

PENPOL SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 2016

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Wednesday	7 th	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL TODAY
Monday	12 th	Swimming – Year 4, Week 1
Thursday	15 th	Surfing – Class 13
Friday	16 th	Surfing – Class 10
Monday	19 th	Swimming – Year 4, Week 2
Tuesday	20 th	Infant Meet the Teacher from 9.15am until 9.45am
Wednesday	21 st	Junior Meet the Teacher from 9.15am until 9.35am
Thursday	22 nd	Surfing – Class 12 Penpol Friends Meeting at 3.15pm
Friday	23 rd	Surfing – Class 11
Monday	26 th	Swimming – Year 4, Week 3
Thursday	29 th	Surfing – Class 13
Friday	30 th	Surfing – Class 10

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Monday	3 rd	Swimming – Year 4, Week 4
Thursday	6 th	Tempest Individual School Photographs Surfing – Class 12
Friday	7 th	Surfing – Class 11
Monday	10 th	Swimming – Year 4, Week 5
Thursday	13 th	Surfing – Class 13
Friday	14 th	Surfing – Class 10
Monday	17 th	Swimming – Year 3, Week 1
Thursday	20 th	Surfing – Class 12
Friday	21 st	Surfing – Class 11
Monday	24 th - Friday 28 th October	Half-Term Holiday
Monday	31 st	Swimming – Week 3, Week 2

PLAY AND LEARN

While all the new Reception children settle in, Mrs James will be needed in Class 1 every afternoon. However, we look forward to continuing our Play & Learn activity for pre-school children and the first session this term will be on **Thursday 13th October from 1.30pm – 3pm**. All sessions are completely free of charge and full of exciting activities for you and your child to enjoy together.



WELCOME

It is lovely to see how smart the children all look in their uniforms and how well they have all settled into the school routine after the summer break, particularly all the new pupils in Classes 1 & 2. However, we realise this can be an anxious time for parents, so if you have any worries, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher at the end of the day or telephone the office. Please could we remind parents not to wander through the school, but to come in to the office with any queries you may have.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY	Roller Skating (All Year Groups) until 4.15pm Running Club (All Juniors) until 4pm Netball (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm	Mrs Jane Mrs Connors Mrs Keeler, Mrs Turner & Miss Ball
TUESDAY	Savvy Street Dance Year 2 - 3.15pm – 4pm Years 3 & 4 - 4pm – 5pm Years 5 & 6 - 5pm – 6pm Seniors – 6pm – 7pm Boys & Girls Football (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm	Clare Meardon 07703 845274 Mr Pollard & Mr Stanlake
WEDNESDAY	Shilton Soccer Club for Yrs 3 & 4 until 4.15pm Savvy Ballet Reception – 3.15pm – 4pm Year 1 – 4pm – 4.45pm Year 2 – 4.45pm – 5.30pm Years 3 & 4 – 5.30pm – 6.15pm Years 5 & 6 – 6.15pm – 7pm	Mr Shilton, Mr James & Mr Gardiner Clare Meardon 07703 845274
THURSDAY	Band – Juniors by invitation until 4.15pm – starts 22 nd Sep Savvy Street Dance – Year 1 – 3.15pm – 4pm Savvy Senior Ballet – Year 7 upwards – 4.30pm – 5.15pm	Mr Little Clare Meardon 07703 845274
FRIDAY	Year 1 & 2 Multi Sports Clubs – until 4.15pm – until October half-term week	Mr Stanlake & Miss Simpson

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please can we remind you about our Breakfast and After School clubs. Breakfast club starts at 7.45am in the morning and runs until the start of the school day. The cost with breakfast is £3 per child, or £2 without. The Penpol Pirates After school club runs every day, up until 6pm if required. There are differing charges depending on how long your child stays. To guarantee a place, you will need to book in advance – please collect a form from the office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING ALLERGIES

We have noticed that some children are bringing in bags of nuts in their lunch boxes. Whilst we would always encourage children to have a healthy lunch and snacks, we would prefer the children not to bring nuts into school. We feel they present a serious choking hazard, especially for the younger pupils, but we have several children in school with severe nut allergies, who could become very poorly if they even touched the empty packet. We also have some children in school who have a very serious allergy to Sesame and would also ask that you refrain from sending your child in with the Sesame Snap snacks if at all possible – again just touching these products could set off a very severe reaction for these children. Thank you all so much for



SCHOOL MEALS

Please may we remind you that all Infant children in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 are now entitled to have a free school meal every day. (This will apply to children in Classes 1 & 2 when they start full-time school).



