

PENPOL SCHOOL



JANUARY 2017

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Tuesday	3 rd	School closed to pupils – Staff training day
Wednesday	4 th	Children return to school today
Monday	9 th	Swimming – Year 5, Week 4
Thursday	12 th	Marks Ark visiting Classes 1 & 2
Monday	16 th	Swimming – Year 5, Week 5
Wednesday	18 th	Governors meetings – 7pm Finance followed by Full Governors at 8pm
Thursday	19 th	Special 'Burger' dinner menu – see note overleaf
Monday	23 rd	Swimming – Year 6, Week 1
Monday	30 th	Swimming – Year 6, Week 2

FEBRUARY 2017

Monday	6 th	Swimming – Year 6, Week 3
Friday	10 th	ACADEMIC REVIEW DAY – See note overleaf
Monday	13 th	- Friday 17 th – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday	20 th	Swimming – Year 6, Week 4
Monday	27 th	Swimming – Year 6, Week 5

EASTER BREAK – Finish at 2pm on Thursday 30th March. Return to school on Tuesday 18th April.

PLAY & LEARN



We look forward to continuing our Play & Learn activity for pre-school children and the first session this term will be on **Thursday 12th January from 1.30pm – 3pm**. All sessions are completely free of charge and full of exciting activities for you and your child to enjoy together. Play & Learn is a fantastic way of introducing your child to Penpol School and get to know us before starting school.

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break and the children are looking forward to the year ahead at Penpol.

THANK YOU

We would like to say an enormous thank you for supporting all our events and activities leading up to Christmas. Due to your generosity, we were able to donate £100 to the Donkey Sanctuary, £200.50 to St Elwyn's Church, £422.11 to St Julia's Hospice and £203 to the Save the Children charity for Christmas Jumper day. We also made a fantastic collection of goodies for the Hayle Food Bank. This is truly fantastic and we are so grateful to you all.



We are also so very pleased to report that the Christmas Fair raised a staggering sum of £2500 for our own school – this was a magnificent effort. Thank you so much to our Penpol Friends team for organising this event and to everyone who helped out in any way or who came along and enjoyed the fantastic evening.

CLUBS

MON		<p style="text-align: center;">Netball (Years 5 & 6) – until 4.15pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Running Club (All Juniors) – until 4pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roller Skating Club (All Year Groups) – until 4.15pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Infant Tag Rugby (Years 1 & 2) – until 4pm (starting 16th Jan)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lego Club by invitation (Years 1 & 2) – until 4pm (starting 16th Jan)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Keeler, Mrs Turner & Miss Ball Mrs Connors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Jane</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Chapman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Ruffell</p>
TUES	<p style="text-align: center;">12.30 – 1pm</p> <p>3D Printing Club for Years 5 & 6 with Mr Woolcock (By invitation)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Savy Dance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Year 2 - 3.15pm to 4pm (Classes 5 & 6)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Years 3 & 4 – 4pm to 5pm (Classes 7, 8 & 9)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Years 5 & 6 – 5pm to 6pm (Classes 10,11, 12 & 13)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Boys & Girls Football (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pupils Against Pollution – by invitation (Juniors) until 4.45pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clare Meardon (07703 845274)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Stanlake, Mr Pollard & Miss Blight</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Doyle</p>
WED		<p style="text-align: center;">Shilton Soccer for Years 3 & 4 3.15pm - 4.15pm starting on 11th January</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Savy Ballet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reception – 3.15pm until 4pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Year 1 – 4pm until 4.45pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Year 2 – 4.45pm until 5.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Years 3 & 4 – 5.30pm until 6.15pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Years 5 & 6 – 6.15pm until 7pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr Shilton & Mr James</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clare Meardon (07703 845274)</p>
THUR	<p style="text-align: center;">12.30 – 1pm</p> <p>Coding Club for Years 3 & 4 with Mr Woolcock</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tag Rugby for all Juniors – until 4.15pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Band (Juniors) until 4.15pm – starting on 19th Jan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Science Club for Years 1 & 2 – until 4pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Spelling Club (Years 3 & 4) until 4pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Savy Street Dance (Year 1) – 3.15pm – 4pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Chapman & Mr Stanlake</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr Little</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Miss Simpson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Connors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clare Meardon</p>
FRI	<p style="text-align: center;">12.30 – 1pm</p> <p>Coding Club for Years 5 & 6 with Mr Woolcock</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Drama Club by invitation (All Juniors) until 4pm – starting 20th Jan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Connors</p>

ALL OUTDOOR CLUBS ARE WEATHER PERMITTING

Please may we also remind you that we have Breakfast Club in the mornings from 7.45am. This is held in our school hall and costs £3 with breakfast or £2 without.

After school, the Penpol Pirates provide after school child care, up until 6pm if required. This does need to be booked and paid for in advance, so if you would like further information with regard to the scale of charges or to make a booking, please call at the school office.

