

# PENPOL SCHOOL



## FEBRUARY 2019

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Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 5, week 4
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Penpol Friends Meeting at 3.15am
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 5, week 5
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/carer workshop at 9am – Maths Mastery
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Football match – away against St Uny School
<b>Friday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY</b>
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	- Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 3, week 1
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 transition morning at Hayle school
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/carer forum workshop at 9am with Mr Chislett

### MARCH 2019

Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 3, week 2
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Class 6 visit to Falmouth Maritime Museum
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Class 5 visit to Falmouth Maritime Museum
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	THE SCHOLATIC BOOK FAIR ARRIVES TODAY - open from 3.15pm until 4pm
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	BOOK FAIR AT 3.15PM Penpol celebrating World Book Day today PFA Afternoon teas
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 3, week 3
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Songfest rehearsal at Regal Theatre in Redruth Years 3 & 4 cookery workshop BOOK FAIR AT 3.15PM
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/career workshop at 9am – Creative Writing BOOK FAIR AT 3.15PM
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	COMIC Relief Red Nose Day – non uniform
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 3, week 4
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 3, week 5
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parent/Carer meetings from 3.30pm – 6pm</b>
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Songfest at Regal Theatre in Redruth
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parent/Carer meetings from 3.30pm – 6pm</b> Governors Finance meeting at 7pm

### APRIL 2019

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming – Year 4, week 1
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Class 7 visit to Pizza Express, St Ives
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last day of term – finish at 2pm for Easter holidays</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Summer Term begins – children return to school today</b> RNLI Beach safety talk for KS2 children
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 4, week 2



### PLAY AND LEARN

Play & Learn continues every Thursday 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.

Welcome to the February edition of our newsletter. As ever, Penpol is a hive of activity and the children have been making fantastic progress in their learning this half term.

### New Appointments

With some members of our team moving on to new adventures, we are pleased to welcome three new faces to Penpol. We received a fantastic response to our advertisement for teaching posts, with an incredible thirty-eight applications in total. Following a challenging interview process which involved staff, governors and pupils, we can safely say that we have recruited the very best people to join the Penpol community.

Miss Emily Whear is an experienced Year 1 teacher currently teaching at Mullion Primary School. She joins us this Easter from which point she will become **Class 3's** new full-time class teacher.

We are delighted to announce that during the second half of this spring term, leading up to Miss Whear's arrival, **Class 3** will be taught by Mrs Jen Jones. Jen is a highly experienced Year 1 teacher who is familiar to the class already, having supported regularly at Penpol over the last year. We are very pleased that Mrs Jones is joining us and allowing us to continue to deliver fun, engaging, high-quality learning for our children in a consistent way.

Miss Rebecca Holcroft is moving down from Wales and is currently teaching at Westbury on Trym Academy. She brings with her years of highly successful experience of working with children in the primary phase. Rebecca will lead **Class 8** from this Easter, with additional teaching provided by a familiar face, Jacob Woolcock.

To provide **Class 9** with as much consistency as possible, Mr Colin Jones will become their full-time teacher from this Easter. Colin has been teaching in the class for much of this year, developing excellent relationships with the pupils.

We are incredibly lucky here at Penpol to have such a dedicated team of teachers and support staff, all committed to understanding, supporting and challenging each and every individual in our school. Whilst it is sad to say goodbye to some wonderful members of our team and change of any kind can bring feelings of uncertainty for children, we are working extremely carefully to ensure that transitions are as positive and smooth as possible. If you do have any questions about these changes, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### Curriculum Update

If you have been following educational news, you may have seen that Ofsted has produced its draft new framework for inspections. A large and very positive part the proposed changes involves far greater focus upon the quality and delivery of a school's curriculum.

Curriculum Design forms one of our core priorities this year and in September, as a teaching team, we remapped our curriculum across the school to ensure that it is meaningfully linked, engaging and challenging. We are currently engaged in some exciting action research, exploring how we can best plan, deliver and assess across the broader curriculum in a way that best meets the needs of our pupils. Over the next few months, this will inform our updated Teaching and Learning policy which we will share with you in due course.

### End of an Era

As you know, we will soon be saying 'good-bye' to Mrs Gina Rodda after thirty-seven years of teaching here at Penpol. We are incredibly grateful for all that Gina has given the community and wish her every success with her new adventures. Mrs Rodda's last day with the children will be next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February and I know that you will join me in thanking her for her remarkable contribution to Penpol School.

