



Penshurst Parent Teacher Association

SUMMER 2024

Wishing Everyone a Very Happy Holidays

What a busy summer term it has been! We should start where we left off at Easter with a huge thank you for the epic sponsorship that came in for the Ultimate Egg Race. Over £1,300 - an incredible amount of fundraising.

This is symptomatic of how generous everyone has been throughout the year. We have raised a phenomenal sum and it takes us much closer to purchasing new interactive whiteboards for all the classrooms, as well as allowing us to contribute to school trips, curriculum materials and Relax Kids.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in the many activities we have been a part of this term. Summer season is most definitely fete season and it was brilliant to have so many of the school community involved in our village fete.

Please add the dates we have highlighted on page 3 of this newsletter to your diaries. There is much to look forward to, as well as fundraising initiatives such as Bag2School - a good prompt for a back-to-school clear-out of clothes and teddies.

Do sign up to easyfundraising (p.4) if you haven't already: over £2,000 has been raised for our PTA through this platform since we registered with it. At no cost to any participant.

So ends this academic year. We wish all the Y6 leavers the very best for their next steps on the education journey. We sign off with a huge thank you to the amazing staff team for all you do for our children at our wonderful school.

Total Fundraising in 2023/24 Academic Year:

• **£16,214**

Events, activities & donations

PTA funding in 2023/24:

• **£10,060**

Field drainage & daily mile path

• **£3,932**

5 x replacement staff laptops

• **£2,000**

School trips

• **£1,188**

Teaching book inserts

• **£1,000**

Curriculum reading books

• **£625**

School grounds planting

• **£126**

KS2 First Aid course

PTA Pledges for 2024/25 Academic Year:

• **>£5,000**

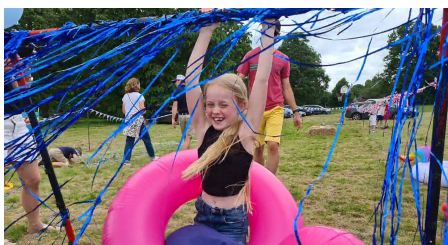
**PLUS saving for 4 x new
interactive whiteboards**

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What we've been up to this term



Penshurst Village Fete was a tremendous day with sun and a huge crowd. School families provided a fabulous number of volunteers...thank you all! Special thanks to Martha (Y6) and Sadie (OG) who made beautiful bracelets to sell for the PTA. We raised £185 from these, the Stocks and the exceptionally fun "Penshurst Eliminator". A huge shout of thanks to the fete committee who donated £400 to the PTA by way of thanks for our running of the tea tent.



Cowden Village Fete in contrast was a soggy one - despite being just one week after Penshurst. Still people turned out and William (Y6) and Zachary (Y3) did a wonderful job with their biscuit decorating stand. Next year we would like to offer to help run a stand at this fete since Cowden does not have a school. This will enable us to apply for a charitable donation for our school. We hope any families living in Cowden will get involved.



Sports Day Ice Creams we were blessed with good weather this year - it always helps! What a happy morning followed by the relaxed picnic lunch. An afternoon of Sportacus' mini-Olympics ensured some well exercised children. The PTA were delighted to reward all the children's great efforts with a choice of ice cream or ice lolly at the end of the day. Nothing says summer quite like a choc ice!



Summer Craft produced some of the best results of any in-school project the PTA have yet carried out, in our humble opinion. We hope that your child's self-portrait or family drawing now has pride of place on your mantelpiece. There were some incredibly generous donations for the pictures and we look forward to supporting Relax Kids in a material way as a result. Thank you for your purchases.



Summer Coffee Morning was brilliantly attended and we hope you were as impressed as we were by the art gallery of family portraits. The musical performances from Elm, Beech and Oak added to the wonderful sense of occasion. It was a very happy way to round off another school year and had the added bonus of raising well over £800 (including the sale of the pictures). A brilliant result.



Friends of Penshurst School and the PTA have been exploring the idea of a merger since January. Both committees feel there are great advantages to be had from creating a "PTFA". We share a common goal of supporting our school and this will reduce admin burden and deepen the pool of volunteers keen to help our school. There will be a vote at the PTA AGM to approve the merger.

Upcoming events



Penshurst Duck Races

Monday 26th August:
12-3pm in church field by the river. Come along & support this quirky village event.



School Grounds Tidy-Up

Sunday 8th September: our Parent Army getting the grounds spick & span for the year ahead. Please join us!



School Craft Sessions

w/c Monday 16th September: straight back into Christmas card making. Your child's design will be available to buy.



Walk Tonbridge Marathon

Sunday 22nd September: three PTA members are taking part in this event for Tonbridge Sustain. We will be fundraising for our PTA as well as other charitable causes close to our hearts. Please support us!



PTA AGM

Monday 30th September: please join us for a summary of this year and our plans for the year ahead. We will also be voting to approve the merger with Friends of Penshurst School. 8pm in the School Hall - hope to see you there.



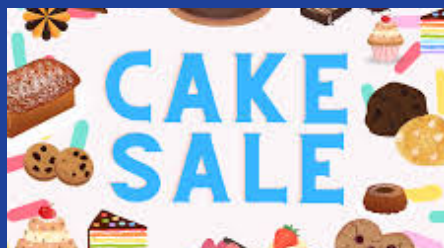
Friends of Penshurst Quiz

Friday 4th October: a highlight of the autumn term with this wonderful evening run by the Friends to raise money for our school. Start getting your team together - maybe this will be the year that we form class teams?!



Bag2School Collection

Monday 7th October: clothes, shoes, handbags, jewellery, belts, teddies - if you're having a clear out please bag these up and bring into school by 4/10.



Autumn Cake Sale

Friday 18th October: this year we will be running cake sales by classes. Oak gets to go first! We look forward to sampling some treats baked by our years 5 & 6.



Bonfire Night

Saturday 26th October: we hope you will join us for our fireworks extravaganza. Please encourage friends and family to come along. This is our main fundraiser of the year.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Second-hand uniform is always a winner - particularly the rate that some of the children go through jumpers! Not to mention the preference for painting themselves rather than paper in art classes! In addition to uniform, we also collect any unwanted/outgrown fancy dress costumes - including book characters or general dressing-up accessories. We hope these will be a well-used resource at future World Book Days. [CLICK HERE](#) for access to the sales site.

Please contact Madds Jenner if you have any donations:
madds.jenner@btopenworld.com



HOW YOU CAN HELP



DONATIONS

If you would like to donate a one-off sum to help support the school then please follow the link below.

[DONATE HERE](#)

You can also make donations direct to the PTA bank account or to the school (contact Mrs Elliott)

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Voluntary Fund
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£2,054.67 raised to date for the PTA



YOUR TIME

Do get involved - new faces are ALWAYS welcome! The next meeting is our AGM, where we will also be voting on the proposed merger with the Friends of Penshurst School.

8pm on Monday 30th September in the School Hall - please come along to hear what we're planning and voice your thoughts.

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Useful contacts



Your Class Reps for 2024/25



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