



PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents

THIS WEEK'S NEWS



Dear Parents,
The weeks are whizzing past now; next week is the last week of Term 5. This term seems to have been over in a flash.

When we return after the half term break we will be in the 'home run' to the Summer break! Please do log onto our website to keep yourself up to date with dates etc. We aim to post all events on the calendar so parents have somewhere to refer to, This week has been SATs week and our Year 6 pupils have approached them calmly and with a positive mind-set. Well done to them all – they tried their very best and that is all we can ever ask.

We recently had a visit from our Local Authority Improvement Advisor, she comes and meets with me to monitor a number of school improvement areas; her follow-up report highlighted that behaviour and attitudes in the school are 'exemplary'. She noted that any child she spoke to talked 'eloquently' about their learning. It made me incredibly proud to read these (and other) positive comments about our pupils and school community. This clearly demonstrates that we provide a safe space to learn and grow.

Have a restful weekend. – hopefully the sun will be out and you will have time to spend doing some of the things you enjoy.

With best wishes,
Sue Elliott, Headteacher.



Forest Church

Reverend Lisa has asked me to remind you that this coming Sunday (18th May) there is Forest Church. See the details above. You will also receive this as a flyer via email

Thank You

I would like to give a shout out to the PTA and our parent community for the incredible work they do. The fundraising efforts of the PTA have enabled us to move forward with our IT equipment. At half term all classrooms will have a new interactive whiteboard fitted – replacing the current [mainly broken] boards which are over 10 years old! We will also have a new board and sound system in the school hall. This fabulous donation has allowed us to bring some other equipment into the 21st century too. Many, many thanks to the PTA and those who support their fundraising efforts

STARS OF THE WEEK

MAPLE CLASS

Olwen for showing great resilience and determination.

Rupert, who is the class reading champion – demonstrating an outstanding effort!

ELM CLASS

Year 1

Parker for great maths work. **Theo**, who is also a fractions superstar!

Year 2

William for his great art work and **Annie** for demonstrating determination when learning to sew.

BEECH CLASS

Year 3

Lily for great story writing and **Freida** for her kind and caring attitude towards others.

Year 4

Leo for working incredibly hard in maths and **Noelle** for always been a great friend and demonstrating this value so well.

OAK CLASS

Year 5

Isla for always being helpful to others.

Layla for her fantastic great attitude and focus towards learning.

Year 6

Henry for showing friendship and great sportsmanship.

Chloe for being calm and focused in her approach to this week's tests.



Hildenborough Road Races

Well done to all the pupils who took part in the Hildenborough Road Races on the last Bank Holiday Monday. By all accounts Penshurst were well represented. Well done to all who took part and extra congratulations to Luca (Maple Class) and Theo (Oak Class) for securing a first place in their races.

Enrichment Visits

Over the past couple of weeks our classes have been getting out and about. Maple Class have visited Hobbledown Farm, Elm class the Science Observatory and Beech Class are at Bedgebury today. After half term Oak Class will be going on their residential trip. These provide some great opportunities to learn as well as getting to be outside. Thank you to the teachers for organising each trip and Mrs Gammer who sorts out risk assessments, collects payments etc. Many thanks too go to the PTA as they support the school through funding these great learning experiences. We also provide opportunities to represent the school at different sporting events including a Year 3/4 football tournament and a netball friendly yesterday. Next week Year 5&6 are taking part in Tag Rugby session. Well done to all involved.



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