

PENPOL SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 2019

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Tuesday	10 th	Year 1 visit to Hayle Millpond New Intake September 2020 – meeting for parents at 9.30am
Wednesday	11 th	Meet the Teacher at 3.20pm (not for Classes 1 & 2)
Monday	16 th	Swimming – Year 3, week 1
Thursday	19 th	Routine hearing screening for Year 1 children
Monday	23 rd	Swimming – Year 3, week 2
Thursday	26 th	Penpol Friends meeting at 3.15pm – everyone welcome
Monday	30 th	Swimming – Year 3, week 3 Governors meetings – Finance at 7pm followed by Full Governing Body at 8pm

OCTOBER

Monday	7 th	Swimming – Year 3, week 4
Tuesday	8 th	TEMPEST INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS
Monday	14 th	Swimming – Year 3, week 5
Wednesday	16 th	'Cornish Caretakers' performance for KS2 children & workshop for Yr 6 pupils
Thursday	17 th	Flu Immunisation Day for all pupils – further details to follow shortly
FRIDAY	18 th	STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday	21 st – Friday 25 th October	Half-Term Holiday
Monday	28 th	Swimming – Year 4, Week 1

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 10th 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.



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 – no need to book, just come to the school hall. The Penpol Pirates 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 try not to leave it until the last minute.

'ASPENS SELECT' SCHOOL DINNERS

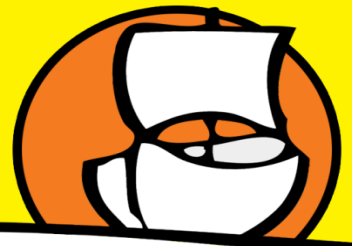


Many thanks for your support with our new school dinner arrangements. If you have still not registered with Aspens please could we encourage you to do so. Even if your child only has one school dinner a year, it would be beneficial to get this process completed now. Could we remind you that if you have pre-ordered your child's meals but then they are absent from school, please go on to your Aspens account and cancel the meal for that day as otherwise you may still be charged.

We have also noticed that when some children go to collect their lunch, they do not know what their parents have ordered for them! Please can you make sure your child is aware each day of what they are having. We know there have been a few teething problems for some parents, but we are working with Aspens to get these issues resolved as soon as possible, so many thanks for your patience. We are confident that this new method of ordering and paying for school dinners will reduce food wastage in our school kitchen and be more convenient for parents.

Penpol School

2 St George's Road, Hayle, Cornwall, TR27 4AH



Dear Parents/Carers

I wish you all very warm welcome to this new term at Penpol. The children have made a fantastic start to their learning so far, settling into new classes confidently. There is, throughout the school, a wonderfully positive 'buzz' of energy and the year ahead promises to be an exciting one.

New Staff

We are joined this term by a number of new staff:

- Shelly Richards-Ellis and Ingrid Hampson join our team of Lunchtime Assistants.
- Amber Seddon and Tamsyn Curtis are new Teaching Assistants.
- David Wells is our new Apprentice Caretaker.
- Christina Sukstiene and Natasha Moyes join our teaching team.
- Bec Thomas now joins us three days each week as our SENDCO.
- Tiffany Pope is our new Deputy Headteacher.

We are delighted to welcome our new colleagues onboard, building our capacity to offer your children the best provision possible.

Clubs

As you can see below, we are offering a variety of exciting after school clubs and activities for children of all ages and I am very grateful to our team for giving their time to make this possible. This offer will change during the year, allowing children to try different activities in later terms. We are also very fortunate in Hayle to be served by a large (and growing) range of children's clubs and activities led by other providers, which run in the evenings and weekends. Further information about many of these can be found in our foyer. We wish Savvy Dance every success as they embark on a new programme of weekly lessons in their new studios.

Parking

As you know, parking can be a challenge at this end of town and finding an appropriate drop-off point can take some time. We have recently received phone calls from local residents and businesses worried about illegal and often dangerous parking in private car parks and on the roadside. Please consider walking or cycling wherever possible. We have ample storage for bikes and scooters and light exercise at the start of the day can give children a real boost in their readiness to learn. If you do need to drive, please allow plenty of time to find a safe and legal place to park. Many thanks for your support with this.

School Development Plan

At Penpol, we are engaged in a continuous cycle of evaluation and development to ensure that your children receive the best provision possible. Our School Development Plan, developed in consultation with yourselves, sets out how we are working to develop our Core Priorities this year and is available to view on our website. Please do take a look and let us know if you have any questions, comments or thoughts.

