

PENPOL SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 2018

SEPTEMBER

Monday	10 th	Swimming – Year 3, Week 1
Monday	17 th	Swimming – Year 3, Week 2
Tuesday	18 th	Early Years & Key Stage 1 – Meet the Teacher meeting at 9.15am
Wednesday	19 th	Key Stage 2 – Meet the Teacher meeting at 9.15am
Thursday	20 th	Year 6 Transition morning at Hayle School Full Governors Meeting at 7pm
Monday	24 th	Swimming – Year 3, Week 3

OCTOBER

Monday	1 st	Swimming – Year 3, Week 4
Thursday	4 th	Tempest individual photographs
Monday	8 th	Swimming – Year 3, Week 5
Wednesday	10 th	Governors Finance Meeting at 7pm
Monday	15 th	Swimming – Year 4, Week 1
Tuesday	16 th	Flu Immunisation Day for pupils in Reception through to Year 5
FRIDAY	19 th	STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday	22 nd – Friday 26 th	October – Half-Term Holiday
Monday	29 th	Swimming – Year 4, Week 2

NOVEMBER

Thursday	1 st	Routine Year 1 Hearing Screening
Monday	5 th	Swimming – Year 4, Week 3
Tuesday	27 th	Parent/Teacher Meetings – 3.30pm to 6pm – further details to follow
Wednesday	28 th	Parent/Teacher Meetings – 3.30pm to 6pm – further details to follow

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 11th 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 collect a form from the office.



MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

Infant 'Meet the Teacher' meetings (for Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) will be on Tuesday 18th September and Junior 'Meet the Teacher' meetings (for Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14) will be on Wednesday 19th September. Both sessions will begin at 9.15am and last for approximately half an hour. 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.

Penpol School

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Dear all,

Welcome to the start of an exciting new academic year.

Penpol is a hive of activity already and it is fantastic to see children so confident, happy and focused right across the school. I would like to extend a special welcome to those families joining our community for the first time and very much look forward to working closely with you over the coming years.

We welcome a new face to our staff team this term. Mrs Heather James is our new Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo and is teaching alongside Mrs Hamilton in Year 4. Heather brings with her many years of experience and is proving a fantastic addition to the team.

Congratulations are in order to our Year 4 teacher, Jess Riches (née Simpson). Mrs Riches and her husband were married over the summer and we wish them every happiness.

Welcome also to our two new school governors. Following elections last term, Nic Stanlake (Staff Governor) and Toby Drewett (Parent Governor) join our highly committed governing body. We thank all of our Governors for their drive and dedication to our school.

Many thanks to those of you who attended our parent/carer workshops last term. We will shortly be launching a programme for this academic year and would love to hear your thoughts on further sessions to run. If there is a particular area which interests you or if you would like to lead a workshop yourselves, please do catch me at the gate, speak to the office team or drop us an email.

Like every great school, we are constantly seeking to further develop our provision. We are very grateful for the responses we have received so far in our 'suggestions box' and via email. In response to this, we will be introducing improvements such as Autumn Term parents' evenings and an online payments system. Our Core Priorities and School Development Plan will shortly be published online, providing you with a detailed breakdown of further developments to expect this year.

With very best wishes

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LUNCHTIMES

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MON	The Green, Clean Recycling Team with Miss Ryan 12.05 – 12.20pm for Juniors	<p>Netball (Years 5 & 6) - until 4.15pm</p> <p>*Lego Club (Years 1 & 2) - until 3.45pm</p> <p>*Indoor Sports Activities (Years 1 & 2) – until 4.15pm</p>	<p>Mrs Keeler, Mrs Turner & Miss Ball</p> <p>Mrs Ruffell</p> <p>Mrs Riches</p>
TUES		<p>Hayle Community Choir - until 4.15pm for all children and their parents/carers</p> <p>*Tennis Club (Juniors) – until 4.30pm</p>	<p>Mrs Connors, Mr Chislett, Mr Jones & Mr Emery</p> <p>Mr Stanlake & Mrs Hampshire</p>
WED		<p>*Shilton Soccer (Years 3 & 4) – until 4.15pm</p> <p>*Art Club (Years 1 & 2) – until 4pm</p> <p>*Indoor Tennis (Years 1 & 2) – until 4pm</p>	<p>Mr Shilton & Mr James</p> <p>Mrs Smart</p> <p>Mrs Hampshire</p>
THUR		<p>Football (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm</p> <p>Running Club (All Juniors) until 4pm</p> <p>*Languages Club (All Juniors) until 4pm</p> <p>*Art Club (All Juniors) until 4pm</p> <p>*Roller Skating (Years 1 – Years 6) until 4.15pm</p>	<p>Mr Stanlake</p> <p>Miss Aspden</p> <p>Mr Emery</p> <p>Mrs Connors</p> <p>Miss Ryan</p>
FRI			

* For all clubs marked with an asterisk, places are limited. The club leaders will be sending home a letter with the children asking if they would like to reserve a place.

We are pleased to let you know that after the October half-term holiday there will be a new Craft Club for Years 1 & 2, Cookery Club for Infants & Juniors and ICT Clubs to include Lego Robotics & 3D Printing.

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 for urgent matters, as we may not read your message until later.



SCHOOL MEALS

Please may we remind you that all Infant children in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 are entitled to have a free school meal every day. 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

Our school photographs will be taken on Thursday 4th 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 the family groups, **the school** will then organise brothers and sisters 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 2019

The on-line application forms are now open for children requiring a Reception class place for September 2019 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. There is a link to all the information you need on our Penpol School website. Open days will be held at Penpol this term. More information will be published soon on our 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. This is significant additional funding provided to the school. (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. 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 do not know about it, please come in and let us know at the office. We are very grateful for your support with this. To find out how we spend the Pupil Premium funding please visit <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/pupil-premium/>.

PARKING/COLLECTING AND DROPPING OFF CHILDREN

Please may we remind you that children should be using the main gate for coming in and out of school. For the children's safety, please do not use the lane entrance through the staff car park, as this area gets very congested. Please may we also remind you to park safely – you may have heard on the local radio that Cornwall Council are patrolling the roads around schools and any vehicle found parked on the yellow zigzag lines outside of school will have an on the spot fine of £70.

A message for parents from Hayle Heritage Centre.



KIDS IN CHARGE AT HAYLE HERITAGE CENTRE! – A special invitation for families of Penpol School for Wednesday 26th September, drop in anytime between 3.15 and 4.30pm. Like sharing your ideas? Want to help make your local museum great? We're always thinking of ways to make Hayle Heritage Centre even more interesting for visitors and would love to know what our most local families think. So whether you've visited the centre before or not, just pop in after school (admission free), help yourself to a drink and biscuit, explore the galleries and give us your feedback by taking part in our free competition. Prizes to be won! Hayle Heritage Centre is in Foundry Square - look for the flags at the entrance, which will direct you upstairs to the galleries.