

# PENPOL SCHOOL



## DECEMBER 2016

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Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Churches Together Service at St Elwyn's at 7pm – selected pupils from C7
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service at St Elwyn's at 4pm (Classes 3 & 4)
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 5, Week 2 Carols Around The Tree assembly for children at 1.15pm Year 1 (Classes 3 & 4) Christmas show for parents at 6pm
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Christmas visit by the Donkey Sanctuary Year 1 (Classes 3 & 4) Christmas show for parents at 2pm
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Dinner and a special visitor!!!
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 (Classes 5 & 6) Christmas show for parents at 2pm
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Reception (Classes 1 & 2) Christmas singing for parents in classes at 9.15am Class 5 visit to Tehidy Woods for Rogue Theatre performance <b>CHRISTMAS FAIR AT 5.30PM</b>
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 5, Week 3
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Carol Concert at St Elwyn's Church at 10am and again at 6pm Class 1 Christmas visit to Paradise Park
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 Christmas visit to Paradise Park Class 6 visit to Penzance Cinema to see the Disney film "Moana"
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Penpol Christmas Party Day! (for all classes)
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day – FINISH AT 2PM</u></b> <b>NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TODAY</b>

### JANUARY 2017

Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS – STAFF TRAINING DAY
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL TODAY
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs will begin this week Swimming – Year 5, Week 4

### CLUBS

Roller Skating	Has now finished until after Christmas
Tag Rugby	Last session on Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Shilton Soccer	Last session on Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Netball	Last session on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 5/6 Football	Last session on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Band	Last session on Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Running Club	Last session on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Sewing Club	Last session on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Spelling Club	Last session on Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Savvy	Last sessions on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Coding Club	Last sessions on Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Pollution Club	Last session on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December

## PLAY AND LEARN

We welcome all pre-school children and their carers to our regular Play & Learn sessions which are held in the school hall on Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm until 3pm. These sessions are completely free of charge and a great introduction to Penpol school for your child. **The last Play & Learn session for this term will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. We will start again after Christmas on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January – hope to see you there!**



## HAYLE FOOD BANK

The Hayle Food Bank are making up special Christmas hampers for needy families in the Hayle area. If you feel your family may benefit from one of these hampers, please come in and talk to us. All details, will of course, be kept confidential – we would just need your permission to pass on your name and address to the food bank organisers, so they may deliver your hamper nearer to Christmas.

Please do not feel awkward or embarrassed about coming to let us know if you would like some help from the food bank, you can speak to us discreetly and confidentially.

A little nearer to Christmas, we will actually be asking for donations to send off to the food bank for Christmas – if you are able to donate any Christmassy grocery items, please may they be brought into school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We will send out a flyer nearer the time to remind you. Many thanks.



## VISIT BY SIDMOUTH DONKEY SANCTUARY

We are very pleased to let you know that the donkeys from the Sidmouth Sanctuary will be able to visit us again this year. They will be here on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. In the past, we have asked children to bring in carrots and apples for them, which have been taken back to the Sanctuary and enjoyed by all the resident donkeys there. It would be lovely if this year we could do the same – there will be a bucket in the reception area on the morning of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, to leave your carrot and apple donations. It would also be great if on this occasion, children were able to bring in a small monetary donation of say 50p. When the donkeys arrive, they have their own special pen and the classes take it in turns to go out and see them.



## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAYS AND CONCERTS

Classes 1 & 2	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am in the classroom – Christmas singing
Classes 3 & 4	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December at 6pm & Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – "One Bright Night"
Classes 5 & 6	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the hall – "The story of Christmas Through Song"
All Juniors	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service at St Elwyn's Church at 10am and 6pm



## CHRISTMAS POST BOX

From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, our school Christmas post box will be in the reception area. The children, if they wish, may post all their cards to their friends within school. We have printed out Class lists of first names of children, so if you require a list to help with the writing of Christmas Cards, please call at the office to collect one. **Please make sure that you put the class number, as well as the name, on all envelopes.**

## CHRISTMAS DINNER – WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Please make sure that all Christmas lunch slips are returned as soon as possible, as we need to know how much turkey to cook!!!

## PENPOL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY! – THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, it will be our Penpol Christmas Party Day!

ALL classes will be having their Christmas parties on this day. The children may wear their sparkly, fun play clothes for the day, but please make sure they are suitable for playtimes. **ALL children will still have their normal lunches on this day.**



## FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – JUNIOR PARTY PACKED LUNCH DAY

On the last day of term, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the **Junior children** if they wish can bring a party packed lunch with them, which they will eat in class with everyone else. In previous years, this has been on party day, but sometimes all the excitement and special food proves too much for some children, so we thought it would be a lovely way to end the term having it on the last day.



