

Issue 7

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The outside space continues to evolve and provides a super new space which everyone is enjoying! The opening of the new outside gym was well received by all pupils on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Since then it has certainly been a hive of activity which children and staff are greatly enjoying. The additional space continues to be carefully constructed by Mr Farley and Mr Lavender.

**Friends Disco:** Thank you to Friends and all of the parents able to help and supervise the school discos. Each disco was carefully matched to the age of the children, who all certainly had a fantastic time! Thank you.



**Children in Need:** A wonderful fund raising day was organised by our great School Council. Children all wore their own clothes, some with spots and stripes. The children and staff offered face painting and of course there was a cake sale. Thank you for your generosity, we were able to raise a whopping £251.81. Thank you



**Beech:** Beech class have been learning about Space this term. We have been finding out about astronauts and what they eat and drink in space. We tasted some space food ourselves; ice cream, strawberries and bananas, which most of us liked. We found out what they wear ready for a space adventure and how they sleep! We have looked at pictures of the International Space Station.

This week, we have enjoyed investigating and exploring in the ice and snow although we did get cold very quickly.

We continue to practise our phonics sounds and are beginning to be able to segment and blend simple words to read them. Our maths lessons continue as we match, sort and count to find out



how many objects there are altogether. We are beginning



to understand cardinality – the last number that we count tells us ‘how many’ things there are altogether in a set of objects.



**Elm:** This term, on the first day back, we were lucky enough to have a Federation day with Dallington. We had a workshop with an author called Ann Bryant. Before she arrived we had fun playing with words: we created short poems, in groups of four,





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and then we had to read them to the whole class - it was very funny. When Anne Bryant arrived she read a chapter from her new book 'The Rock' and from there she went on to make a story with us. We had to generate words to do with silence at various points and she told the story using our words. We then made up a song about imaginary planets to the tune of 'What Shall we do with a Drunken Sailor' – Ann played the piano and we sang our made up song. In the afternoon, we edited our poems and enjoyed a session using the VR headsets.



Year 6 visited Young at Heart and enjoyed sharing their books and then worked with the club members and Steve, from Frog Heath Nursery, to repot reduced plants in the hope they will go forth and thrive. We have one in the class, one at home and we will see which environment produces the healthiest plant and will compare these with the ones Steve is nurturing. We ended the afternoon with a game of bingo, which is always enjoyable.

Written by Joey; assisted by Toby, Ethan and Mrs Winter



**Cross Country:** Well done to our Cross Country team who joined the Wealden area of schools in the second round of the cross country at Beacon Academy, Crowborough. As always the team represented our school impeccably with Mrs Sands. They all ran showing great resilience and determination, managing to complete the course; well done! I am delighted to share that we have 4 runners who will now go onto the next stage in Crawley in March. Well done to Charlotte, who finished in 17<sup>th</sup> position in the girls race. Then to Henry, finishing in 13<sup>th</sup> place, Toby in 18<sup>th</sup> and George in 19<sup>th</sup>! We look forward to tracking your progress in March.

**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 2	99%	93%	99%	98%	99%	100%	99%	97%	98%
Week 3	95%	100%	100%	85%	99%	98%	98%	89%	96%



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## 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 Daisy who competed with her Irish dance school – ACE Academy at a recent event. In the teams ‘Show Dance’ they finished 1<sup>st</sup>! Daisy accumulated many other medals on the same day – 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 Monday and shared in the fortnightly newsletter.

### Week 1 & 2:

Elm: Rhys Oak: Fearne Hazel: Orla Beech: Zephyr Little Punnetts: Phoebe

Elm: Evelyn Oak: Henry Hazel: Tommy Beech: Cody Little Punnetts: Ada

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
T2 W3	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Children (all year groups) to sing at Heathfield Christmas Lights evening
T2 W4	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Decoration morning and Christmas Jumpers – details to follow
T2 W5	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Post Box in Library
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Y5/6 Christmas Carol Concert
	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Christmas Carol Concert
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Elfridges
T2 W6	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery & Reception Christmas performance – details to follow
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day – details to follow
	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/2 Wellie walk – details to follow
	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends Christmas Fun afternoon followed by Christmas Fair – details to follow
T2 W7	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas performance – details to follow
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch day
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas parties – details to follow
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Christmas holidays</b>		
T3	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term 3
T3	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Last day of term 3</b>





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T3	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>INSET – school closed for children</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half term</b>		
T4	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>INSET – school closed for children</b>
T4	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>First day of term 4</b>
T4	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term 4
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter holiday</b>		
T5	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	First day of term 5
T5 W3	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School closed
T5 W4	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
T5 W5	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photographs
T5	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Last day of term 5
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half term</b>		
T6	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	First day of term 6
T6 W3	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (Reserve date 27.6.24)
T6 W6	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Production
T6 W7	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
T6	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term 6
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Summer holidays</b>		
T1	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of term 1