



PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 4: Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents

Another busy week has sailed past; the weather is improving and it looks like we will have some lovely spring days in the

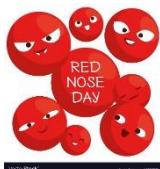
coming week.

Red Nose Day

Today the children in Year 5 and 6 put on a range of activities for the other classes – everyone had a great time and so far, we have raised over £220. A number of parents said they had no cash today – please bring it in on Monday and we can then get it paid in and a cheque sent off. This year, given the current situation in Ukraine, we have decided to split the money between Comic Relief and the Ukraine appeal.



We'll be done to all involved – you really did do a fantastic job.



We are working with the Church to collect medical and

other much-needed items. Please give generously; collection boxes are located in the main school entrance.



Smart School Council

After Easter we will be launching our Smart School Council. This is a school council with a bit of a difference – it is run by a 'Communication Team' and then children across the school can get involved in 'Action Teams'. This means that all children will have the chance to work in pairs or a group to effect change in the school and / or local community. I was impressed at the number of applications I received; it is very encouraging to know that so many children want to be involved in school improvement. As our Year 6 pupils have not been able to have the usual chance to lead in this way I decided to give a role to all those Year 6 pupils who applied. We still needed two others for the team and these were drawn from a hat. All children will have the opportunity to be involved and the Communications Team will be working with each class to explore how they can help.



Well done to Digby, Charlotte, Ellery, Lucy, Sophia, Brendan, Ruby, Isabel, Dexter and Aubyn.

Stars of the Week



Maple Class:

Tabby for great effort, enthusiasm and working hard across the curriculum.

Elm Class: Year 1:

Barney for his great enthusiasm in music lessons. **Year 2:** Lennox for working hard and showing the value of determination.

Beech Class: Year 3:

George has been

working incredibly hard and showing Mr Newman that he has a great work ethic. In Year 4 Aubyn was given this for his all-round good efforts and especially those demonstrated in Hockey Club.

Oak Class: Year 5 (last week) was awarded to Finley for working hard and this week the award went to Sarah who has made fantastic progress and in **Year 6** Eve was recognised for all her hard work and determination.

Safeguarding

Over the past two weeks I have been working with staff and pupils to ensure that all pupils have someone to talk to in school if they have worries or feel the need just to have a chat. Each child could very easily identify two adults who they would talk to if they had worries; they were asked to pick someone they thought would listen and help them. Later in the term we will be conducting a Pupil Voice Survey to ensure children understand how we can work together to ensure our school is a safe and happy place. We also provide classes with 'worry boxes' so that pupils can place a worry inside that they want their teacher to read.

House points

The running totals (as of today) are:

Bayley	Holmes	Yarnold
711	666	630

Slowly and steadily, we are returning to a much more normal school life – it is lovely to see parents and volunteers in school – we have a thriving school community - it fills me with great pride to sign off as the Headteacher.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sue Elliott, Headteacher