The cost of a Junior school meal is now £2.30 per day. However, the offer still applies that if your child has a school meal on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday their dinner on a Friday is FREE!

In order for us to administrate this great offer it is most important that **ALL meals are paid for in advance or at the latest, on the day the meal is being taken.** Also if you have put dinner money in your child's bag, please remind them it is there and to hand it in! Our meals are freshly prepared each day, here in our school kitchen. If your child has any special dietary requirements, please call in and have a chat with Julie our school cook.

SCHOOL TEXTING SERVICE

This term, we shall continue with our popular school texting service. We use this facility to advise parents if a club gets cancelled, non-serious bumps and scrapes, to remind you about forthcoming events, etc. We do have an inbox if you would like to reply, but please do not use this method of communication urgent matters, as we may not read your message until later.



PENPOL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



This year our school photographs are being taken Thursday 6th October. If you have younger children at home that you would like to be photographed with your children who are already at Penpol School, please come in at 8.15am on this morning. To assist with the smooth running of this first session, please collect a numbered ticket from the office. We would also request that your children are kept with you in the hall at this time and not left to wander around the school. Following the family groups, **the school** will then organise brothers and sisters within the classes to be photographed together throughout the morning and finally, individuals. Whilst you are in no way obliged to purchase any photographs we find it much easier to organise the sitting of photographs in this way, (i.e., it is much easier to take photographs of everyone and not to single some out).

APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION OR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

The on-line application forms are now open for children requiring a Reception class place for September 2017, and the current Year 6 children who will be transferring to secondary school next year. It is **so very important** to apply for these places before the deadlines. Please visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for further details and to make your applications.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year, our Harvest assembly will be on Tuesday 11th October. However, with the school continuing to expand, it is more and more difficult to try and squeeze parents, children, teachers and the harvest gifts into our tiny school hall!!! This year, we have decided once again to have an in house assembly for the children and their teachers and helpers in school. We would still like to involve the local community however, so nearer the time, we will be sending home letters asking for donations of harvest gifts and nominations of people in the local area that would benefit from receiving a harvest parcel

PENPOL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Penpol Friends meet every month or so, to discuss and arrange fund raising events for the school. These include our fantastic Summer and Christmas Fairs, Afternoon Teas, film nights for the children, etc. We are very grateful to all the members of the PFA for their hard work and would like to invite any parents, who are not



already members, to think about getting involved. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 22nd September, starting at 3.15pm and we would love it if you were able to join us.** Even if you are not able to make every meeting or help at all the events, it is great to have parents who can lend a hand when they are able. We would particularly like to extend a very warm welcome to the parents of the new Reception children – coming along to this first meeting is a brilliant way of getting involved with our school and meeting other new parents.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

If your child is in Years 4, 5 or 6, St Ives school have asked us to let you know about their Open Evening on Thursday 29th September from 5pm – 7pm. We have leaflets with more information available at the office or why not check out their website at www.st-ives.cornwall.sch.uk.

Please may we also remind you about the Hayle School Open Evening which is on next Thursday 22nd September between 6pm – 8pm.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS/SCHOOL TRIPS

We regularly organise school trips for the children as we strongly believe they enhance and reinforce the lessons taught in the classrooms. Outings in the past have included visits to the Maritime Museum at Falmouth, workshops at the Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro, the Eden Project, etc, etc. Obviously there is a cost involved with such outings and if you would like further information concerning this, please check out the "Charging and Remissions" policy on our Penpol School website.



If there should be an occasion in the future where you feel you may not be able to make the voluntary contribution requested for a class trip, please do come in and speak with Mr Doyle.

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

It is really important that all families who would be entitled to Free School Meals, apply for Pupil Premium Funding. (If you have already done this, thank you so much and no further action is necessary). All Infants are entitled to have a free meal every day anyway, but if any family (Junior or Infants) are on a low income and would have been entitled to free school meals anyway, it is so very important for you to apply. The process is very straightforward and totally confidential. If you log on to the Cornwall Council website and choose 'Schools' and then 'School Meals' you can type in your details and find out immediately if you are eligible for this funding. If you are not sure how to do this, please call in and see us at the office and we will be able to help you.

It is so important to our school that everyone who is eligible applies – the money is there to be granted, but if you do not apply, the school does not receive these extra funds. We also receive extra funding for children if either of the parents are in the forces – if you think this applies to you and we don't know about it, please come in and let us know at the office.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please find enclosed our school calendar with term dates and holiday dates. This is always available to look at on our website, along with our monthly calendar of forthcoming events.