

PENPOL SCHOOL



JANUARY 2019

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Monday	7 th	Return to school today Swimming – Year 6, week 5
Friday	11 th	New parent tour of school at 9.15am – please telephone to book a place
Monday	14 th	Swimming – Year 5, week 1
Wednesday	16 th	Parent/carer workshop at 9am - E Safety
Monday	21 st	Swimming – Year 5, week 2 IMS Prussia Cove musical performance assembly for KS2 children
Wednesday	23 rd	Year 5 transition morning at Hayle school
Monday	28 th	Swimming – Year 5, week 3
Wednesday	30 th	Parent/carer workshop at 9am – Phonics and Early Reading Governors meeting – Finance at 7pm followed by full governors at 8pm

FEBRUARY 2019

Monday	4 th	Swimming – Year 5, week 4
Monday	11 th	Swimming – Year 5, week 5
Wednesday	13 th	Parent/carer workshop at 9am – Maths Mastery
Friday	15 th	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Monday	18 th	- Friday 22 nd February – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday	25 th	Swimming – Year 3, week 1
Tuesday	26 th	Year 6 transition morning at Hayle school

EASTER BREAK – Finish at 2pm on Friday 5th April. Return to school on Tuesday 23rd April.

LUNCHTIMES

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MON		Netball (Years 5 & 6) - until 4.15pm Guitar Club (Years 4, 5 & 6) – until 4.15pm	Mrs Turner & Miss Ball Mr Jones
TUES		Hayle Community Choir - until 4.15pm for all children and their parents/carers Art Club (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) – until 4.30pm Touch Rugby Club (Years 5 & 6) – until 4.15pm Shilton Soccer (Years 3 & 4) – until 4.15pm	Mr Jones & Mr Emery Mrs Connors Mr Peck Mr Shilton & Mr James
WED		Indoor Tennis (Years 1 & 2) – until 4pm	Mrs Hampshire
THUR	3D Printing Club with Mr Woolcock 12.30 – 1pm Juniors Junior choir 12.30 – 1pm with Mr Jones	Football (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm Art Club (Years 1 & 2) until 4pm Languages Club (Juniors) until 4pm	Mr Stanlake Miss Nidds & Mrs Loughlin Mr Emery
FRI	Coding Club with Mr Woolcock 12.30 – 1pm Juniors		



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting new year here at Penpol. I hope that you were all able to enjoy some precious time with your loved ones over the festive period.

Exciting work has begun to develop our Forest School. Sarah Ryan has now completed her Forest School Leader training and Alan Wells is busily cutting back and clearing foliage to prepare the way for an outstanding new outdoor learning area to develop. If you are interested in supporting us to develop this area, please do get in touch.

Our next Parents' and Carers' Evenings will take place on the 26th and 27th March. As before, these will provide an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and explore how this can be further supported at home and school. We will send you a booking link nearer the time. In the meantime, if there are any matters that you wish to discuss with your child's teacher or a member of the leadership team, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks again to those of you who contributed to our parent/carer survey in December. We are very pleased to report further improvement in the proportion of positive and highly positive responses to every one of the eighteen questions asked. Importantly, 100% of those completing the survey now feel that their child is both safe and well looked after at Penpol. A large proportion of parents/carers are now feeling better informed about their child's progress and the vast majority now feel that the school is well led and managed.

The survey is also an important learning tool for us as a team. Some of you have explained that you would like to know more about what your child will be learning each term. As I write, we are preparing information about our curriculum coverage for each year group to be presented on the website. We will send you a text message when this is ready to view.

Monday 7th January 2019 was an important date for Penpol, marking thirty-four years since the incredible Margaret Bray first picked up her lollypop stick. Margaret began her role at Bodriggy before coming to Penpol in 1989, braving all weathers to keep generations of children and their families both safe and cheerful ever since. I hope that you will join me in thanking Margaret for all that she does for our community.

Huge congratulations to Bryony Harris and her partner Callum on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Macie Jade, who was born on New Years Eve. Bryony will be taking maternity leave from her work in Class 1 until later this year. We wish them all every happiness in their new adventure.

A quick reminder that the deadline for applications for new Reception places in 2019 is next Tuesday 15th January. If you have a child who will starting school in September, please ensure that you have applied for a place by this date. The admissions website can be found here:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>.

Wishing you all a very happy new year.

Chris Chislett – Headteacher

PLAY AND LEARN



Play & Learn will begin again this term on Thursday 17th January between 1.30pm – 3pm. This session is for all pre-school children and their carers and provides a perfect introduction for the children to Penpol school. All sessions are completely free of charge and full of exciting activities for you and your child to enjoy together.

