



# PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a good week; it has been another busy one in school. Today you will receive a letter with my latest Covid19 update; I hope you will take time to read the information it contains. The news of a vaccine will mean, hopefully, there is a light at the end of the tunnel and that 2021 may offer us all hope for the return of a more normal life and new 'new normal'!

## Christingle Service



On Tuesday we held two Christingle Services in school – one for our younger pupils and one for the children in Years 3-6. We discussed the meaning of advent and lit our Christingles; we explored that they represent Jesus as the light of the World and how he brings hope in dark times. The children really love this service and the lighting of the Christingles – it was wonderful to see the joy on their faces.

## Advent Window

Thank you to the children in Year 5 & 6 for creating the parts of our Advent Window – it looks great. Thanks go also to Mr Harris who put the 'tree' and lights together and to Miranda Singleton for her artistic support. I hope you will get a chance to look at some of the other windows too as they are really special.

## It is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas .....

Today we had a very special visitor – a man in a red coat with a white beard – he arrived at school with the gift of a Christmas Tree for our hall together with a gift bag for every child in the school. An extremely generous donation – we will be presenting the children with their gift bags in the final week of term. I would like to extend a big 'Thank You' to Penshurst Place for their generosity and kindness –



especially to Paul Bowen who had the idea and made it happen. Something joyful for our pupils.

## Christmas Shopping Afternoon

A reminder that next Friday (11/12) will be our Festive Jumper and own clothes day and we will also be hosting our 'secret shopping' event. Please make sure you make your selections by using the following link:



<https://buytickets.at/penshurstschoolpta/455640>

## Wonderful Work

This week I have seen some wonderful work from children across the school and our 'Bee Proud' board is full of work that our teachers feel is worthy of recognition. One person who consistently impresses me is Ellery in Year 5. She has written an amazing narrative poem which is an extended piece of writing; she has used rhyming couplets throughout the work – I have asked her to create a small book of this work - for our library. This is just one example how our pupils strive for excellence. She received a 'Headteacher's Award' in recognition of her outstanding work and effort.



Stars of the Week



Reception: Barney O'Brine for being kind and thoughtful and trying so hard with his work.

Year 1: Sophie Cain – for producing some wonderful writing.

Year 2: Tatum Jenner for her brilliant writing during an 'independent write'.

Year 3: Martha Kewell for magnificent maths.

Year 4: Dylan Clarke for working hard and putting in a great deal of effort to all lessons.

Year 5: Lucy Harper for precise and well explained problem solving in maths.

Year 6: Lettie Knollys for her great use of language in her writing associated with 'The Highwayman'.

I hope you all have a great weekend; try to find time to get outside and enjoy some of the lovely countryside we are lucky enough to have on our doorstep. Or a stroll round looking at the amazing Advent windows.



Best wishes,

**Sue Elliott, Headteacher**