

Term 1 Week 1

Friday 8th September 2023

PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear parents

Welcome,



I am very pleased to welcome you all to the new academic year.

I hope that you have all had a restful summer and plenty of time to spend doing things you enjoy with friends and family.

A special welcome to those who are new to the school – I am confident your child will soon settle into school life and enjoy their time here. At Penshurst we pride ourselves on being welcoming and friendly to all our school community; please ask a member of staff if you have questions.

Welcome also to our new members of staff: Ms Earnshaw, who will be working across the school supporting our learners and Mrs Subhan who is working in the office two mornings each week.

For this academic year we have had a change of some classrooms and teachers have been working very hard over the break to make each classroom a great place to learn – they look amazing. Next week each class has a Curriculum Meeting – this is a great opportunity to hear about the curriculum your child/children are learning – and a chance to see their classroom first hand.

Over the summer break the school field has undergone some work to improve the drainage. The pathway around the field has also been repaired and a new surface laid – this will make such a difference to our playtimes and the wider school use of the area. Many thanks to our fantastic PTA for funding this – a special mention to Amy Pay who raised over £1000 of the funds. I am sure that the work will enable us to use the field more during the winter months. Thanks also go to Georgina Stober who co-ordinated the project. A great team effort. Pictures to follow next week.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Stars of the Week are awarded to children who have reached 'gold' on their class 'Going for Gold' chart.

This means they have demonstrated the school's vision by being a 'good Samaritan' or one of the school's Christian values:

Friendship, Compassion, Courage & Determination
Maple Class

This week Mrs Williams selected all the children in her class as they have settled into school so well; they all showed great **courage**.

Elm Class

Year 1

Harrison for demonstrating determination and a positive attitude to learning.

Year 2

Elliot for showing kindness to younger pupils in the class as well as being hardworking.

Beech Class

Year 3

Noelle for showing friendship to her classmates and working hard.

Year 4

Luca for giving his all to his work and doing his best at all times

Oak Class

Year 5

George for demonstrating a positive attitude and great determination in all his work this week.

Year 6

Oscar was given the award for working hard and showing great enthusiasm in all his work.

Pupils reaching 'Gold' this week

Lily, Joseph, Fred, Poppy, Freddie, Hugo, Florence, Harrison, Tabby, Freida, Nate, Elliot, Elwyn, Imogen Layla, Theo, George, Noelle, Luca, Ava-Grace, Leo, Oscar & Barney

Jimmy, Henry, George, Emily, Ava, Martha, Jack E, Harriet, Jack H, Tatum, Oscar & Chloe

Curriculum Meetings

An opportunity to learn about the curriculum your child/children will be learning.

Maple Class (Reception)

Monday 11th September

Elm Class (Year 1 & 2)

Wednesday 13th September

Beech Class (Year 3 & 4)

Friday 15th September

Oak Class (Year 5 & 6)

Tuesday 12th September

Meetings start at 2.45pm and will finish before the end of the school day



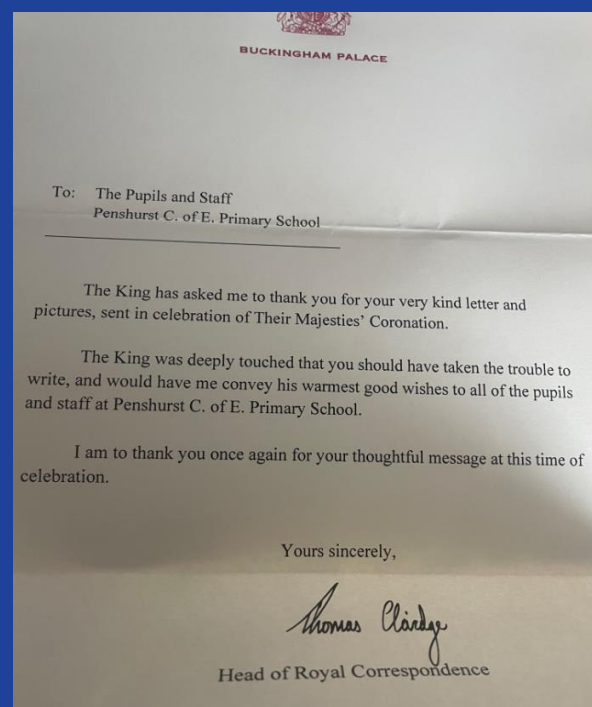
The Friends of Penshurst School will be holding their annual Quiz Night on Friday 6th October 2023. This will be held in the School Hall. Further details to follow. Save the date it is always a great evening and last year's quiz was a sell out!

Letter from the King and Queen

Back at the time of the Coronation, the children who are now in Year 1 wrote to the King and sent him a selection of pictures. They designed hats that might be fitting for a King on his Coronation.

This week we received a very special letter from Buckingham Palace thanking us for the writing and sending the pictures. It was a lovely surprise and very proud to have a personal letter from the Palace.

There was also a very lovely card signed by the King and Queen. We will be creating a display in school to showcase our royal recognition. Many thanks go to Mrs Poole for creating the work with the children.



During this spell of hot weather please ensure you child has the correct protection.



Well done everyone for getting through the first week – have a lovely weekend.

Sue Elliott,
Headteacher

DIARY DATES



Prospective Parent

Tours for September 24-25 intake

26th September 2-3pm

5th October 10-11am

17th October 2-3pm

Harvest Festival (St John the Baptist Church, Penshurst)

Thursday 28th September 2023 at 9.30am

INSET Day

Friday 20th October 2023

Last Day of Term 1 19th October

Term 2 Starts Monday 30th October 2023.