



PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 5 Week 5: Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parents

We are fast approaching the end of another term and then we will be on the home straight to the summer holidays – we have some great events to look forward to – it is so nice that this year we have been able to return to normal and invite parents and carers along to join us.

Jubilee Events



A reminder that next Friday (27th May) is the last day of Term 5. The PTA will be holding a community coffee morning; please do come along – everyone is welcome. There will be cake and entertainment as we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Robert Rees has written a special song for our choir to perform and I think that the rest of the school will also be joining in. I have also heard children learning the National Anthem as I have been walking round school.

We will follow the coffee morning with a whole school outdoor (weather permitting) 'street' party style lunch. Please remember your child needs a packed lunch, as there will be no school lunches that day.

Children may also dress in their own clothes with a red white and blue theme. Pupils will spend the afternoon completing a range of Jubilee linked activities

Forest Church

I understand that the Forest Church was a huge success with a good number of children from school participating – great to see the links between the school, the Church and the community are developing so well. Reverend Lisa certainly has thought carefully about how to bring the children into the Church.

Stars of the Week

This week our stars were: Elwyn in Maple Class, Coco in Elm Class (Year 1), Theo Elm Class (Year 2). In Beech Class: In Year 3, it was Chloe and in Year 4, the award went to Arlo. Finally, in Oak Class in Year 5 Alice and in Year 6 it went to Lyla. Well done to them all their teachers said that they showed consideration to others and worked very hard – so lovely to hear.



Diary Dates

Prayer Stations

Thursday 26th May 2022

Mrs Brown has been working hard to put together our 'Prayer Stations'. She has a group of children from Years 3-6 helping her with the activities. The event takes place in the Church and is a time for reflection. The activities are designed around the theme of 'prayer' – they are always very thought provoking and give space and time to pupils to think about their own views and ideas. All classes take part during the morning; parents and carers are also invited to come along – either drop in or if you want, please stay and help with an activity station. The event runs for 9.30 and 11.30am (approximately).



Bags of Love for Ukraine

We have already had a number of bags donated, if you would like to provide a bag (see last week's newsletter) then please can it be in school for **Wednesday 25th May** – so we can arrange for them to be delivered.

Computer Room refurbishment

As you will know technology moves at an incredible pace. For some time the computers in our dedicated computer room have been slipping into 'beyond repair' – they are too slow for many programs and do not offer much more than a typing function. At the same time, the computing curriculum has moved on and now demands a very different type of computer knowledge than in previous curriculums. We now use ipads and laptops/chrome books which can run apps that support the requirements of the National Curriculum.

I am now starting the process of planning a new learning space that will focus on well-being and provide a safe space for pupils when they need a place to go or somewhere to talk with a trusted adult. The idea is that the space will also provide a teaching space for delivering 1:1 or small group support in a welcoming, cheerful space.. We have very little wriggle room in our school budget for this type of school improvement – however I am confident that with PTA and individual parent support we can make the transformation needed. I am looking for a small working party who would be willing to give some time to taking out some of the worktops and doing a bit of decorating – a sort of Penshurst School DIY SOS! If you are willing to lend a hand please do get in touch with me (headteacher@penshurst.kent.sch.uk) and I will find a time when we can meet and create a plan of action. I am also tasking each class with creating their own fundraising project to help raise some funds for a new carpet – this way the children will also feel they have contributed to the space and will take pride in what we can achieve together.



Have a great weekend.

With best wishes,

Sue Elliott, Headteacher