

Penshurst CE Primary School





Welcome to Penshurst CE Primary School

As Headteacher at Penshurst CE Primary I have a responsibility to keep the school, local and wider communities as safe as I possibly can. This means that we are currently unable to hold events that would bring larger numbers of people into the school. I am sure you will understand that – although we would love to – we are not able to give you and your family a tour when the school day is in full-swing. However, we are currently exploring 1:1 tours after school – Mrs Bennett will be able to give further details (01892 870446 or kbennett@penshurst.kent.sch.uk). We will also be holding three virtual meetings that will give you a chance to ask questions of myself and my Early Years team.

We are therefore doing all we can to give you a flavour of the school from the comfort of your home. This presentation will give you an overview of our school vision, values and ethos. I hope it will provide you with a better understanding of what is important to us as a school and what we are able to offer your child as a young learner.

Sitting alongside this presentation will be a further presentation from my Early Years Team who have put together a taste of what it is like to be in Penshurst's Foundation Stage.

As a small school we are able to have a good understanding of each and every pupil in the school. As Headteacher, I pride myself on knowing each child and their family. I take time to get to know them and find out about their interests and how we can support these in school.

The idea of 'walking in the shoes of others' is one that I feel strongly about. I want every pupil in the school to have the opportunity to look at life from the viewpoint of someone else and to demonstrate empathy, kindness and compassion.

In 2019 I ran the London Marathon to demonstrate to the children that with hard work and determination you can achieve your dreams. That sense of achievement is one of the proudest moments in my life and I take every opportunity to tell people what I achieved because it wasn't easy but I gritted my teeth and did it!

I hope that every child at Penshurst leaves with that same sense of achievement and pride in their efforts.

I look forward to telling you more about Penshurst and what a great place it is to grow and learn.

Living Well Together



OFSTED Inspection July 2017—
Good judgement

SIAMS (Church of England)
Inspection - Good Judgement

Living Well Together – Learning and Growing With God

Our School Vision

At Penshurst CE Primary School we support our pupils to be good Samaritans who walk in the shoes of others; our Christian Values promote living life in its fullness. We prioritise the well-being of our school community and encourage our pupils to feel comfortable with who they are.

Our curriculum inspires all to have a love of life-long learning and to strive for excellence.

Friendship	Be friendly to others and use kind hands and kind words.
Compassion	Think about other people when they are sad. Be thankful for what we have and treat others the way we want to be treated.
Determination	Keep trying – don't say 'can't' say 'can'.
Courage	Face our fears and try and do the right thing

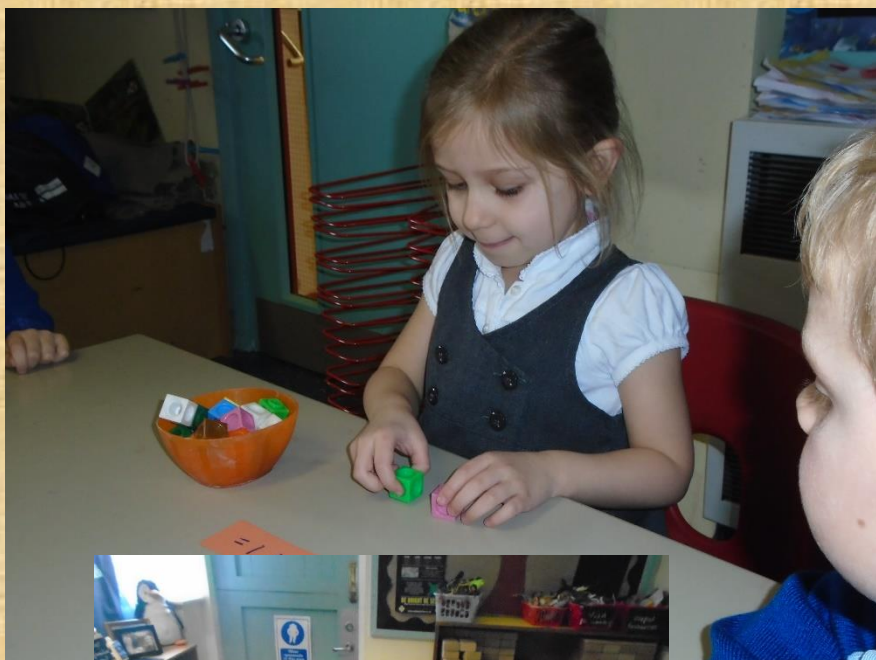


Compassion 	Compassion We will offer help to people who need our help. We will always look out for people on the buddy bench. By being kind and friendly we will make new friends.
Courage	Courage We will try and face our fears and keep going even when things are hard.
Friendship 	Friendship We will include everyone and we will be nice to everyone we meet. We will say 'would you like to play with me?'. We will use kind hands and hearts. We will chose kindness and respect.
Determination 	Determination We will always try our best and never give up. We are determined to have a positive attitude and we will take pride in our work. We will keep going even if things get hard.



Our School Community work together to make our school a great place to be.





‘Leaders rightly place the safety and well-being of pupils at the heart of their work, and there is a strong culture of safeguarding.’ OFSTED 2017



Since becoming headteacher of the school in January 2017 you have wasted no time in sharpening the ambition of the school. You have your finger on the pulse of the school, know its strengths and areas for improvement, and have identified the right areas to prioritise. You have focused unwaveringly on raising the levels of expectations of what pupils can achieve and improving the quality of teaching. Where it has been necessary, you have successfully challenged underperformance. OFSTED 2017

'be kind to your mind'

The much-valued sense of community and caring remain central to the school and its work. One parent commented, 'Penshurst school has a wonderful ethos.'



Well-being and mental health are a priority at Penshurst CE Primary

Art Installation 'Walking in the Shoes of others'

Reflection Garden



Values Tree

Christian Distinctiveness



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