

# PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022



Dear Parents

As we head towards February I have everything crossed that we will return to a more normal time in school. Well done to everyone; we have kept going and will continue to do so despite the challenges. I am hopeful that Spring is around the corner with better times ahead!

## PTA News

This week you should have received the latest PTA newsletter; following a recent meeting the PTA have a number of ideas for fundraising events as well as events that are designed to promote the spirit of a school community. I will be meeting next week with Amy Kewell the Chair of the PTA to discuss possible events and areas where the school would like the PTA support with funding. The school's budget continues to be impacted by Covid. An example is the additional cost of covering classes when teachers or teaching assistants are off school due to isolating. Despite the government's claims of providing additional funding for schools as a small school we do not seem to attract any of this. The funds the PTA provide to the school allow us to ensure we offer all pupils a range of opportunities and additional resources. Your support of their events makes a difference to every pupil – thank you.

## Chiddingstone Literary Festival

This year the Chiddingstone Literary Festival will take place in early May 2022. This event provides a range of workshops based around books and delivered by some well-known authors of books for children. In the past pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the workshops. We have booked places so that every child can attend the event. Further details to follow – we will be asking parents to help with transport as the venue is fairly local– look out for the email from Mrs Gammer. The day out will be funded by the PTA and The Friends of Penshurst School.



## Stars of the Week

Following on from last week's newsletter – I didn't realise that some teachers had identified their Stars – so this week we have 2 stars for each year group. Well done to all the children.

### Maple Class:

Elwyn, for playing with different people and being a good friend

Freida, for perseverance, she has a fabulous 'can do' attitude and tries hard with her work.

### Elm Class:

**Year 1** – George, for showing perseverance even when challenges arise and developing independence

Coco, for working hard to develop and deepen her story writing.

**Year 2** - Chelsea, for showing a 'can do' attitude when faced with challenges

Matilda, for consistently working hard within school and continuing this at home.

### Beech Class:

**Year 3** - Tatum, for the huge strides she has made in her handwriting

Alexandria, for her positivity throughout the week in her maths lessons.

**Year 4:** Aubyn, for his energy and enthusiasm across the curriculum

Annabelle, for excellent use of a wide range of devices in her story writing.

### Oak Class:

**Year 5** – Connie, for interesting and carefully thought about poetry writing

Harvey, for working really hard to produce interesting and accurate writing.

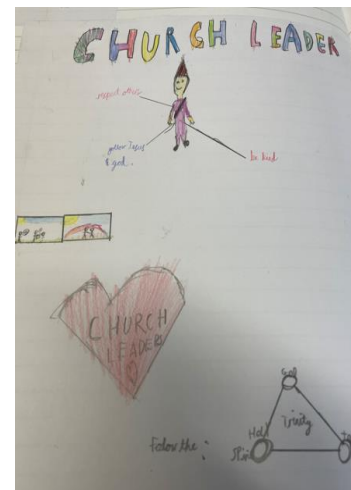
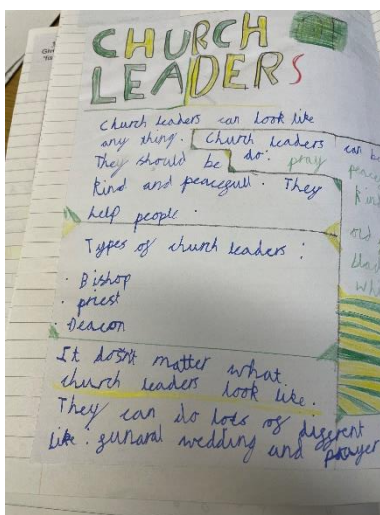
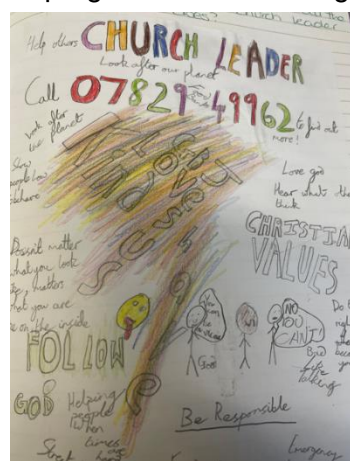
**Year 6** – Lucy, for accurate and well-explained maths  
Digby, for thoughtful writing with an excellent use of vocabulary

### Spotlight Year 3 & Year 4

This week I have been spending some time in classes looking at the work the children are doing, chatting with them about their work – their successes and their challenges. It provides me with an insight to how pupils are feeling so that I can consider ways we might support them as well as celebrate their progress across a range

of areas not just academic areas. It is great to observe our pupils helping each other and demonstrating the school values in the classroom and in their work. This week I would like to use some of this newsletter to showcase this class. Mr Newman has also developed the children's love of story through his own enthusiasm for sharing books with the class.

This week as part of their RE lessons the class were visited by Reverend Lisa who talked about the role of a Church leader. Here are some examples of how pupils responded to the visit.



Kind regards,  
Sue Elliott, Headteacher.