



PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Dear Parents,



Another term has flown by – many thanks to everyone in our school community for the part they play in making Penshurst such a great place to learn and grow.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Lane, who has worked in school for 14 years – it is always sad when a long standing member of our team leaves and today, in our Celebration Worship, we presented her with some leaving gifts, we wished her well and thanked her for her hard work and dedication – she really has been a star - she will be missed by us all. Mrs Lane will be moving to a new area, to be closer to her family. Good luck Mrs Lane! We look forward to welcoming Miss Abigail Rea who will join our team next term.

Mrs Lyle has been away this half term following a knee operation – her recovery is slower than anticipated and but we are hopeful she will be back with us next term. We all send her get well soon wishes.

Many thanks to the PTFA who have been in school today organising the annual Easter Egg Hunt and sponsored event! The children have had a lovely time – which is what it is all about.

Next term will, I am sure, be equally as busy as this one – hopefully the weather will be a little warmer. There is plenty to look forward to including a new venture which I am working on with Hayley Bareham. We are planning to run our own Cross Country event in June – more details to follow. Many thanks to Hayley for her work on this project.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break.

Sue Elliott, Headteacher.

School Events



Well done to all our runners who did a great job at the recent Key Stage 2 Cross Country. A fabulous effort all round – well done to our Year 3&4 Boys Team who won Bronze.

PTFA Events

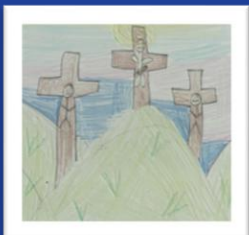
Many, many thanks to our PTFA for making the last day of term such fun.





Easter

In **Beech Class** we have been learning about Holy Week with a focus on Good Friday. We have created boxes that illustrate some of the scenes from Good Friday. We selected 5 scenes and decorated our boxes with pictures and words. We thought about 'Good Friday' and discussed if a day that was sad could ever be thought of as 'good'. We learned that Christians believe that Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice of giving his life so that others could have salvation.



In **Elm Class** pupils have learned that the Easter Story focuses on forgiveness and pupils wrote about what they thought different elements of the story meant.

Inara: Forgiveness feels like keeping your heart door open and keep on loving each other even though they did a bad choice.

Gabriel: Re-weaving a torn net. I think this is like your heart is broken but with forgiveness you can sew it back together.

Maple Class have focused on the idea of new beginnings and how this relates to the Easter Story.

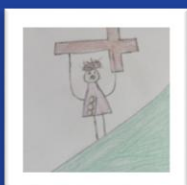
Harry: Christians believe that he came back to life, so the cross is also a sign of hope and love."

In **Oak Class** they have explored the use of different vocabulary that is used to interpret the Easter Story.

New life - At Easter, we think about new life. In spring, flowers begin to grow and the world feels alive again. Easter reminds us that we can have new beginnings too, and that change is always possible.

Hope - Easter is a time for hope; even when things feel dark or difficult, we can spread hope with kindness and care.

Joy - On Easter Sunday, sadness turned into joy. This reminds us that joy can always return even when you least expect it.



Stars of the Week



Maple Class:

Henrietta : for demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning and school life in general.

Elm Class :

Elliott for showing such amazing courage when speaking in the Easter Service.

Beech Class Year 3

Annabelle : for always doing her best especially this week during our Church Service and at the Cross Country event – you are a superstar.

Year 4 :

Lily : for always stepping up and helping out. Also for showing maturity in her attitude to school work and friendships across the school.

Oak Class : Year 5

Max for always giving his best and striving to for excellence in all aspects of school life.

Year 6

Kushi for showing courage and being a wonderful new edition to Oak Class.

Well done to them all.



Easter Service

Many thanks to those who attended our Easter Service yesterday, it was a full house! Rev'd Lisa would like to extend an invitation to all in the school community to join her Church Service on Easter Sunday at St John the Baptist Church.