

PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 23rd April 2021 - Term 5



Dear Parents,
Welcome back – I hope you all had a very enjoyable Easter break. All our children have settled back into school life very

quickly – I am very proud of them as there is no fuss and everyone seems happy to be back with their friends in the school community.

I would like to welcome Lyla and Bunnirose to the school. Lyla has joined our Year 5 cohort and Bunnirose our Reception class. I am sure they will soon feel very much part of the school community and, as restrictions ease, their families can become more familiar with the school.

Parent Consultations

You should have received an email with information about our forthcoming parent/teacher consultation meetings. These can be booked online and next week you will receive the meeting details, passcode and a reminder of the meeting etiquette! If you haven't already done so, please sign up for your meeting – this is a valuable way to discuss your child's progress and well-being. If you experience any problems with signing up then please do contact the team working in the office. We very much hope that in Term 6 we will be able to invite you in to look at your child's work but this is dependent on any restrictions in place.



School Uniform and PE Kit

Now the shops have reopened there are greater opportunities to ensure that pupils have the correct uniform; we are now in the Summer Term and as such summer uniform (gingham dress/grey shorts/blue polo shirt/grey shorts and a white button through shirt with school tie) can be worn. No tights with summer dresses please. School shoes should be sensible, supportive and black – sandals/boots are not permitted. Please ensure your child is also wearing the correct PE kit as these items are readily available for purchase (navy blue/black shorts, Penshurst PE t-shirt, for colder days plain tracksuit bottoms – either the school's own tracksuit bottoms or navy/black jogging bottoms – grey or white socks – no tights under shorts please. PE trainers should be supportive and not fashion wear as this is not supportive and does not provide the correct amount of cushioning. An ex-parent has recently donated some school hoodies and sweatshirts (mainly suitable for Y3-6) if you would like one for a small donation then please let the school office know. Pupils should not wear home hoodies and sweatshirts. Many thanks for your support.

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Stars of the Week

Even in our first week back after the break the children have been working incredibly hard and their teachers have commented to me about the excellent work they have completed. Well done to the following pupils whose work has really impressed their teachers:

Reception – Leo Townsend for completing all the challenges given to him this week.

Year 1 – Lennox Clarke for working so hard.

Year 2 - Alexandria French for being kind and helpful to others.

Year 3 – Jack Ellis for showing determination and overcoming challenges.

Year 4 – Alice O'Shea for working so hard and producing great work.

Year 5 & Year 6 - Ruby Boylan and Mae Sims for producing work of such a high standard.

Scallywags

Tanya Williams has asked me to share some information about the local Scallywags Playgroup. This is a great community playgroup that provides a stepping stone for many new starters at Penshurst in September. The school is very keen to continue to forge links and put in place events that help support the transition to 'big school'.



Scallywags playgroup are allowed to meet up again! 15 parents at a time with their respective babies, toddlers and preschoolers. We are meeting from 10-12 on Wednesdays, at Penshurst Place. Booking through Tanja is essential so that we don't exceed 15 parents. Please email: tpwlms@gmail.com if you would like to know more or book on for a slot.

Church Service

This Sunday (25th April) there is a Holy Communion Service at Penshurst Church – the service will be family friendly and all are welcome.

The following link provides a video of the latest family service held at the Church – there are familiar faces to be spotted – please do take a look.

<https://youtu.be/RbiCoXgPVAg>

A final plea

Just a little reminder that there are still national restrictions in place including the rule of six, meeting indoors and social distancing. I am sure you will appreciate that I have worked incredibly hard at keeping us all safe throughout the pandemic and I do not ever wish to be the 'Covid Police' but I do have a duty of care to everyone at school. A few children are talking about play dates (which of course can take place outdoors) but we should not generally be entering the homes of others. We are also receiving requests from parents for other parents to collect their children. I fully understand that from time to time there is no alternative but I would ask this is kept to a minimum; not all staff at school have been vaccinated and I ask you to take this into consideration when making your arrangements. Many thanks for your cooperation.



I hope you all have a great weekend.

With kind regards,

Sue Elliott, Headteacher