

PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 14th January 2022



Dear Parents,
The New Year is now well underway and we have



settled back into the new term quickly. On behalf of all the staff at Penshurst I would like to extend our thanks for your thoughtful gifts and kindness at the end of last term. They are very much appreciated by us all.

I hope that you managed to spend time with family over the holiday – I know that some of our families did not manage to escape Covid19. I hope anyone who had it is now fully recovered. We are still experiencing a limited number of cases (fingers crossed) of the virus in school and would suggest that regular testing continues so that we can reduce the spread of the virus through the school community. The

rules around isolation are ever changing and I will update our risk assessments to reflect these on Monday! The following link has the most up-to-date information. [Self-isolation for those with COVID-19 can end after 5 full days following 2 negative LFD tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19)



Welcome

I have pleasure in welcoming Theo to Year 2 – he has already settled in well and I am sure you will extend a warm Penshurst welcome to his family.



Week 1 Stars of the Week

As last week was a short week but a very busy one there was no newsletter; however our Stars from Week 1 still need their shout out:

Maple Class:

Imogen,

Elm Class: Year 1 Barney & Year 2 Theo. **Beech Class:** Year 3 Lexie and Year 4 Tadhg. **Oak Class:** Year 5 George and Year 6 Brendon.

These pupils had impressed their teachers with their focus in lessons and for demonstrating the school's Christian values.

Week 2 Stars of the Week

Maple Class: Poppy for working hard with her phonics.

Elm Class: Year 1 Zachary for the huge strides he is making in all areas of the curriculum, Year 2: Layla for working hard on her writing.

Beech Class: Year 3: George for showing great enthusiasm for everything! Year 4: William again for the magnificent progress he is making.



Oak Class: Year 5: Charlotte Year 6: Marianne. Both girls have been working hard within their maths topic of fractions and Mr Harris has been impressed with the way they have presented their understanding. Well done to everyone. All pupils are working incredibly hard and it is often tricky to select just one.

Tunbridge Wells Half Marathon

As you may know the route of the Tunbridge Wells Half Marathon comes through Penshurst. If you fancy a half marathon with a challenge then this is a good one to have a go at – Spring Hill which leads up to Fordcombe provides a lovely ascent!

Tunbridge Wells Harriers, who organise the event, make a generous donation to the PTA as way of a 'thank you' to PTA

for organising volunteers to marshal a section of the route through Penshurst. We are looking for around 10 volunteers – it involves a short amount of time on the morning of Sunday 20th February. Please do let us know if you can help.

Hayley or Patrick Bareham can provide more information – if you let them or the office team know if you can help then they will provide you with more information. It is not an onerous task and the

Harriers provide a briefing with full information of what to do. Thank you in advance for your offer of help!

Reminders

Swimming starts for our pupils in Year 5 and 6 on Monday – please remember swimming kits.

Clubs have started this week – please do ask Mrs Gammer for an update – we will be sending a questionnaire later in the term to find out what pupils and parents would like in terms of clubs for the Summer Term – when the weather improves.

Have a good weekend doing things you enjoy.

Kind regards, **Sue Elliott, Headteacher.**