IMPROVEMENTS TO PERIMETER FENCING

Due to concerns identified by the Senior Leadership Team and Governors, Penpol School is having its perimeter fencing updated and replaced.

It was noted that the old fencing was in poor condition, and at numerous points around the site, its deterioration was creating a potential health and safety concern.

The new fencing, which comes with a fifteen-year guarantee and is funded by Cornwall Council, will ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children, especially when they are playing at break and lunchtimes.

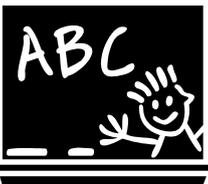
The improved fencing will also ensure the overall security of the school by restricting access and ensuring that visitors can only enter the site via the main office.

The improvements will see a new gate positioned next to the school hall. The old wooden gate leading into the infant playground is also being replaced and a more secure gate put in its place.

We are very fortunate that Penpol School's location sees it situated in a beautiful location, surrounded by fields and wonderful views. With this in mind, the new fencing is designed to blend in with the surrounding environment and we are confident that it will not impede negatively on the overall feel or look of the school.



APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN A RECEPTION CLASS FOR 2017/2018



Applications for places in a Reception class at a primary school for 2017 need to be made **by 15th January 2017 – this is very, very soon!** If you wish your child to be considered for a place at Penpol, please make sure that you have applied before this date. ALL PLACES ARE ALLOCATED BY CORNWALL COUNCIL (not us), so it is really, really important that your application is made in time. If you are in any doubt about your application or have any queries, please contact the Admissions Team direct at Cornwall Council in Truro on 0300 1234100.

ACADEMIC REVIEW DAY – FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

This term, our Academic Review Day will be held on Friday 10th February. **(This means the school will be closed for normal lessons on 10th February).** This day has proved very successful in the past with many mums and dads able to come in, together with their children, to look at work and discuss progress. Your child will



shortly be bringing home a letter outlining arrangements for Academic Review Day – **please return the slip from this letter (one for each child please)** indicating the time of day that will be most convenient for you to attend. (The appointments will be for 10 minutes per child). Please may we remind you that on the day, there will be crèche facilities in the hall between 9am and 3pm, where younger siblings can be left while you meet with the class teachers. Your child will need to come with you to see their teacher but they DO NOT need to wear their school uniform on this day.



SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH ON THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY

On Thursday 19th January, there will be a change in our usual menu. We will be having a special 'Build Your Own Burger' lunch. This will consist of a beef or quorn burger and then the children will be able to choose to top it with lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, onions, cheese, mayo or tomato relish. This will be served with chips and coleslaw or baked beans with ice cream or fresh fruit for dessert. As usual this meal will be free for all Infant children in Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 and £2.30 for all Juniors who pay for their meals.

LEGO CLUB

Mrs Ruffell is starting an after school Lego club for the Year 1 & Year 2 children on a Monday after school. She would be most grateful for any donations of Lego – this could be something your child no longer plays with or any duplicate Christmas presents - any donations will be much appreciated.



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.

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Many thanks to all those parents who responded to our request, for as many families as possible and who are entitled, to apply for the Pupil Premium Funding (this used to be the Free School Meals benefit). The money is there to be granted to schools but will NOT be allocated unless families apply. If you feel you may still be entitled but have not yet applied, please would you come in and see us at the office (as a matter of urgency) and we will be able to help you to apply.

SCHOOL DINNER PAYMENTS



Please may we remind you that all Junior children who need to pay for their school dinners, do so very promptly. We are still very pleased to be able to provide the special offer of having Fridays dinner for free if meals have been taken and paid for on Mondays to Thursdays. However, for this scheme to work satisfactorily, **ALL JUNIOR MEALS** need to be paid for in advance or on the day the meal is taken. It is very time consuming (and sometimes awkward for us and the children themselves) when we have to follow up unpaid meals and we would really appreciate your support with this. (This obviously does not apply if your child is entitled to Free School Meals).

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS!!!

In our December newsletter, we asked for any unwanted Christmas Gifts to be donated to school. 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 have received a gift this Christmas that you did not really care for, please bring it into school. The Penpol Friends are always on the lookout for raffle prizes or if enough items are donated, they will 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!!!



LOST PROPERTY

Please, please help us to try and solve the lost property dilemma!!! Every term, we are left with lots of items that are not named and cannot be returned to their rightful owners. This is usually Penpol jumpers and cardigans, but quite often, can be hoodies, sweatshirts or t-shirts that the children have brought in to use for an after school club and then not packed away to take home. PLEASE make sure that any items that are brought to school are clearly labelled with your child's name – please can we also ask you to regularly check written on labels on jumpers as these fade over time in the wash. We would really appreciate your help with this.