

PENPOL SCHOOL



NOVEMBER 2018

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Friday	2 nd	Penpol Friends Association – Ladies bingo night starting at 6.30pm
Monday	5 th	Swimming – Year 4, week 3 Open morning for prospective parents at 9.15am
Tuesday	6 th	Class 3 visit to Newquay Zoo Bags 2 Schools Collection – Non-uniform day
Monday	12 th	Swimming – Year 4, week 4 Open morning for prospective parents at 9.15am
Tuesday	13 th	Tour of school for prospective parents at 2pm
Thursday	15 th	Penpol Friends Association – Annual General Meeting at 3.15pm SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR ARRIVES TODAY – Open in hall from 3.15 – 4pm
Friday	16 th	Children In Need - non-uniform day Afternoon Teas and Book Fair in the hall from 3.15 – 4.15pm
Monday	19 th	Swimming – Year 4, week 5 Book Fair – 3.15 – 4pm
Tuesday	20 th	Book Fair – 3.15 – 4pm
Wednesday	21 st	Book Fair - 3.15 – 4pm
Monday	26 th	Swimming – Year 6, week 1
Tuesday	27 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday	28 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30pm to 6pm
Thursday	29 th	Year 5 transition morning at Hayle School

DECEMBER

Monday	3 rd	Swimming – Year 6, week 2
Wednesday	5 th	Year 2 (Classes 5 & 6) Christmas performance for parents at 2pm in the hall
Friday	7 th	Penpol Friends Christmas Fair starting at 5.30pm
Monday	10 th	Swimming – Year 6, week 3
Tuesday	11 th	Class 6 visit to St Ives Cinema to see 'Nativity Rocks'
Wednesday	12 th	School Christmas dinner Year 1 (Classes 3 & 4) Christmas performance at St Elwyn's Church at 6pm
Thursday	13 th	Junior Christmas concert at St Elwyn's Church at 2pm and 6pm
Friday	14 th	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day!
Monday	17 th	Swimming – Year 6, week 4
Thursday	20 th	Last day of term – finish at 2pm for Christmas holidays

JANUARY 2019

Monday	7 th	Return to school today Swimming – Year 6, week 5
Monday	14 th	Swimming – Year 5, week 1



PLAY AND LEARN

Play & Learn continues every Thursday, between 1.30pm – 3pm, for all pre-school children and their carers. This session is a perfect introduction for the children to Penpol and gets them used to coming into school. All sessions are completely free of charge and full of exciting activities for you and your child to enjoy together. **The last Play & Learn this term will be on Thursday 6th December.**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another new term here at Penpol. It is hard to believe that we have reached November already but the weather certainly has taken on a wintery feel. Please do make sure that all coats, jumpers, hats and scarfs are clearly labelled and that children walking or cycling to school are wearing appropriately visible clothing. Any cyclists must also wear a helmet please.

Colin Thompson

Across the school, children are each exploring the work of author/illustrator Colin Thompson. In his books he builds wonderfully creative and playful worlds and asks many deep and profound questions. This focus has already inspired some beautiful writing and artwork across the school and we look forward to showing off some beautiful new displays in the near future.

Super Sunday

We are excited to be working more closely with the Tate St Ives art gallery this year and look forward to organising more creative opportunities as the year goes on. The gallery also offers exciting events to families, the next being Super Sunday on November 18th. During this 'takeover day', families will be given the opportunity to get creative, investigate art, be messy, play with art and explore the galleries. The session will run from 11am until 3pm and you are encouraged to drop in at any time.

Red Box Project

The fantastic Red Box Project is an initiative aiming to support girls across the country to have worry free access to sanitary products whenever they are needed at school. We are proud to be working with the charity and do now have a red box on site. We also have a drop-off point for any donations of sanitary products that you are able to make. For more information, please visit www.redboxproject.org or speak to a member of the office team.

E-safety Update

There are currently a number of potentially dangerous trends circulating the internet at present, several linked to seemingly innocent sounding characters. We have recently spoken with a number of children who had become curious about these characters and were beginning to explore further. It is impossible to over-emphasise the importance of regular, frank and supportive conversations with your child, remembering that whilst they may be the internet experts in the house, you remain the safety experts. Please also ensure that internet privacy and security settings are used on all devices that your child has access to.

A number of children have also reported disagreements related to social media apps. Please remember that there is a lower age limit of thirteen for Snapchat, Twitter, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik, Youtube and Facebook. Use of these apps, particularly if unsupervised, leaves younger children in a very dangerous position.

We will soon be publishing details of further parent/carers workshops for this year which will include a focus upon e-safety. In the meantime, if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask.

With very best wishes,
Chris Chislett - Headteacher

LUNCHTIMES		AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
MON	The Green, Clean Recycling Team with Miss Ryan 12.05 – 12.20pm for Juniors	Netball (Years 5 & 6) - until 4.15pm Lego Club (Years 1 & 2) - until 3.45pm Badminton Club (Yrs 3 & 4) until 4pm – apply for a place	Mrs Turner & Miss Ball Mrs Ruffell Mrs Riches
TUES	Junior choir 11.45 – 12.15pm with Mr Jones	Hayle Community Choir - until 4.15pm for all children and their parents/carers Art Club (Years 3 & 4)	Mrs Connors, Mr Chislett, Mrs Connors & Mr Emery Mrs Connors
WED		Shilton Soccer (Years 3 & 4) Indoor Tennis (Years 1 & 2) – UNTIL 5TH DEC	Mr Shilton & Mr James Mrs Hampshire
THUR	3D Printing Club with Mr Woolcock 12.30 – 1pm Juniors	Football (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm Art Club (Years 1 & 2) until 4pm for children who applied last term but did not get a place Running Club (All Juniors) until 4pm until 29th November Languages Club (Years 1 & 2) until 4pm - apply for a place Art Club (Yrs 5 & 6)) until 4pm Roller Skating (Reception – Years 6) until 4.15pm	Mr Stanlake Miss Nidds & Mrs Loughlin Miss Aspden Mr Emery Mrs Connors Miss Ryan
FRI	Coding Club with Mr Woolcock 12.30 – 1pm Juniors		

