

# PENPOL SCHOOL



## DECEMBER 2018

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Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 World War 2 Evacuee Day Class 7 visit to Geevor Mine
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 (Classes 5 & 6) Christmas performance at 2pm
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Class 8 visit to Geevor Mine
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Carols Around the Tree assembly for children <b>CHRISTMAS FAIR AT 5.30PM</b>
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service at St Elwyn's Church at 4pm
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 6, Week 3 Class 5 visit to the cinema Routine hearing re-tests for Year 1 children Classes 1 & 2 Christmas singing at 2.15pm
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Class 6 visit to the cinema Choir to visit Morovahview Care Home at 1.30pm
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner Year 1 (Classes 3 & 4) Christmas performance at St Elwyn's Church at 2.15pm
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Carol Service at St Elwyn's Church at 2pm and 6pm
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day Class 2 visit to Paradise Park Class 3 Christmas singing in class at 9.30am and 2.15pm
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 6, week 4 Class 1 visit to Paradise Park
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & Year 2 (Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6) Christmas party Choir to attend Churches Together service at Hayle Academy at 7pm
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 2PM – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TODAY</b>

### JANUARY 2019

Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL TODAY NO CLUBS THIS WEEK (Breakfast Club & Pirates will run as usual) Swimming – Year 6, week 5
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 5, week 1

### CLUBS

Netball	Last session on Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Lego Club	Last session on Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Badminton Club	Last session on Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Community Choir	Last session on Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Junior Art Club	Last sessions on Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Shilton Soccer	Last session on Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (weather permitting)
Indoor Tennis	Last session on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 5/6 Football	Last session on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Running Club	Has now finished until after Christmas
Languages Club	Last session on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Roller Skating	Has now finished for the term
Infant Art Club	Last session on Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December



Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is almost upon us and the school certainly is looking the part. Thank you for all of your support for our seasonal events over the next few weeks. It means so much to the children and keeps the community spirit growing ever stronger.

As I write, our Year 2 pupils have just finished a dress rehearsal for their Nativity performance – and what a show it is! The children all sang beautifully, spoke confidently and looked amazing in their incredible costumes and professional lighting. Huge congratulations to each child involved and thank you to the Year 2 team for the hard work involved in piecing it together.

Year 6 had a taster of life in World War II during their Evacuee Day this week. Looking the part in their period costume, children and adults from Classes 13 and 14 each enjoyed an exciting day of role play, art and historical exploration - not forgetting some terrifying air raids. Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to join us later in the afternoon. It was great to see you getting involved in the air raid action.

Many thanks for your extremely enthusiastic response to last week's Parent/Carer's Evenings. These proved invaluable opportunities to celebrate your children's progress and to identify next steps to support continued learning at home. Thank you also to our fantastic teachers for their time and energy here. If you were not able to attend a meeting, please do contact the school office to arrange an alternative date.

We will shortly be sending you a link to a quick online parent/carer survey. Please do take the time to complete this if you can as, along with our pupil survey, it allows us to celebrate what we are doing well and respond to the developing needs of our community.

Please look out for further details about our workshops for parents and carers that will relaunch in January. These will include a Parent/Carer Forum, providing you with the opportunity to share and discuss your views with other members of the community. The timetable can also be found here: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/parent-carer-workshops/>.

As the days become darker, wetter and colder, please do take extra care when parking for drop-offs and collections. Parking close to the school gate causes other traffic to swerve into the road and this presents a significant hazard to our many children travelling on foot and by bike. Parking on the zig-zags will also incur an 'on the spot' fine from visiting traffic wardens. The nearest reliable place to park is the Asda carpark, a short walk from the school gates.

In response to your feedback and that of our pupils, in particular around the pressure associated with achieving '100% Attendance Badges', we are making some changes to the way that we celebrate good attendance. Each week, the class in each phase with the highest weekly attendance will be crowned champions and will look after a very special 'Attendance Bear' until the following week. Good luck everyone!