THANK YOU

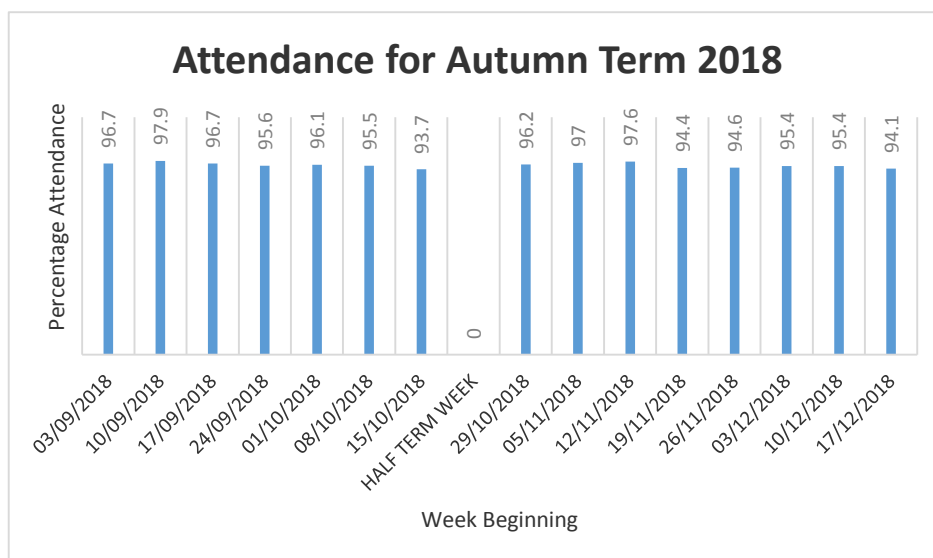
We would like to say an enormous thank you for supporting all our events and activities leading up to Christmas. Due to your generosity we were able to send off over £270 to the Save the Children charity for our Christmas Jumper Day and the retiring collections from our carol services and performances were divided equally between St Elwyn's Church and the Hayle Food Bank. We also made a fantastic grocery collection for the Food Bank. We are very pleased to report that the Christmas Fair raised a staggering sum of over £1900 for our own school. Thank you so much to our Penpol Friends team for organising this event and to everyone who helped out in any way or who came along and enjoyed the fantastic evening. This is truly fantastic and we are so grateful to you all.



ABSENCE AND LATENESS

Punctuality is something we encourage at Penpol and is it great to see some many of our children arriving to school on time, ready to take part in our morning 'Wake Up, Shake Up' sessions. However, we do appreciate that on occasions your child may be unavoidably late for school. For safeguarding reasons, if this does happen, **please could we ask that you accompany your child right into the school office to register them and not just drop them off at the school gate.**

This year we are changing the way in which we promote excellent attendance and, each Friday in our assemblies, we will be rewarding our 'Best Class Attendance Bear' to the Infant and Junior class who have achieved the highest overall attendance for the previous week. Overall our attendance figure for the Autumn term was 95.8%, slightly below average nationally. Please see details in the graph below.



TRACKSUITS

The cost of our current royal blue tracksuits has risen astronomically over the past 6 months and should now be costing in the region of £37. We feel this does not provide good value for money and so have now sourced an alternative. This will be black in colour with our Penpol logo embroidered on and is more of a fleecy, jogging suit with a zip up jacket. The cost of this new tracksuit will be £21. If you would like to have a look, we have a sample available at the office. If the children have one of the royal blue tracksuits it will be absolutely fine for them to continue to wear them. However, if you wish to place an order for a new black tracksuit, please let us know.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are committed to working alongside you as partners in your child's education. This term, we are relaunching a programme of workshops for parents and carers, led by our school teaching team.

Each workshop will be delivered in a relaxed and informal way, with plenty of opportunities for questions and discussions. They will each last between thirty minutes and an hour. Biscuits will be provided!

This timetable will be added to from time to time, so please do check our website for the most up-to-date version.

Parent/Carer Workshop Timetable 2018-2019

Meeting	Date and Time	Helpful For...	Led By
E-Safety	Wednesday 16 th January at 9am	All Parents/Carers	Jacob Woolcock
Phonics and Early Reading	Wednesday 30 th January at 9am	All Parents/Carers	Linda Ruffell
Maths Mastery	Wednesday 13 th February at 9am	All Parents/Carers	Kieron Wise
Forest School	Wednesday 27 th February at 9am	All Parents/Carers	Sarah Ryan
School Priorities 2019-2020	Wednesday 3 rd July at 9am	All Parents/Carers	Chris Chislett

Many thanks for your support,

Chris Chislett