## JUNIOR CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS

This year, our Junior Christmas Carol Service will be held at St Elwyn's Church in Hayle on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. There will be two services on this day – the first one at 10am and then the evening performance at 6pm.

The children will come to school as usual on the Tuesday morning and then the teachers and helpers will walk them down to St Elwyn's in preparation for the service at 10am. They will then be back to Penpol for the usual lunchtime arrangements. In the evening, please arrange to take your child to the church for 5.45pm – we are expecting the services to last for around three quarters of an hour.



Past experience has shown us that the evening service is always very overcrowded with standing room only on many occasions. We would therefore encourage any parents (or grandparents) who are able, to attend the morning service instead of the evening one. This should make things a little more comfortable for everyone.

All the Junior children (in Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13) will be expected to attend both services please, as even with just a handful of children missing, it can really make a huge difference to the fantastic sound and atmosphere.

## SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY ON FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, we shall once again be supporting the Save The Children campaign for 'Wear Your Christmas Jumper Day'. For a donation to the charity, we will all be able to wear our Christmas jumpers to school on this day – **don't worry if you have not got one – a sparkly top or ordinary jumper decorated with tinsel, etc will be just as good!!!** (Please can the children wear their usual trousers, skirts, etc on this day). If possible, we would suggest a £1 donation for the Save The Children charity.



## UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS!!!

Yes, we all get them, those Christmas gifts that you don't really need, want or like!!! One man's rubbish is another man's treasure though (!!!) so if you should happen to get a gift this Christmas that you do not really care for, please bring it into school in the New Year.

In January, the Penpol Friends usually have an Afternoon Tea event with a sale of any unwanted Christmas gifts to help raise some additional funds for school – we promise we won't tell who donated what!!!

## CHRISTMAS TREES

We are also on the lookout for Christmas Tree trunks!!! After the festivities are over and it is time to recycle your Christmas tree (if you have had a real tree), we would be very grateful if you could save the bottom metre or so for us – not the branches, just the actual trunk. We use them the following year to make Christmas decorations to sell at the fair.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. We are very pleased to let you know we have been able to order new books for the library to the value of £635. Thank you so much for your support – this was a fantastic effort.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

We had great fun on our Children in Need dressing up day and were able to send off £423.82 to the charity. Many thanks once again for your generosity.



## LADIES BINGO NIGHT

Many thanks to all the brave ladies who joined us last Friday for our Bingo evening!!! We hope you enjoyed it and had some fun. We are very pleased to let you know we raised over £260. Thank you so much for your support.

## OVER CLOTHES FOR PLAYTIMES

Please remember that if your child wishes to play on the school field or trim trail at lunchtimes, they will need to bring a spare set of clothes and old trainers from home. We would not wish the children's lovely school uniform to get muddy, so please can they bring some old clothes which they can put on over their uniforms. Thank you.



## FRUIT FOR PLAYTIMES

The Infant children are all able to enjoy a free piece of fruit or veg as part of the "Schools Fruit & Vegetable Scheme". If the Junior children would like to have a snack at playtime, we would also encourage them to bring in a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables also. Thank you for your support with this.

# PENPOL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year, our Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, beginning at 5.30pm. We really hope you will be able to come along to the fair and spend an enjoyable couple of hours browsing around the stalls and soaking up the lovely festive atmosphere. There will be mulled wine and mince pies, hot pasties, cups of tea and cakes and we are also hoping that Santa might be able to fit us in to his busy schedule for presents and photo opportunities!



Many thanks to all those who have already returned raffle tickets. Please could all counterfoils and money be returned to school by the day of the fair. **We have some fabulous prizes this year, including a meal for four at Pizza Express, tickets for the Minack Theatre, pantomime tickets for the Hall for Cornwall, tickets for Paradise Park, a £25 voucher for the Watermill, 2 guest passes for the Harbour Hotel & Spa etc., etc.** Any donations for the cake stalls may be brought in on the Friday morning, but we would be delighted to receive any other donations anytime over the next week or so.

If you would be able to help with the preparations for the fair, please let us know. We shall need helpers on the day itself to set up and also to stay and help with the tidying up afterwards. If you are able to spare any time, please let Wendy Turner know. (Tel 07964 371907).

This is always a really great evening for everyone and we really hope you will be able to join us.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

We will break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. (There will NOT be any after school club facilities on this day). Our first day back for the children will be Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.



## THANK YOU

As Christmas approaches again it is an excellent time to thank everyone so much for supporting the school during the year. We would like to thank all of the pupils for being so positive, happy and hard-working and the parents who support the school so well. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you over the next couple of weeks for our Christmas celebrations and for the new term ahead in 2017.