

PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 19th March 2021



Dear Parents,
We have had another busy week in school – all classes seem to be back in the swing of things; it is great to see the children enthusiastic about their learning.

We are ensuring that the children get outside as much as possible – it is a bit of a challenge because it seems to rain every lunch time. Thanks to those covering our outdoor play as they have made sure that outdoor lunch break goes ahead despite the bad weather. The school field is still incredibly muddy – wellies or outdoor shoes are essential items.

Comic Relief – Fundraising Fund



Well done to the children in Year 5 and 6 – they have worked hard all week on preparing their activities – great fun was had by all. Thanks go to Mr Harris who organised and supported the children to make their event such a success – just over £310 raised for this great cause. Our older pupils really do bring these events to life – Mr Harris commented on how the children model compassion through their conversations and support shown to our younger pupils. I am very proud of them all. Photographs will be uploaded to the website.

Absent Friends



Since the lockdown in March 2020 one of our families has been shielding; despite what are challenging circumstances they have remained positive and Jack, Jimmy and Davey have during that time been working hard with a structured learning programme. They have completed a wide range of tasks –

many of which have been very creative. Last week I was very surprised to see a large parcel arrive – when I opened it I was so impressed with the stunning artwork the boys had sent onto me. Yesterday afternoon I spent some time finding homes for these fabulous pieces of artwork. A painting of Captain Sir Tom Moore and a plaque with hands of friendship are now on my office display board. We are so looking forward to welcoming the boys back in the near future.

Friends of Penshurst CE Primary School

Each year the Friends of Penshurst School provide us with funds to purchase much needed resources that enrich the lives of our pupils. Yesterday we sent out a beautiful card that featured a springtime picture painted by Brendan Stronghill. I would like to thank the Friends

for all their support; we try to ensure that every child benefits from their generous donations.

Stars of the Week

This week our focus value has been compassion; teachers have been looking out for pupils who demonstrate the value in their everyday school lives.



Reception – Noelle Palmer

Noelle is always kind and caring.

Year 1 – Heidi Marsland

Year 2 – Henry Whatling

Both children have been spotted supporting their peers through lending a helping hand.

Year 3 – Aubyn Thomas

For showing kindness, respect and support to others throughout the school day.

Year 4 – Dylan Clarke

For being supportive and demonstrating great team work when working with others.

Year 5 – Digby Kewell

For showing kindness and consideration to a friend who was finding the return to school a challenge earlier in the week.

Year 6 – Eliza Smith

For being a supportive friend and helping others feel more comfortable in a group.

Second-hand Uniform

Thank you to the PTA for coming along and sorting through all the second-hand uniform we have – they will soon be providing you with a link to their online second-hand uniform platform. You will be able to view and purchase items – it is a great way to recycle the clothes and save a few pounds. They have been very thorough and all items are of high quality.

After the Easter break pupils may wear summer uniform – as high street shops will have reopened there will be greater opportunities to buy school uniform items. I will be expecting all pupils to wear the correct uniform and shoes when we return for Term 5 on the 19th April 2021.

Lockdown Challenge

Tomorrow will be day 365 of my personal running challenge. Back when we had to close our doors to pupils on 20th March 2020 I gave myself a challenge to run every day for a year. Since Christmas I have upped the challenge and most days I run at least 5 miles before the start of the school day – I have one rest day when I run 1 mile. I have run over 1,400 miles during that time. Having come this far I have decided to continue with another challenge – this year I am aiming to run at least a marathon each week – not in one go but a total of at least 26 miles each week. Through doing these challenges I hope to model to the school community what you can achieve if you put your mind (or your feet) to it! Have a great weekend – take care and stay safe.

Sue Elliott, Headteacher