



Dear parents

News from around the school ...



This term has flown past and here we are at half term. I think we are all ready for a bit of a rest; a time to recharge our batteries ahead of the countdown to Christmas. When the term is longer it means that children begin to tire in the 7th week. (as do the adults!) It is very important to get some time to unwind and prepare for the busy term ahead. I hope you have something lovely planned.

Many thanks to all those who attended our Open Afternoon on Wednesday 11th October; the children really look forward to sharing their work with you. Tabby in Year 2 brought in a little note about the afternoon 'I like Open Afternoon because the parents get to see the children's work – it is so much fun and some children are excited for Open Afternoon – like me'. Tabby you will be pleased to know there will be two more Open Afternoons!

I hope you will be able to support the PTA Fireworks and Bonfire Event on 28th October – it is always a great evening.

Enjoy half term everyone.

STARS OF THE WEEK



for Weeks 4 and 5

Maple Class

Week 6: Njal for demonstrating enthusiasm and determination

Week 7: Annabelle – for showing the school's values and working hard.

Elm Class Year 1

Week 6: Fergus for demonstrating a positive attitude

Week 7: Lina for fantastic phonics

Elm Class Year 2

Week 6: Florence for great improvements in spelling and writing

Week 7: Lily for wonderful maths work

Beech Class Year 3

Week 6: Gilbert for great partner work

Week 7: George for working hard and being a great friend to Barney.

Beech Class Year 4

Week 6: Isla for always trying her best

Week 7: Layla for being helpful and trying hard

Oak Class Year 5

Week 6: Chloe for demonstrating resilience

Week 7: Freddie for fantastic poetry skills

Oak Class Year 6

Week 6: Tadhg for showing a positive attitude

Week 7: Aubyn for a great attitude and showing his inclusive nature.

Week 7 Stars



Week 6 Stars



Worship Theme

Each week in our whole school worship we have an overarching theme – this week's was saying thank you with a special emphasis on saying thank you to our Rector.

The children in Oak Class wrote some lovely 'thank you notes'. This one was particularly lovely:

I would like to say thank you to our wonderful Reverend Lisa. She means so much to so many people. We all love her – so thank you. William (Y6)

Friends of Penshurst School Quiz Night

The Friends of Penshurst School held a very successful Quiz Night. A good time was had by all. The event raised over £950 for the Friends who fundraise for the school and this year have agreed to provide funds for our reading curriculum, improvements to in-school displays, the upkeep of our chicken as well as helping with school trips. We are all so grateful to them.

Football Tournament

Our Year 5 and Year 6 boys went to a football tournament at Chiddingstone Primary School on Tuesday. They all did themselves and the school proud – staff and parents alike commented on the great sportsmanship, teamwork and sheer enjoyment they all demonstrated. Well done to them all.



Pupils reaching Gold

Finley, Njal, Amelia, Theo, Annabelle, Alina, Gabriel (Maple)
Lukass, Annabelle, William, Florence, Imogen, Freddie, Fergus, Leo, Lina, Harrison, Thea, Tabby, Jacob, Lily, Sofia, Annie, Rocky, Elwyn, Freida, Elliot (Elm)
Isla, Sophie, Luca, Layla, Gilbert, Ava-Grace, Noelle, Gerge, Theo, Oscar, Amelia, Max, Barney, Zachary, George, Hattie (Beech)
Jack E, Harriet, Arlen, Ava, Chloe, Tadhg, Aubyn, Oscar, Tatum, Emily, Arlo, Jimmy, Martha, Freddie, George, (Oak)
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DIARY DATES



Term 2 Starts Monday 30th October 2023.

Christingle Service: 1st December, St John the Baptist Church, Penshurst – 9.20am

Infant Nativity – Wednesday 13th December 2023

Last Day of Term 2 : Friday 15th December 2023.