Our Core Priorities for 2019-2020 are as follows:

- Early Reading: securing foundations
- Closing the Word Gap: cracking the academic code for all
- Metacognition: building expert lifelong learners
- Learning Outdoors: harnessing the power of our surroundings
- Curriculum: knowledge-engaged; skills-rich
- Distributed Leadership: steering the ship together

Working Together

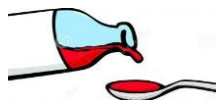
Our school is a successful one because of the support and energy of our parent/carer community. You are your child's first teacher and we are committed to working closely with you throughout their time with us. Please do let us know if you have any queries or concerns at any stage as doing so will allow us to find a solution quickly. Equally, if you feel that you would like to share your skills or ideas, we are 'all ears' too.

Whether you have been a part of the Penpol Community for some time or have just joined us, I look forward to working closely with you during the year to come.

Very best wishes,
Chris Chislett - Headteacher

LUNCHTIMES		AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
MON		Netball (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm	Mrs Turner & Miss Ball
		Football Club (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm	Mr Pollard
		Art Club (Year 1) until 4pm – letters to follow shortly to apply for a place, starting on 23 rd September	Mrs Smart & Miss Nidds
TUES		Tennis Club (Juniors) until 4.30pm	Mr Stanlake & Mrs Hampshire
		Community Choir until 4.15pm (for all children and parents/carers)	Mr Jones & Mr Emery
WED		Shilton Soccer (Years 3 & 4) until 4.15pm – please apply for a place on ParentPay	Mr Shilton & Mr James
		Penpol School Judo Club until 5pm	Francis Sanderson – please phone for further details (07737 120005)
THUR		Running Club (All Juniors) until 4pm	Miss Aspden
		Languages Club (All Juniors) until 4pm	Mr Emery
		Junior Play Leader (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm	Mr Stanlake
		Yoga Club (Years 1, 2 & 3) until 4.15pm - please apply for a place	Jane Craddick (accredited Yoga teacher)
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After October half-term, Mr Wise will be running a Greenpower Go Kart Club for Yrs 5 & 6 and Mrs Hampshire will be running an infant Indoor Tennis club. Please watch out for further information.



MEDICINE

If your child needs medicine while they are at school, we are happy to administer it. Please come into reception and leave the medicine with us (never leave it with your child in their school bag) and sign our permission book. However please could we ask wherever possible, that this is just once a day, preferably at lunchtimes. We understand that sometimes antibiotics need to be given four times a day, but please try to work out a routine whereby you give the other three doses at home, for example, at breakfast time, teatime and bedtime. Thank you for your understanding with this.

PENPOL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

We would like to invite you to our first Penpol Friends meeting of this term, which will be held on Thursday 26th September at 3.15pm. We are very grateful for support at events throughout the year and the funds raised by the PFA help the school enormously by providing extra equipment for our children. Members of the PFA do not have to attend every meeting and event – even if you are able to help on just a couple of occasions throughout the year, it would be brilliant. Please come along to the meeting to find out more.

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 to communicate urgent matters, as we may not read your message until later. It is therefore really important to keep us updated with any changes to telephone numbers.



ORDERING SCHOOL UNIFORM VIA PARENTPAY

Many thanks to all those parents who have been using the ParentPay system to order school uniform. Sadly, we are not as efficient as Amazon Prime, so it will take us a day or two to get your order prepared if we have the items in stock! However, with over 400 children now at Penpol, there will be occasions where some items may not be available immediately. In future, we will send a text when your uniform order is ready to collect.

PENPOL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographs will be taken on Tuesday 8th October. If you have younger children at home that you would like photographed with your children who are already at Penpol School, please come to the hall from 8.15am on this morning. We would request that your children are kept with you in the hall at this time and not left to wander around the school. Following these 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, 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 2020

The on-line application forms are now open for children requiring a Reception class place for September 2020 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 go on to the Cornwall Council website for further information and to make your application or follow the link from our Penpol website.

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, Flambards, St Michaels Mount, etc. 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 Chislett.

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

It is 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, but if any family (Junior or Infant) 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.

COATS FOR PLAYTIMES

It is really beneficial for the children to be able to go outside at playtimes to let off some steam, so with the cooler, rainier days now fast approaching, please could you make sure your child brings a coat to school with them every day. Thank you.