



# PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Christmas countdown has officially begun!

Many thanks to those of you who were able to come along and join in our Christingle Service. Well done to the Worship Team, they all spoke up and told us all about the meaning of the Christingle. I always feel that this service signals the start of a number of Christmas events in school. We will be returning to the Church for our Nativity – which is performed by Maple and Elm classes on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Our Key Stage 2 Carol Service, involving Beech and Oak Classes will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am I hope you will be able to come along to these – all parents and carers are welcome. Many thanks to Rev'd Lisa for always making us so welcome in the Church and accommodating these events.

This coming Friday is our PTA Secret Santa Shopping and Winter Jumper Day – many thanks to the PTA for organising this. The children really love selecting gifts for the family and pets! Then after school the fun really gets going with the Christmas Party ... lots of fun for the children which is always very important!

I hope your preparations for Christmas are going well ... remember to take time to stop and enjoy the fun.

Kind regards,

**Sue Elliott, Headteacher.**

## Going for Gold

*Pupils reaching gold over the last 2 weeks are:*

**Maple:** Olwen, Henrietta, Bella, Archie, Mila., Deni & Jacob  
**Elm:** Gabriel, Finley, Amelie, Teddy, Elliott, Tilly, Tommy, Theo, Alina, Njal., Ffion, Parker, Teddy W and Annabelle.  
**Beech:** Annie, Thea, Tabby, Elwyn, Harrison, Freida, Lukass, Poppy, Izzy, Alfie, Nate, Elliot, William & Rocky  
**Oak:** Chelsea, Layla, Maria, Gilbert, Barney, Max, Willow, Ava-Grace, Zachary, Noelle, William, Taylor, George, Luca, Sammy, Henry and Hattie

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Maple Class

**Bella** for excellent focus, concentration and engagement in our learning

**Jacob** for having all round such a wonderful week

### Elm Class

**Tommy** for his wonderful, detailed writing.

**Parker** for amazing story writing and editing skills.

### Beech Class

**Year 3 Lukass** for a wonderful week, showing kindness and working hard at his assessments.

**Rocky** for being a superstar writer and editor.  
Harrison

**Year 4 Poppy** making a huge effort in all she does especially with editing her writing

**Harrison** for always working so hard

### Oak Class

**Year 5 William** for his fantastic skills and attitude when representing the school at football.

**George** for showing a methodical approach to learning **Year 6 Chelsea** for demonstrating good self confidence and resilience in maths

**Henry** for presenting his work so beautifully







### Amazing Art !

Pupils in Oak Class (Year 5 and 6) have created this incredible artwork. Using a black and white war scene background they have drawn their poppies on the foreground – creating this very striking effect. The pictures are displayed in the hall they all look stunning. Well done to Year 5 and 6 pupils.



### Fantastic Footballers

Well done to our footballers who recently took part in some friendly matches against local schools – they drew against Crockham Hill and won against Hever and all players had a great time – which is what counts. Many thanks if you went along to support and thank you to Ms Bettridge for taking the team.



### Poppy Appeal

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who took on the task of selling poppies to our school community. I am pleased to let you know that we raised £125 for this very worthy cause.

### Christmas Fundraising

Our Year 6 pupils have been working with me to create a whole school Christmas fundraising appeal.

Year 6 will now work with the other pupils in their house and ask each child/family to support their efforts. In **Holmes** pupils will be asking for donations to the Tunbridge Wells Mayor's Christmas Appeal, in **Bayley** they will be asking for donations to give to a local foodbank. In **Yarnold**, they are inviting each pupil in their house to decorate a cube and then use it as a small money box in which to make a donation to Hospice in the Weald for children.

The aim is for us to demonstrate –through our actions – the school's vision of 'walking in the shoes of others'.

Many thanks, in advance for helping with our fundraising.

### New Kit

One of our parents, Caroline Sharp, kindly secured the donation of a sports kit for our KS2 pupils. The kit, features the Penshurst arrow and the name of the school. We will be using the kit when pupils represent the school in sporting competitions. Thank you!

