



PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents

THIS WEEK'S NEWS



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a great half term break – Term 2 is now well underway and we will soon be moving into the Christmas countdown!

Many thanks to all those involved in organising and supporting our PTFA events – I am always very grateful to the many people who give up their time to help raise vital funds for our school.

We have held three very successful open events for prospective parents – Ed Christmas has also been filming in school and has created a 'soon to be released' short film about school life here at Penshurst. The idea is to promote the school to a wider audience – many new parents, who live outside the village, have the view that they will not be eligible for a place in a small rural primary school – yet we often have spaces and are able to accommodate those from further afield. Thank you if you have been sharing our Facebook posts – it is very much appreciated. I will let you know when the film is available to watch – it truly captures the amazing learning environment we offer our pupils. Many thanks to Ed for putting it together.

I hope you managed to sign up for a meeting with your child's teacher – I am certain you will be impressed with the progress your child is making.

With best wishes,

Sue Elliott, Headteacher.

PTFA Events

The PTFA hosted another very successful Quiz Night last term. The hall was full and a great evening was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the PTFA for their hard work in organising the event and thanks too go to Rev'd Lisa for being the Quizmaster. Just over £1000 was raised from the event; a fabulous result.

On 25th October the PTFA also held their annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display – another hugely successful event. I know that this takes a great deal of organisation so that the event can run safely and smoothly. Many thanks to all those involved.

This week and next the PTFA are coming into school to support pupils with some Christmas Crafts – every child is involved in this and it looks like a great deal of fun!

School Events

We will soon be heading into the Christmas Season; this will be kick started with our whole school Christingle in the Church on Tuesday 2nd December at 2pm. All parents and carers are welcome to join us. Please note that this service will start at 2pm. I look forward to welcoming you. Please use the side aisles leaving the central aisle for pupils and teachers.



Going for Gold



Maple Class: Dennis, Isabella, Rupert, Archie, Henrietta, Luca, Vinnie & Olwen

Elm Class: Gabriel, Raffy, Inara, Amelia, Elliott, Amelie, Alina, Njal, Tilly, Ffion, Teddy W, Tommy & Theo

Beech Class: Tabby, Lily, Thea, Elliot, Elwyn, Nate, Freida, Nate, Annie, William & Harrison

Oak Class: Coco, Franki, Max, Theo, Noelle, Hattie, Oscar, Henry, Barney, Amelia, Sammy, Maria, Luca, Layla, Zachary & Leo.

STARS OF THE WEEK



MAPLE CLASS

Dennis for showing incredible determination with his writing

Rupert for being a curious learner and always wanting to know more!

ELM CLASS

Year 2 – Inara for showing amazing focus, determination and resilience in her maths work.

Theo for demonstrating great enthusiasm for learning.

BEECH CLASS

Year 3 – William for reading poetry with great expression.

Aurora for showing great creativity in dance and art.

Year 4 –

Imogen showing artist flair and using water colours skillfully.

Elwyn for great story telling and also for representing the school at a Boccia event.

OAK CLASS

Year 5 Barney for showing great enthusiasm across the curriculum.

Leo for his growing confidence when taking part in whole class discussions.

Year 6 Oscar for thoughtful responses in writing

Amelia for working hard to achieve her targets.

Brilliant effort – well done to all our Stars.



Anti Bullying Week 10-14th November 2025

Next week pupils will taking part In a range of activities linked to the 'Power of Good' which is the



Theme of this year's campaign. Mrs Ballard has been working with all our teachers to support pupils to take on a special challenge of Friday.

Children In Need

On Friday 14th November, pupils will be taking on a number of challenges to raise money for Children in Need. Each pupil is asked to make a minimum suggested donation of £2 to help us raise money for this very worthy charity.



Remembrance Day & British Legion Poppy Appeal

Pupils in Year 6 have been selling poppies and other items to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – poppies will be available until the end of Monday. We will hold a Remembrance Day whole school worship on Tuesday 11th November.



Boccia Event

Four pupils from Beech Class did a wonderful job at representing the school this week in a Boccia Event – this is a sport that is accessible for all as children in wheelchairs can play alongside their peers. Mrs Brown, who supported our players, said the children were a pleasure to take and worked collaboratively with other teams.

