

Term 2 Week 1

Friday 3rd November 2023

PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear parents

News from around the school ...



Welcome to Term 2 and the run up to Christmas. I hope you had an enjoyable half term break and have managed to cope with the stormy weather this week. School photos and a storm on the same day are not ideal but to the credit of the children they all looked extra smart and took the day in their stride.

Next week we have our parent consultation afternoons – please make sure you have signed up as these are a great way to hear about the progress your child is making as well as learn how you might support them at home.

There are a number of events happening in this term – our office team will do their best to keep you up to date and please check our website calendar which will be regularly updated. There are some community events also taking place which offer our pupils the chance to participate – more details are available in this newsletter – be sure to read on!

Pupils reaching Gold – Week 1

Annabelle, Alina, Finley, Teddy, Gabriel, Tilly, Parker, Inara, Amelia, Ffion, Theo (Maple Class)
William, Harrison, Leo, Annabelle, Freddie, Fergus Lukass, Tabby & Fred (Elm Class)
Chelsea, Ava Grace, Harry Hattie, Max (Beech Class)
Jack E, Jack H, Raphael, Martha, Chloe, Oscar (Oak Class)

STARS OF THE WEEK for Week 1 of Term 2



Maple Class

Parker for showing such a positive attitude to learning.

Elm Class

Year 1 : William – for working hard and showing respect – well done William.

Year 2 : Tabby – for showing great enthusiasm for learning and for always encouraging others.

Beech Class

Year 3 – Hattie for showing great determination with her maths and really trying to do the very best she can.

Year 4 – Chelsea for demonstrating the value of friendship, looking out for our chickens and always having a smile on her face. Well done Chelsea!

Oak Class

Year 5 – Raphael for a positive attitude and always doing that little bit extra with his work.

Year 6 – Jack – for trying his best and making great progress with his reading.





Christingle Service

We will be holding a Christingle Service on Friday 1st December 2023 at St John the Baptist Church in Penshurst at 9.15am (approx.).

Parents, grandparents and members of the community are very welcome to join us. Our Year 6 Worship Team will be working closely with myself and Mrs Brown to create the service. This is always a lovely service and one to add to the diary.

PTA Events

The PTA held a cake sale at the end of last term which raised over £200 – a great effort all round – thank you for your support.

The PTA also held their Bonfire and Firework Display last Saturday – many thanks to all involved as it wasn't the best of weather. Many thanks to all the children (including past pupils) who helped with the event.



Community Christmas Events



Robert Rees has been in touch about a special day of music that is taking place on Saturday 2nd December 2023 at the Church. Mrs Williams will be writing to parents with more information as to how pupils might take part.

Paul from Forge Stores has also been in touch to invite anyone from school and the wider community to the launch of their Christmas range. The event will be hosted at the Gift Shop / Pantry at Penshurst Place – if you would like to take part in the Christmas carol signing then it will take place at approximately 6.30-7pm.



Fundraising Children in Need

Ms Bettridge and the pupils in Year 5 and 6 are organising a sponsored 'Daily Mile' to raise funds for Children in Need. Details have been sent home with pupils ... a great way to keep active and raise money!

Poppy Appeal



Each year we support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – children from Oak class will be selling a range of merchandise on the school playground at home time. Pupils can also bring in money to school and purchase items from the school office. Please ensure donations are appropriate for the item taken.

DIARY DATES



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

PTA Christmas Jumper Day – 8th December 2023

PTA Secret Santa Shopping – 8th December 2023

PTA Christmas Party – 8th December

Infant Nativity – Wednesday 13th December 2023

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

Term 3 begins : Tuesday 2nd January 2023