Very best wishes, Chris Chislett - Headteacher

## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAYS AND CONCERTS – Parents/carers very welcome to attend

Classes 1 & 2	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December in the classroom – Christmas singing at 2.15pm
Classes 3 & 4	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December at St Elwyn's Church – Christmas singing at 2.15pm
Class 3	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December in the classroom – singing at 9.30am and 2.15pm
Classes 5 & 6	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the hall – Christmas performance
All Juniors	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service at St Elwyn's at 2pm and 6pm



### PLAY AND LEARN

We welcome all pre-school children and their carers to our regular Play & Learn sessions which are held in the school hall on Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm until 3pm. These sessions are completely free of charge and a great introduction to Penpol school for your child. **The last Play & Learn session for this term will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. We will start again after Christmas on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January.**

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR/CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. We are very pleased to let you know we have been able to order new books for the library to the value of £600. Thank you so much for your support – this was a fantastic effort. We also had great fun on our Children in Need non-uniform day and were able to send off over £420 to the charity. Many thanks for your generosity.



### HAYLE FOOD BANK

This year each class will be making their own hamper for the foodbank and it would be lovely if children could bring one item each to put inside. Please can all donations be brought into school by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for your support.

### CHRISTMAS POST BOX

Our school Christmas post box will be in the reception area. The children, if they wish, may post all their cards to their friends within school. **Please make sure that you put the class number, as well as the name, on all envelopes.** Sadly, due to the new GDPR regulations we are no longer able to produce Christmas card lists.



### JUNIOR CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS

This year our Junior Christmas Carol Service will be held at St Elwyn's Church in Hayle on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. There will be two services on this day – the first one at 2pm and then the evening performance at 6pm.



The children will come to school as usual on the Thursday and then the teachers and helpers will walk them down to St Elwyn's after lunch in preparation for the service at 2pm. The children will then walk back to school where they can be collected at the usual time. In the evening, please arrange to take your child to the church for 5.45pm – we are expecting the services to last for around three quarters of an hour.

Past experience has shown us that the evening service is always extremely busy with standing-room only on many occasions. Therefore we would encourage any parents/carers who are able, to attend the afternoon service instead of the evening one. This should make things a little more comfortable for everyone.

All the Junior children (in Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14) will be expected to attend both services please as, even with just a handful of children missing, it can really make a huge difference to the fantastic sound and atmosphere.



**SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY ON FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, we shall once again be supporting the Save The Children campaign. For a donation to the charity, we will all be able to wear our Christmas jumpers to school on this day – **don't worry if you have not got one as a sparkly top or ordinary jumper decorated with tinsel, etc will be just as good!** (Home clothes with a Christmas jumper). If possible, we would suggest a £1 donation for Save The Children.

### PENPOL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS FAIR



Our Christmas Fair is this **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, beginning at 5.30pm. We really hope you will be able to come along to the fair and spend an enjoyable couple of hours browsing around the stalls and soaking up the lovely festive atmosphere. There will be mulled wine and mince pies, hot pasties, cups of tea and cakes and we are also hoping that Santa might be able to fit us in to his busy schedule for presents and photo opportunities!

Many thanks to all those who have already returned raffle tickets. Please could all counterfoils and money be returned to school by Friday.

Any donations for the cake stalls may be brought in on the morning. The Year 6 children are making Christmas decorative goods which will be on sale at the Christmas fete to help fundraise for their forthcoming London trip, so we really hope you will be able to support them. This is always a really great evening for everyone and we would be delighted to see you all there.



### WIN A CUDDLY UNICORN!



You may have noticed that we have a cuddly, colourful unicorn at the office! If you would like the opportunity to win this fabulous prize, it's not too late! Numbers cost £1 and are available to buy from the office. The winner will be announced at the Christmas Fair on Friday evening.

### CORRESPONDENCE BY E-MAIL

This is the last newsletter we will be sending out in paper format. We will now be sending this out to you via e-mail, along with much of our other correspondence. It is therefore most important that we have an up to date e-mail address for everyone, so if you have not yet advised us of your e-mail address, please send this in as soon as possible. All letters are available to view on our website and we will keep some paper copies at the office if you would prefer to come in and collect one.

### 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 lower 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 incredibly 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.**