

PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear parents

News from around the school

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a good week and are now looking forward to the half term break.

This term has had a few challenges with road closures, bad weather and illness but despite that I am very pleased to report that our whole school attendance is improving and we are seeing more pupils falling into our target attendance figure of 96% or above. There is a national drive on improving attendance in schools as, post Covid, absence rates are higher meaning that pupils across the country are missing key learning. There is external pressure on schools to ensure they maintain a focus on improving attendance and punctuality. Each school day is valuable and thank you for your support with this area of school improvement.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils were part of the Friends of Penshurst Coffee Morning yesterday; they created some fantastic games for those attending to play. They raised an incredible £140 from their games – a great effort all round. Thank you to the Friends for organising this and those who came along to support it. The event raised over £400 in total.

I would also like to thank the ladies who meet as part of the Craft and Natter group in the village. Currently, they are creating an updated school banner – this is used at Church and community events. The ladies have also donated their 'subs' money to the school – this totalled £130 – many, many thanks to them for their generous donation. The donation will be put towards supporting the well being of pupils in the school.

Have a lovely half term.

Sue Elliott,
Headteacher

Stars of the Week

Maple Class: **Parker** for his enthusiasm for learning and completing as much work as he possibly can!
Elm Class : Year 1: **Annabelle** for demonstrating kindness and helping others Year 2 : **Fred** for a having such a great week and for his outstanding effort when writing.

Beech Class: - Year 3 **Gilbert** for excellent work in maths – especially with checking his work. Year 4 : **Luca** for excellent effort and work across the curriculum and also for demonstrating resilience.

Oak Class : Year 5 Raphael for such a great work ethic and excellent commitment to teamwork :Year 6 ; Jack for showing determination and perseverance in maths meaning he is an algebra ace!



Going for Gold

Maple Class:

Alina, Ffion, Parker, Tilly, Njal, Theo, Teddy

Elm Class

Leo, Annabelle, Isabella, William,
Sofia, Thea, Fred, Elwyn, Florence, Freida,
Imogen, Alfie and Nate

Beech Class

Harry, Barney, Isla, Noelle, Gilbert, Tilly,
Luca, George, Max, Sophie

Oak Class

Ava, Raph, Chloe, Martha, Aubyn, Arlo,
Jack, Oscar, Emily, Tatum



Friends of Penshurst CE Primary School Coffee Morning



Jean Freeman, kindly presented the school with a donation of £130 from the Craft and Natter Group.

Diary Dates

- Term 4 starts Monday 19th February 2023
- INSET day: Friday 1st March
- World Book Day: 7th March
- Book Fair during week commencing 4th March
- PTA Cake Sale: 15th March
- Term 4 ends Thursday 28th March 2024

Forthcoming Easter PTA Events

Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Craft Activity