

PENPOL SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 2017

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Monday	4 th	STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday	5 th	STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday	6 th	SCHOOL CLOSED – CORNWALL COUNCIL BUILDING WORKS DELAYED
Thursday	7 th	SCHOOL CLOSED – CORNWALL COUNCIL BUILDING WORKS DELAYED
Friday	8 th	SCHOOL OPEN TO PUPILS
Monday	11 th	Swimming – Year 4, Week 1
Wednesday	13 th	Classes 3 & 4 visit to the Hall for Cornwall to see The Gruffalo
Monday	18 th	Swimming – Year 4, Week 2
Tuesday	19 th	Routine Year 1 Hearing Screening
Wednesday	20 th	Penpol Friends Meeting at 3.15pm
Monday	25 th	Swimming – Year 4, Week 3
Tuesday	26 th	Infant Meet the Teacher from 9.15am until 9.40am
Wednesday	27 th	Junior Meet The Teacher from 9.15am until 9.40am

OCTOBER

Monday	2 nd	Swimming – Year 4, Week 4
Monday	9 th	Swimming – Year 4, Week 5
Tuesday	10 th	Penpol Harvest Assembly
Wednesday	11 th	Tempest Individual School Photographs – see note overleaf
Thursday	12 th	Play & Learn begins today
Monday	16 th	Swimming – Year 3, Week 1
Monday	23 rd – Friday 27 th	October – Half-Term Holiday

NOVEMBER

Monday	30 th	Swimming – Year 3, Week 2
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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.



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 12th 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. This session is a perfect introduction for the children to Penpol and gets them used to coming into school.

LUNCHTIMES

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MON	Chess Club for all Juniors with Mr Stanlake 12.15 – 1pm	Netball (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm (Red) Roller Skating (Year 1 to Year 6) until 4.15pm (Green) Homework Club (Years 6) until 4pm (Blue)	Mrs Keeler & Mrs Turner Mrs Jane Mr Wise
TUES		Savy Dance Year 2 - 3.15pm to 4pm (Classes 5 & 6) Years 3 & 4 – 4pm to 5pm (Classes 7, 8 & 9) Years 5 & 6 – 5pm to 6pm (Classes 10, 11, 12 & 13) Seniors (Year 7+) – 6pm to 7pm Board Games Club (Years 5 & 6) until 4pm (Red) Choir (All Juniors) until 4.15pm (Blue)	Clare Meardon (07703 845274) Mr Pollard Mr Jones
WED		Shilton Soccer for Years 3 & 4 3.15pm - 4.15pm (until 28 June) (Red) Savy Ballet Reception – 3.15pm until 4pm – starting on 1 st Nov Year 1 – 4pm until 4.45pm Year 2 – 4.45pm until 5.30pm Years 3 & 4 – 5.30pm until 6.15pm Years 5 & 6 – 6.15pm until 7pm	Mr Shilton & Mr James Clare Meardon (07703 845274)
THUR		Football (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm (Red) Running Club (All Juniors) until 4pm (Blue) Languages Club (Years 4 & 5) until 4.15pm (Green) Savy Street Dance (Year 1) – 3.15pm – 4pm Seniors (Year 7+) – 4.30pm – 5.15pm	Mr Stanlake Miss Aspden Mr Emery Clare Meardon
FRI		Drama Club (All Juniors) (Green) until 4pm	Mrs Connors

(The colours in brackets indicate which balloon zone to collect your child from after the club)

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.

PLEASE MAY WE REMIND YOU THAT ALL SESSIONS NEED TO BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE OR AT THE LATEST ON THE DAY YOUR CHILD STAYS – thank you for your co-operation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING ALLERGIES

Please may we remind you that we have several children in school with severe nut allergies, who could become very poorly if they even touched an empty packet of nuts. 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 – again just touching these products could set off a very severe reaction for these children. Thank you all so much for your co-operation with this matter.



MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

Infant 'Meet the Teacher' (for Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) will be on Tuesday 26th September and Junior 'Meet the Teacher' (for Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14) will be on Wednesday 27th September. Both sessions will be from 9.15am until 9.40am.

At these meetings the Class teachers will discuss with parents about how they like to arrange the class and the nature of the work the children will be studying. There will be an opportunity for you to ask any general questions you may have. (If you need to speak to the teacher specifically about your child, please make an appointment on a separate occasion – thank you).



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 £2.30 per day. 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.

PENPOL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

This year our school photographs are being taken Wednesday 11th 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).



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.



APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION OR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

The on-line application forms are now open for children requiring a Reception class place for September 2018, 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.



HARVEST ASSEMBLY

This year, our Harvest assembly will be on Tuesday 10th October. This year, we have decided once again to have an in house assembly for the children and their teachers and helpers in school. Further details will be sent out in our October newsletter.

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 **Wednesday 20th 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.



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, workshops at the Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro, the Eden Project, etc, etc. Obviously there is a cost involved with such outings and 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 trip, please 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. **Please note that Friday 4th May is now an ordinary school day for children (NOT a training day as previously indicated).**