Due to the hall being used for our Book Fair, there will NOT be any Roller Skating club on Thursday 15th November, Badminton on Monday 19th November, Community Choir on Tuesday 20th November or Indoor Tennis on Wednesday 21st November.

PENPOL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Penpol Friends Annual General Meeting is on **Thursday 15th November at 3.15pm** and it would be great



if you could make it. 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. In the past, the PFA have been able to contribute towards the Trim Trail play equipment, books for the Accelerated Reader Scheme, new lighting for our school shows, Year 6 leaving gifts, etc. Members of the PFA do not necessarily 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 AGM to find out more.**

LOST PROPERTY

We have a bag of un-named and unclaimed jumpers and cardigans at the office. **On Monday 12th November at 3.15pm**, we will leave these items in our parents waiting area at the office. Parents are welcome to call in and take anything that they may be able to use for their children, to avoid these things being thrown away. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLEARLY LABEL EVERYTHING SO WE ARE ABLE TO RETURN ITEMS TO THEIR RIGHTFUL OWNERS.**



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be arriving at Penpol School on Thursday 15th November. **The Fair will be open every afternoon from 3.15pm until 4pm from Thursday 15th November until Wednesday 21st November.** This is a great opportunity to shop early for Christmas and the school will earn valuable commission for every book that is sold, which will enable us to purchase some new items for our school library. Please feel free to bring your children in after school for a look around. As well as books, there will be posters and stationery.



CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

Children in Need Day is on Friday 16th November. We shall be having a non-school uniform day, so pupils may wear their Pudsey t-shirts and accessories if they have them, or alternatively, clothes of their choice. Please remember that outfits need to be suitable for school and playtimes. **We would ask please, if possible, that the children bring in a £1 donation, which we will collect on the day to send off to the charity.**

AFTERNOON TEAS

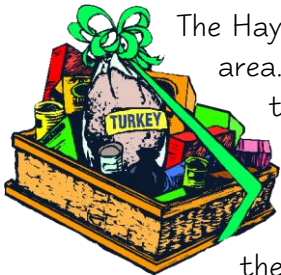
Also on Children In Need Day, and to coincide with our Book Fair, we shall be having 'Afternoon Teas' in the hall at 3.15pm. This is an ideal opportunity for mums & dads (or grannies & grandads) to enjoy a cup of tea whilst looking at the books, stationery and posters on sale at the Book Fair. The profits raised from 'Afternoon Teas' on this occasion will be split between Children In Need and the Penpol Friends fundraising. **We would therefore appreciate donations of cakes on the morning of Friday 16th November.**



PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

On Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th November, we will be holding parent/carers consultations from 3.30pm – 6pm. (Other than for Miss Ryan in Class 4 who will be having her meetings on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th November and Mr Stanlake in Class 13 who will be having his meetings on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December). This is a very important opportunity to explore how your child is getting on and how best to support them at home. We very much hope that you are able to attend. **The great news is that you will shortly be able to go online to book a time convenient for you during one of these sessions. Further details will be sent home over the next week or so, which will enable you to do access the system and book an appointment.**

HAYLE FOOD BANK



The Hayle Food Bank are making up special Christmas hampers for needy families in the Hayle area. If you feel your family may benefit from one of these hampers, please come in and talk to us. All details will, of course, be kept confidential – we would just need your permission to pass on your name and address to the food bank organisers, so that they may deliver your hamper nearer to Christmas. Please do not feel awkward or embarrassed about coming to let us know if you would like some help from the food bank, you can speak to us discreetly and confidentially.

A little nearer to Christmas, we will be making a Christmas grocery collection for the Hayle Foodbank if you would like to contribute. Further information about this soon.

HEADLICE

There have been several reports of headlice throughout school recently. You will appreciate that this is an on-going problem in many primary schools and the only way to remedy the situation is to check your child's hair thoroughly every time it is washed. After shampooing, it is important to use conditioner before combing the hair with a fine toothcomb. If headlice are detected, you may wish to seek advice from the chemist, as there are treatments available that can help. **Due to the very nature of the problem, it is essential that all parents consider other families and ensure that the 'washing and combing' procedure is carried out on a regular basis.** Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter.



CHARTWELLS SCHOOL MEAL PACKAGING

As part of their classwork, a number of the Year 6 pupils wrote a persuasive letter to Chartwells our school meal provider about the amount of packaging that they were using. As a result of this, Chartwells have agreed to stop using the individual polystyrene tubs of ice cream for the children and will instead serve ice cream from a large block. This does mean however, we will only be able to serve vanilla instead of the usual choice of chocolate or strawberry as well! They will also ensure that any packed lunches are provided in paper bags instead of the usual plastic coated ones. Well done Year 6!