



PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents

THIS WEEK'S NEWS



Dear Parents,
I hope you had a great summer and that you and your children are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

The team here at Penshurst have their batteries recharged and are now in full swing. We welcome two new teachers: Mrs Meadows, who is working with Mrs Hamill to teach Beech Class and Mrs Pollington, who is working alongside Mrs Foy to teach Elm Class. There will be an opportunity to meet our new teachers at the class meetings that will take place next week. I would like to extend a warm welcome to them.

Welcome also to our new starters in Maple Class – they have all done brilliantly with the big step of starting school. We also have new pupils across the school; welcome to Aurora, Amelie, Eva and Elle-Rose.

The office team and I have been working hard to put together dates for the coming term and beyond, our aim is to give you as much notice as possible of the dates and times of events in school or linked to the school. Please look out for an email next week and use the school website calendar as a way of reminding yourself of any key dates.

Kind regards,
Sue Elliott, Headteacher.

Going for Gold

At Penshurst we have a positive behaviour strategy called 'Going for Gold' pupil start on green and are moved to silver and then gold if they demonstrate our Christian values and vision. Teachers then select their Star of the Week from those pupils who have reached gold.

This week's pupils reaching gold are:

- Elm Class:** Harrison, Leo, Raffy, Thea, Ffion, Fergus, Inara, Alina, Amelie, Annie, Annabelle, Tilly and Gabriel
Beech Class: Imogen, Bunnirose, Noelle, Elwyn, Freida, Max, Lilly & Hattie
Oak Class: George, Isla, Tilly, Emily, Tatum, Raphael, Sammy, Eva & Elle-Rose

STARS OF THE WEEK



Maple Class

Deni for his positive attitude and embracing coming to school with enthusiasm



Elm Class

*Teddy for working very hard and great enthusiasm for learning
Isabelle for coming back confident and ready to learn – and making great progress with her reading*

Beech Class

*Imogen for being a great communicator and working hard
Bunnirose again for great communication and a positive learning attitude*

Oak Class

*Luca for demonstrating the value of compassion and supporting our younger pupils
George for having a brilliant 'can do' attitude to maths.*

Two photos this weeks as our youngest pupils had their Star of the Week celebration in their classroom.



Parking – Final Plea

Currently parents are permitted to use the Forge Stores car park at drop-off and pick-up times. The agreement is that parents can use the car-park for a **10 minute window** so that it does not impact other customers wishing to park and go to the shop.

If you are currently using the car-park for **more than 10 minutes** please ensure you park somewhere else (High Street/Penshurst Road). I have recently supplied all parents with a map and information relating to alternative parking. If parents are not able to work within this framework then I believe the option to park in Forge Stores carpark will be withdrawn.

Parking issues are taking up a considerable amount of my time and not enhancing our relationship with others in the community. Thank you in advance for co-operating with this request.

Class Meetings

Next week each class will be holding a 'meet the teacher' class meeting.

This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and learn about the routines and expectations of each class. I would encourage you to attend these, if you can, as it will also give you an insight to the classroom your child works in. Please come to the front reception just before 2.45pm and the office team will direct you to the relevant classroom.

Monday 16th September – Maple Class

Tuesday 17th September – Oak Class
(Y5/6)

Thursday 19th September – Elm Class
(Y1&2))

Friday 20th September – Beech Class
(Y3 &4)

All parents and carers welcome

PTA / Friends of Penshurst School News

Over the summer work has taken place in our allotment plot (we call it 'the growing garden'). Currently we are weed free and the area has a new lease of life. Many thanks to the Friends of Penshurst School for funding this project. This is phase 1. Phase 2 will see further areas of the school playground improved and repurposed.

The PTA are holding their AGM on Monday 30th September – 8pm in the school hall – all welcome.

The Friends of Penshurst School Quiz night is always very popular and will take place on Friday 4th October – this will be held in the school hall. Last year was a sell out and great fun.

Thanks to all those involved in the PTA and Friends for their ongoing support and commitment to helping the school.

Duck Race

Congratulations to last year's Elm Class who one the 'Best Dressed Duck' competition with their flag themed costume/decoration.

Oak Class won the Big Duck Race! Thank you to those organising the event who have donated £30 in book tokens to the winning classes.



Snack Policy

Thank you to all those who are sending in fruit and veg snacks in line with our new policy – we have noticed a reduction in the amount of litter in the playground. Please label any snack containers and remind your child to bring them home – we often end up with a range of plastic containers in our lost property box.