



PTC&NS Newsletter



Issue 10

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2025, I hope you enjoyed your Christmas break. Please can I extend all of our thanks for the Christmas wishes, cards and gifts, this was very kind of you. All staff have returned from a positive break and are enjoying our new term.

What a busy start it has been! Our whole school theme for this term is Explorers. The teachers have sent home learning menus for children in Reception through to year 6. Please take time to look at this document and build in opportunities at home to reinforce learning, this will help your child and the progress they make in school.

The snow and ice certainly tested our return to school. Thank you to the swift responses from staff and then the support of parents to ensure we remained open and able to keep everyone safe. As always we aim to inform parents around 7am, so please make sure you are checking Arbor in case of any possible changes.



It was great to welcome 'Outside the box productions', to perform our yearly pantomime to the whole school. This year it was the



story of Dick Whittington. The 3 actors were phenomenal in their ability to lead the story, with many costume and character changes throughout. The acting, humour and singing were great and certainly inspired the children. Thank you to Friends for funding the production and the wonderful pots of ice cream that were shared.



Toby and the year 6 children enjoyed leading an intra school competition this week of 'rock, paper, scissors.' This was a great success encouraging social and tactical skills which were employed by all. The children really enjoyed the event and was a great child led initiative. Through the complex rounds in each house the winners were Elle, Stanley, Della and Mila; all from Oak class! These children then represented their house in the semi and then final. The overall winner was Stanley! Well done and thank you for a great display of fun, tactics and support.



This term we have a focus on food waste. Our Eco Council, also known as our Zero Waste Heroes are working closely with a Chartwells representative to monitor and hopefully reduce the amount of waste that is produced. We will share our progress across the term.

The Eco Council would also like to encourage you to take part in the Big Bird Watch next weekend. This is next weekend 24.1.25 – 26.1.25. You are encouraged to watch in your garden for an hour and record how many birds land. More information can be found at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>



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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%.

We have regular monitoring visits from the Local Authority, who have already visited this term. They were pleased with the school's attendance and noted the priority this holds at Punnetts Town. Thank you for working so hard with us to ensure we continue to sustain good attendance – it really has a positive impact.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	School overall
Week 1	89.5%	84.4%	97.3%	94.4%	98.1%	98.8%	95%	90%	94.2%
Week 2	97.2%	100%	90%	98.6%	99.4%	97.5%	98.8%	88.6%	96.1%

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 Joey! Joey jumped his first show with his new pony Mavis and won both of his classes for Punnetts Town by over 3 seconds in each class! Joey has now qualified for the National Championships at Felbridge – good luck!



Well done to Millie, who had her first ever schools show representing Punnetts Town and was placed 4th from a big field with her pony Barney. What a fantastic start to competition level, as Millie also qualified for the National Championship at Felbridge – good luck!

Well done to Erin who has been selected by the Lewes swimming team to compete at the Brighton swimming meet – good luck, we look forward to hearing all about it.

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 Thursday and shared in the fortnightly newsletter.

Week 2:

Elm: Toby Oak: Aria Hazel: Eleanor Beech: Arlo Little Punnetts: Ada

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

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

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
Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January – Christmas holidays		
T3 W3	Wednesday 22 nd January	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics at HCC
T3 W4	Tuesday 28 th January	Nursery & Reception wellie walk



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T3 W5	Wednesday 5 th February	Y5/6 Netball at HCC – details to follow
T3 W6	Thursday 13 th February	Last day of term 3
	Friday 14 th February	INSET – school closed for children
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – Half term		
T4 W1	Monday 24 th February	INSET – school closed for children
	Tuesday 25 th February	First day of term 4
	Wednesday 26 th February	Forest school for Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and Year 4
	Wednesday 26 th February	Y5 and Y6 swimming for 6 weeks every Wednesday
	Friday 28 th February	Year 1 to visit Young at Heart – details to follow
T4 W2	Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day – details to follow
T4 W3	Wednesday 12 th March	Y5/6 Big Dance at HCC – details to follow
T4 W4	Tuesday 18 th March	CLASS+ Coffee morning at school – details to follow
	Thursday 20 th March	Y2 Little Sing – details to follow
T4 W4/5	Friday 21 st March – Wednesday 26 th March	Book Fair – details to follow
T4 W5	Tuesday 25 th March	Reception to visit Young at Heart – details to follow
	Wednesday 26 th March	Y5/6 Tag Rugby at Heathfield Rugby club – details to follow
	Thursday 27 th March	Cross Country final – runners parents notified
T4 W6	W/C Monday 31 st March	Reports sent to parents in Y1 – Y6
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
	Wednesday 7 th May	Y3/4 Tennis at Cross in Hand Tennis club – details to follow
	Thursday 8 th May	VE Day 80 th Anniversary celebrations – details to follow
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 2 nd June	First day of term 6
T6 W3	Friday 20 th June	Sports Day (Reserve date 27.6.24)
T6 W5	W/C Monday 30 th June	Reports sent to parents in Nursery & Reception
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 4 th September	First day of term 1