



PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break and that you and your family remain healthy and positive. We now all face new challenges but I hope that we can all support each other as a community to get through this next phase.

Curriculum Maps

All children will be embarking on some new areas of learning this term – all classes will be exploring aspects of history. Further details are available on the class pages on our website.

Poppy Appeal

We will also have a focus on some important events that we will not be able to commemorate in the way we would usually. Children in all year groups will learn about Remembrance Day and explore the significance of the poppy. We are selling poppies and brooches on behalf of the British Legion. If you wish your child to purchase something, please send in an appropriate donation. On Wednesday 11th November we will hold a short service outside with 2 minutes silence to show our respect to those who have lost their lives in conflict. On Remembrance Day (11/11/2020) pupils may wear red for a donation to the British Legion Poppy Appeal). This could be a football shirt but not an entire football kit.



Retirement

As you may know Reverend Tom Holme retires this month. Mrs Brown is working with all the children to produce a book to present to him. Each child will add their contribution based around the school's vision and values.

Christmas 2020

We are exploring how we can still make Christmas joyful for our children – we are working with the PTA to ensure that there is plenty of fun and excitement! This will include an in class Christingle Service and we will be taking part in the village Advent Window 'reveal'. Please be assured all classes will take part in some sort of celebration / performance based around Christmas – however this will not be in the usual format. I am currently booking some special parties for the children to get involved in. More details to follow.



Parent Consultations

Please look out for an email giving you information concerning your forthcoming parent consultation via zoom.

Children in Need

Pupils in Year 5 & 6 will be hosting a 'Children in Need' event on Friday 13th November. Each class will have the opportunity to take part in the activities and buy

from the stalls. This academic year, we hope to follow our usual tradition of raising money for those less



fortunate than ourselves. Pupils may wear their own clothes on that day in exchange for a £1 donation. Pupils may also bring some money to spend on the activities and stalls. I will send a reminder next week.

Stars of the Week

Reception: Indira for having an enthusiastic attitude in all she does.

Year 1: Matilda Abu-Moghli for keeping going with her work – even when it is challenging.

Year 2: Emily Wickens – for being a good friend and always demonstrating our school vision by walking in the shoes of others.

Year 3: Aubyn Thomas for being a good partner and exceptional team player.

Year 4: Sadie Williams for showing great tenacity in maths lessons.

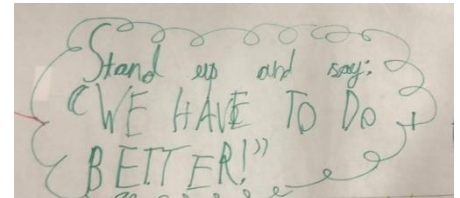
Year 5: Digby Kewell for showing determination – he demonstrated this value in a science lesson – using the correct scientific vocabulary.

Year 6: Oscar Westmorland for showing perseverance when completing a Tudor family tree. Well done to them all – great to see our pupils showing these values in their work and attitudes.

School Values:

Compassion

I would also like to mention that Aubyn Thomas has brought in a



fantastic poster he created based on 'black lives matter' – later this term I will include some pictures of it – it is a very thoughtful, informed and caring piece of work which really demonstrates that Aubyn 'walks in the shoes of others'. Today I presented Aubyn with one of our 'values' badges and a certificate.

Pumpkin Competition Winners

Well done to all the children who entered the competition some great carving by everyone! The winners were:

Scariest Pumpkin: Connie Goodman

Silliest Pumpkin: Tatum Jenner

Most Unique Pumpkin: Oscar Wheeler

Most Adorable Pumpkin: Maddie Jenner

And Most Original : Vincent Marsland

Each winner received a goodie bag donated by Mrs Williams (Coco & Sadie's mum).

I hope that you are able to spend the weekend doing some lovely relaxing things – stay safe.

With my best wishes,

Sue Elliott, Headteacher