



# Penshurst Parent Teacher Association

WINTER 2024

## Happy Christmas One & All!

Wow! What a long term it has been and the PTA are so grateful for your engagement from start to finish. We are well aware that we commenced Christmas VERY early with the Christmas card in-school craft sessions. We do this as it allows us to receive a greater donation from the card company for any orders placed.

But never fear, there was still festive spirit in abundance amongst all our volunteers at last week's Secret Present Room and the Christmas Party! It was a truly special day and we were delighted that all the children took part. We also supported the Mayor's Toy Appeal and gave gifts to those children in the area who are unlikely to receive presents this Christmas.

Bonfire Night was a wonderful success this year with the weather turning kind at the last minute. An army of people make this event possible - we hope you saw the detailed thanks to all those involved in the last village magazine. We await some match funding donations from volunteers' employers but have definitely broken the £5,000 profit mark. Amazing! Huge thanks also to Penshurst Fuels for their very generous sponsorship.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in all that the PTA have offered this term. Our school community is a phenomenally active one, with so many people giving a great deal of support. And of course a huge thanks to the amazing staff at our school who constantly help our children achieve so much, culminating in this week's wonderful Nativity and Carol Service.

The PTA wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas holidays.

## PTA Pledges for 2024/25 Academic Year:

- £2,000 - School Trips
- £1,500 - Relax Kids
- £1,250 - Book Inserts
- c.£500 - World Book Day "Surprise"!

## Plus:

**We are awaiting final pricing but are confident we now have sufficient funds for new interactive whiteboards in all the classrooms before the end of this academic year!**

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# Activities this term...



**School Craft Sessions** got underway in the 3rd week back at school. All the children made fabulous Christmas card designs and for those who ordered them, we hope you have enjoyed your child's artwork. This initiative raised around £150 for our school this year and was a great deal of fun to boot.



**Walk Tonbridge Marathon** took place on 22nd September and five parents took part, raising money for four charities, including our school PTA. The team raised almost £3,900 in total, meaning over £900 for our school. Despite iffy weather conditions, they had a lot of fun and the incredible support made every blister worth it!



**Bag2School** was, this year, disappointing as the collection company dropped their rate from 50p to 20p/kg - in the week prior to collection. The price pressure is due to a number of geopolitical reasons. We therefore only received £58 for what is a laborious task. We are unlikely to take part in 2025 unless the rate rises again.



**Autumn Cake Sale** took place on the final day of the first term and was ably hosted by Oak class. The spread of treats available was simply amazing and everyone was able to go away with a great deal of cake! Oak raised a terrific £232 from the sale which is a wonderful amount when you consider the size of our school. Thank you so much to all the children who played a part in the baking and the selling of this wonderful spread of delicious-ness!



**Bonfire Night** at the start of half term was a great success. The weather was ultimately kind and we drew a capacity crowd from far beyond our village. Feedback has been really positive with the smaller feel of the event coupled with sensational fireworks and a bonfire the size of the Eiffel Tower (almost!) making for a fabulous night out. Thank you to the team who makes this happen and Penshurst Fuels for their incredibly generous sponsorship of the event.



**School Christmas!** took place on 13th December with Secret Present Room, festive own clothes day and the Christmas party. Every aspect was joyful. Thanks to Madds for selling wreaths on behalf of the PTA, raising a marvellous £267. Thank you also Penshurst Place for the generous donation of a beautiful tree that has graced the hall through December, and lovely books for all the children. SPR raised just shy of £1,000 for our school which is amazing.

# ...forthcoming events



## Winter Cake Sale

**Friday 31st January:** Beech class is up next, following in the mighty footsteps of Oak! What better way to reward the modesty that always accompanies January than with some delicious cakes! We look forward to sampling your baking Beech.



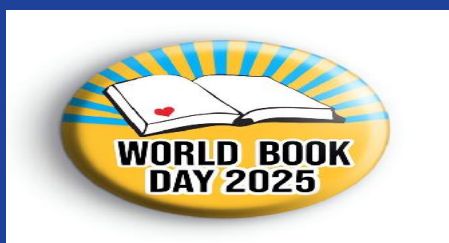
## Friends of Penshurst Coffee Morning

**Friday 7th February:** The Friends of Penshurst School host a wonderful coffee morning alongside members of Oak class, who put on a variety of fun games for guests to play. Parents are very welcome and most definitely encouraged to come along.



## Harriers Half Marathon

**Sunday 23rd February:** For the last few years we have helped steward the Harriers half marathon through the village. This is super fun and the Harriers running club have been incredibly generous in their support for our school by return. If you can help for a few hours then please contact Hayley Bareham.



## World Book Day

**Thursday 6th March:** Always a very happy school day and one where the PTA like to play a role in running the book swap. This year we are also supporting financially and we look forward to hearing more about what is planned for this year's activities. Remember we have some donated dressing up outfits so do look online for filling any costume gaps.



## Spring Cake Sale

**Friday 28th March:** Two months to draw breath and then Elm will be up for what is guaranteed to be some spring-like, Easter-influenced treats. Expect chicks, eggs and tastiness galore! One way to brighten up an otherwise dark winter is to ensure two cake sales in the space of one long term!



## Easter Activities

**Friday 4th April:** the final day of term 4 will involve our usual Easter egg hunt for all the children. In the last two years we have also run a sponsored, Easter-themed event. We are currently debating whether to leave this for a year but will be keeping you updated in any event as to what we have planned!

# Ways to support us



## 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 Mads Jenner if you have any donations:  
[mads.jenner@btopenworld.com](mailto:mads.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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### YOUR TIME

Do get involved - new faces are ALWAYS welcome! The next meeting is on **Friday 10th January** at school (3.20pm). We try to have a few meetings each year with Mrs Elliott as they always give a helpful insight into the areas where the PTA can lend greatest support. Please note, children cannot come to this meeting.

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# Useful contacts



## Your Class Reps for 2024/25



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## PTA Committee

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*Some of your PTA team at work*

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