

PENPOL SCHOOL



DECEMBER 2017

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Friday	1 st	Class 1 visit to Pizza Express in St Ives
Monday	4 th	Swimming – Year 5, Week 2
Tuesday	5 th	Carols Around The Tree Assembly for children
Wednesday	6 th	Classes 5 & 6 Christmas show for parents at 2pm
Thursday	7 th	Year 5 'Space Day'
Friday	8 th	Class 3 to visit St Elwyn's Church to make Christingles CHRISTMAS FAIR AT 5.30PM – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TODAY
Sunday	10 th	Christingle Service at St Elwyn's Church at 4pm
Monday	11 th	Swimming – Year 5, Week 3 Class 3 Christmas singing for parents in class at 9.30am & again at 1.30pm Class 5 visit to Tehidy Woods for Rogue Theatre presentation Juniors to visit St Elwyn's Church in afternoon for Carol Service rehearsal Class 4 Christmas singing for parents at 6pm at St Elwyn's Church
Tuesday	12 th	Junior Carol Service at St Elwyn's Church at 10am & 6pm Class 6 visit to Penzance cinema
Wednesday	13 th	Christmas dinner
Thursday	14 th	Classes 9 & 10 visit to Redruth cinema Classes 1 & 2 Christmas singing for parents in classes at 2pm
Friday	15 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday	18 th	Swimming – Year 5, Week 4 Class 2 visit to Paradise Park Class 1 Christmas Party Day
Tuesday	19 th	Class 1 visit to Paradise Park Penpol Christmas Party Day! (For all classes other than Class 1)
Wednesday	20 th	LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 2PM NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TODAY

JANUARY 2018

Thursday	4 th	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS – STAFF TRAINING DAY
Friday	5 th	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS – STAFF TRAINING DAY
Monday	8 th	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL TODAY Swimming – Year 5, Week 5

CLUBS

Roller Skating	Has now finished until after Christmas
Lego Club	Last session on Monday 4 th December
Shilton Soccer	Last session on Wednesday 13 th December (weather permitting)!
Netball	Last session on Monday 4 th December
Year 5/6 Football	Last session on Thursday 14 th December
Running Club	Has now finished until after Christmas
Languages Club	Last session on Thursday 7 th December
Drama Club	Has now finished until after Christmas
Board Games Club	Last session on Tuesday 5 th December
Homework Club	Has now finished until after Christmas

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAYS AND CONCERTS

Classes 1 & 2	Thursday 14 th December in the classroom – Christmas singing at 2pm
Class 3	Monday 11 th December in the class – Christmas singing at 9.30am & 1.30pm
Class 4	Monday 11 th December at St Elwyn's Church – Christmas singing at 6pm
Classes 5 & 6	Wednesday 6 th December at 2pm in the hall – Christmas songs and readings
All Juniors	Tuesday 12 th December – Carol Service at St Elwyn's Church at 10am and 6pm

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 7th December. We will start again after Christmas on Thursday 18th January.**

HAYLE FOOD BANK

Your child should have recently brought home a flyer regarding the Hayle Foodbank Advent collection. Each class will be making their own hamper for the foodbank and it would be lovely if children could bring one item each to put inside. Thank you for your support with this.



CHRISTMAS POST BOX

From Tuesday 5th 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.**

JUNIOR CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS

This year, our Junior Christmas Carol Service will be held at St Elwyn's Church in Hayle on **Tuesday 12th 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 & 14) 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

CHRISTMAS DINNER – WEDNESDAY 13TH 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!!!

SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY ON FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER



On Friday 15th 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!!!** (Home clothes with a Christmas jumper). If possible, we would suggest a £1 donation for the Save The Children charity.

PENPOL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY! – TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

On Tuesday 19th December, it will be our Penpol Christmas Party Day! ALL classes (other than Class 1 who will be having their party on Monday 18th as they will be at Paradise Park on Tuesday) 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.**



WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER – JUNIOR PARTY PACKED LUNCH DAY

On the last day of term, Wednesday 20th 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.

PARKING

Please may we remind you that the no parking restrictions outside of school are from 8am to 5pm. There are an increasing number of cars being parked on both sides of the road and in the access lane to school, when parents are collecting from after school clubs, especially from the Savvy Dance sessions. The restrictions are in place for the safety of the children and currently this is being compromised. Please do not park outside the school until after 5pm. Thank you for your support.



LOST PROPERTY



As the number of children increases (currently 376) so does the amount of lost property. Over the past few weeks, we have spent hours searching for lost jumpers, coats, shoes, etc. Sadly, the majority of the clothes are not named and look the same! How can parents help? **PLEASE** name everything your children brings to school and remind them to check the clothes they pick up have their own name in!!! We understand it is difficult, for the younger children especially, but maybe parents could put extra identifying marks on items to make them more easily recognisable. We would really appreciate your help in this matter.

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 £483. 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 £446.27 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 £366. Thank you so much for your support.



PENPOL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS FAIR



This year, our Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 8th 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, a Salt bar voucher for £25, a family pass for the Eden project, crazy golf for 4 at Penwith Pitch & Putt, a £30 voucher for the Tremeneheere Kitchen, 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. This is always a really great evening for everyone and we really hope you will be able to join us.

STOP PRESS!!! – To help raise additional funds for our school, The Big Pink Tree in Hayle will donate a percentage of all sales to Penpol School, during their late night shopping event on Thursday 7th December. Why not call by on Thursday evening (between 6pm – 9pm) to do some Christmas shopping and support our school at the same time.



PENPOL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SUPER DRAW – Your child should have brought home a flyer about our draw to win a winter, weekend break in Mevagissey, generously donated by Aspects Holidays. Tickets cost £3 each or two tickets for £5. The closing date is Monday 18th December. Good Luck!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

We will break up for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 20th December at 2pm. (There will NOT be any after school club facilities on this day). Our first day back for the children will be Monday 8th January 2018. (Breakfast Club & Pirates After School Club will operate as usual on this day).



THANK YOU

As Christmas approaches once again we would like to thank everyone so much for supporting the school during the year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you over the next couple of weeks for our Christmas celebrations.