP&NS Newsletter



Issue 5

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic term! The last eight weeks have flown by and have certainly been filled with lots of fun and learning. The new reception and nursery pupils have settled so well into school and it has been great seeing their confidence grow and the familiarity of school being so natural.

Thank you so much for taking time to meet your child's class teacher over the last few weeks, this is an important link between home and school which helps all children feel settled, safe and ready to learn.



This week the children from Reception through to Year 6 enjoyed a school house morning. As you know your child will be in a house team (green, blue, yellow and red). Throughout the school year we have house mornings or afternoons where the children work from across the school collaboratively on a team project. This week the focus was learning about Guy Fawkes and making a guy for the Punnett's Town Bonfire celebration; which is tomorrow (Saturday 26th October) on the field opposite the school. The guys are all wearing the house colours, I hope you can spot them at the event!



Harvest Celebration: It was wonderful to walk the school to Heathfield Chapel for our annual Harvest celebration. The poems, information, and singing were delightful. Teachers have added videos to Google Classroom and Tapestry, which we hope you enjoy. Thank you for your kind donations of tinned and dried foods, collectively these weighed 83kg. Hailsham food bank and we as a school extend our thanks for your generosity.



Forest School:

Forest School has been packed this term for pupils in years 1, 2, 5 & 6. The children have continued enjoying being outside and learning in a very practical way. The children have helped clear areas and prepare beds for planting. They have also remade the bug hotel just in time for the cooler weather! The mud kitchen continues to be a firm favourite alongside the game



'Eagle Eye' for all of the children! They have also enjoyed carving pumpkins, creating conker characters and making bows. The natural environment really helps and supports all children during their busy school days. Next term Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and 4 will all have their time on Wednesdays.





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Rugby: It was wonderful to welcome Trevor Young into school to lead rugby taster sessions for all pupils from year 1 to year 6. The children really enjoyed learning the principles and skills involved in the game. Trevor is a coach at Heathfield & Waldron RFC. If anyone would like to play rugby out of school please go along, on Sunday mornings at 9.30am to the Heathfield club and find out more.



Football: Ten Year 6 boys, one Year 6 girl, 4 Year 5 girls and 2 Year 4 girls represented our school at the HASP football tournament last Wednesday. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we hope you like the look of our new kit. The weather was kind, but the children were kinder: they supported each other, motivated each other, organised their positions and were respectful to the opposition regardless of the outcome. The boys' team came 5th out of 9 Schools, winning 6, drawing 1 and losing 1; the girls came 4th following a sterling performance. It was a privilege for Mrs Jones and Mrs Winter to be able to be there to witness such sportsmanship.



Cross Country: For the first time in 22 years the weather has unfortunately stopped the first official round of the Cross Country event. Luckily the very keen cross country runners were able to run their race at school. The times of each runner have now been entered into the next round and we await to hear if any of them qualify, alongside the rest of the HASP runners, to compete in the next planned event at Beacon Academy. Well done to all of the runners.

Y1 and Y2 Federation Day: Thank you for supporting our Dino Day at Dallington this week. The children and staff had a superb day enjoying and learning all about Dinosaurs. There was a huge variety of activities and the children became paleontologist's searching for dinosaur fossils. The children enjoyed meeting dinosaurs at the end of the day!



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 7	93%	97%	87%	99%	99%	93%	100%	89%	95%
Week 8	96%	82%	98%	100%	100%	99%	98%	94%	97%



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We will continue to report on weekly attendance in our newsletters and hope that our school target of 96% will be achieved this year. At the end of each term I complete a termly analysis of each child's attendance data. If your child's attendance has fallen below 90%, and therefore classed as persistently absent, I will write to you in the new term, to highlight this to you with the aim of improving overall attendance throughout term 2.

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 to Erin who swam representing Lewes swimming club. Erin competed in the under 9's 100m freestyle race finishing 2nd in her race and 7th overall. She then swam 50m backstroke and finished 4th in her race and 8th overall. Well done Erin!



Congratulations to George who has made it through to the next round of the County football trials. George was asked to compete by his All Stars football team. George played against 60/70 other players and was selected to be in the top 12, taking him through to the next round! Well done and good luck in the next stage.

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 6:

Elm: Ethan Oak: Harrison Hazel: Charlotte Beech: Kit Little Punnetts: Neve

Week 7:

Elm: Levo Oak: Emily Hazel: Sam Beech: All of Beech class Little Punnetts: Verity

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
	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
	Tuesday 5 th November	Y5/6 at Dallington – Federation author day
	Friday 8 th November	Friends Disco
	Saturday 9 th November	Friends working party for outside grounds
T2 W2	Wednesday 13 th November	Cross County Final at Beacon Academy – details to follow
	Thursday 14 th November	3.15pm Friends AGM – details to follow
	Friday 15 th November	Y6 visit to Young at Heart



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	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
T2 W4	Thursday 28 th November	Decoration morning – details to follow
T2 W5	Tuesday 3 rd December	Y5/6 Christmas Carol Concert
	Wednesday 4 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Carol Concert
	Friday 6 th December	Elfridges – 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	Y1/2 Wellie walk – 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
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