Best wishes,  
Chris Chislett - Headteacher

## LUNCHTIMES

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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  Dolls House Recycling Club (Year 6) – until 4.15pm	Mr Jones & Mr Emery  Mrs Connors  Mr Peck  Mr Pollard
WED		Shilton Soccer (Years 3 & 4) – until 4.15pm  * Indoor Tennis (Years 1 & 2) – until 4pm	Mr Shilton & Mr James  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	Junior Play Leaders (Year 6) until 4.15pm	Mr Stanlake

- **Indoor Tennis** – there will NOT be any Indoor Tennis next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, but as the children have only had 2 sessions so far, the group will remain the same until Easter.
- **Infant Art Club** – the last session for this current group of children will be on 14<sup>th</sup> February. We have a record of the children who applied for a place at the start of this term who were not successful and these pupils will be offered a place after half-term.



## CASHLESS SCHOOL

Over the next couple of months, we will be introducing a new system called School Money which will enable you to make payments online for swimming, trips, dinners, uniform, etc. We hope this will be more convenient for parents. Shortly, you will be sent a welcome text to let you know the system is up and running. Whilst our aim in the future is to be completely cashless, we feel the best approach for you (and us) is to take it one step at a time! The first

opportunity to test this system will be with the Year 3 swimming which starts after half-term. We will then progress to uniform orders and trips, followed by dinner payments starting after Easter. We will let you know in due course when this system will be available for Breakfast Club and Penpol Pirates. Please bear with us whilst this system is introduced as it is all new to us too and will take us a little while to become proficient! We would be very grateful for your patience during this time!

## BAGS 2 SCHOOLS

Our next Bags 2 Schools collection will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. The bags will be sent out at the end of March, so if you are having a sort out over half-term, please keep your items aside for our collection as this is a fabulous way for us to raise extra funds.



## BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will once again be visiting Penpol – from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. It will be open every day after school and we really hope you will be able to come in for a look around with your children on one of the afternoons. As well as books, there will be posters and stationery items. The school earns excellent commission from the sale of the books at the Book Fair, which enables us to choose lovely new books for our library. The children will all receive a World Book Day voucher that they will be able to spend at the Fair.

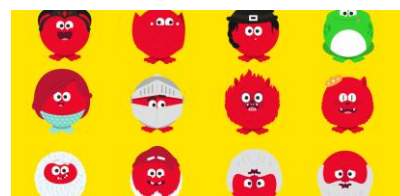


## WORLD BOOK DAY

Penpol school will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The children may dress up on this day as their favourite book character. Please do not go to any expense to get an outfit, as homemade ones are usually the best! We are looking forward to a fun day. The Penpol Friends will also be hosting 'Afternoon Teas' in the hall straight after school. We would be most grateful for donations of cakes and biscuits for this event. We really hope you will be able to join us on this afternoon to enjoy the tea and cakes and spend some time looking around the Book Fair.

## COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March it is the Comic Relief Red Nose Day. If they wish, children may wear their home clothes on this day and bring a donation for the charity. After half-term we will begin to sell the Red Noses. This year, the price of these have increased to £1.25, so please make sure your child brings the correct money, as unfortunately we will not be able to give out change. We have ordered 400 noses and once they are gone, they are gone! We appreciate there has been a lot of debate in the press recently regarding the Red Nose campaign and the impact on the environment and so next year, we may do something different.



## EARLY YEARS AREA

Please can you help? We are creating a new outdoor area for our Early Years children. We have two large planters that need filling and so are looking for child-friendly plants, shrubs, flowers or herbs. We will also be getting a mud kitchen and so will be needing old pots, pans,

wooden spoons, whisks, etc for the children to use to mix up their own recipes! Finally, we are making a musical wall and will need plastic pipes and clips, waste pipes baking trays, wire racks, etc. All donations would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please speak to Miss Aspden in Class 1.



## CLASS 11 SPACE ROCKETS!

Class 11 are making some snazzy space rockets out of rubbish! They are looking for donations of Pringles cans, tin foil or other items you think could be used as part of a spaceship. All items to Mr Pollard please! Many thanks.



## ATTENDANCE

You may remember from our January newsletter that we are making attendance our focus for this year.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Please remember that if your child is absent from school, you need to let us know. You can either text us, email or leave a message on our school answerphone.

We have been awarding our 'Best Class Attendance Bear' for the last 3 weeks and are happy to report this has been awarded to Class 5, Class 11, Class 13, Class 9 and twice to Class 3. Well done to those children!