

# PENPOL SCHOOL



## DECEMBER 2019

### NOVEMBER 2019

Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 4, week 5
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisation catch up clinic with Kernow Health Year 5 transition morning at Hayle Academy – Planet Earth
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC visit. 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assemblies & workshops Hayle Lantern Parade at 6.15pm from King George's Memorial Walk

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Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming – Year 5, week 1
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent tour at 9.30am for children starting Penpol in September 2020 Aspens cookery session for Year 4 children – Roman themed Parent/Teacher meetings from 3.30pm
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent tour at 9.30am for children starting Penpol in September 2020 Parent/Teacher meetings from 3.30pm Roman Centurion visiting Year 4 children
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Roman dress up day for Classes 9 and 10 Last Play & Learn session before Christmas today
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	PENPOL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR AT 5.30PM
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 5, week 2 Class 6 visit to Penzance cinema to see 'Abominable' Carols Around the Tree assemblies for children
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Class 5 visit to Penzance cinema to see 'Abominable' Classes 3 & 4 Christmas performance at St Elwyn's Church at 2pm Year 6 'Evacuee Day'
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 (Classes 5 & 6) Christmas Play in the school hall at 1.30pm
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day Year 1 to visit Bonaer Nursing Home for Christmas singing Class 2 Christmas singing for parents in the school hall at 2.15pm
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 5, week 3
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 Christmas singing for parents in the school hall at 2.15pm Year 3 (Classes 7 & 8) to visit Newlyn for performance of the 'Mousehole Cat'
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Carol Service at St Elwyn's Church at 2pm and 6pm
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party Day
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day of term – Finish at 2pm</b>

### JANUARY 2020

Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school today No clubs this week (Breakfast Club & Pirates will run as normal)
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 5, week 4

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR/CHILDREN IN NEED/BAGS 2 SCHOOLS

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 £610. 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 £440 to the charity. Thank you for all the donations that were brought in for the Bags 2 Schools collection. This raised £364. Many thanks for your generosity.



Sleigh bells are almost audible as we brace ourselves for the inevitably busy, glittery and fun build up to the winter break.

## **Seasonal Events**

Thank you all for your time and support for our many upcoming events during the season. I would like to take this opportunity also to thank our incredible staff team and our PFA for going the extra mile (and beyond) to make these events such a success.

## **Reading at Home and School**

Facilitating reading at home, each day wherever possible, is the most powerful way in which you can support your child with their learning. A separate letter has been emailed to you, detailing key points regarding your child's reading at home and school. Please do take the time to read this and do get in touch with any questions you may have.

## **Careers Fair**

Thank you to all involved in our Careers Fair which took place earlier in November. The event was a huge success and it was a real delight to see so many inquisitive pupils learning about opportunities that they hadn't previously known existed.

## **Writers' Block**

Earlier in the year, some of our Key Stage 2 pupils were lucky enough to focus on their story writing skills at the Writers' Block provision, run by Cornwall College. Children were involved in creative activities which inspired them to write some incredible short stories using vivid language and mature technical features. Here are a few examples of the stories presented to parents during the final sessions. We are certain you will agree that we have some future bestselling authors here at Penpol.

Best wishes,  
Chris Chislett  
Headteacher

### **ClockWork - by Leeann Year 6**

*Hi, my name is Sabrina Quinn. I am sixteen years old and I love mystery but all of my friends think I'm crazy because I like to waste my energy on silly little theories. But I don't think I waste my energy and I don't think theories are silly, but anyway I don't care what other people think about me because I love who I am and that's that.*

*Anyway, like I said I love mystery. I've loved it since I was little, I mean who wouldn't? There are so many things in the world that no-one knows about and I'm going to try and discover everything, well maybe not everything but I'll try me best. I mean I'm only a teenager so I wouldn't be able to uncover loads of mysteries and I can only dream of discovering something so big that I actually get famous for it. I could become an actual detective, that would be a dream come true, for me at least.*

*I'm just some girl with a big dream. I'm not the only person in this town who knows what they want to be when they are older, but when I talk about me wanting to be a detective around boys they always say that a girl can't be a detective. They believe girls have smaller brains than boys, but that is just ridiculous, like why would girls have smaller brains than boys? That's just stupid.*

*Anyway there is actually something I want to talk about, something I could never tell my mother. She tells me to mind my own business, that's why I keep it to myself. So basically there is this rusty, old clock that's in the woods next to the town I live in. It's been there for years and years, I still can't believe it's standing, I mean it's like really old so it must be made out of something that takes quite a while to break down.*

*I've been interested in finding out what stories are behind this clock for a few years now and if I don't find out what they are I'm going to explode...not literally, but you know what I mean, right?*

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## Chapter One

Chrissy walked through the snow after she had been placed in such an elegant scene. Each passing step she felt sharp trees along her delicate fingertips. All of the greenery cloaked in icy fluff was a dream to her. Everything she could see was beautiful. Closing her eyes, Chrissy could hear tiny paws crushing the snow beneath her, red and white foxes chattering to each other and play mice running along. All of her senses were heightened.

## Chapter Two

As she continued stamping through the icy snow in her posh boots, rivers and waterfalls rushed beside her and the ground was now covered in pebbles. Her thoughts were rushing exactly like the water, but she remained clam. Chrissy inhaled the smell of fresh grass and flowers..but she had a deep, dark secret.

## Chapter Three

Determined to carry on through the adventure, Chrissy stayed strong but she was slowly beginning to shiver. When she began to open her eyes slowly, the night was a pure silence filled with mist as the path ahead twirled, bathed in moonlight. Soon enough, the plump cloud floated away to reveal a swirl of pink and purple sky.

## Chapter Four

During the night everything was still. Birds flew with just the slight flapping of their wings, keeping their song until the sunrise. By the seaside everything was silent..until a small wave of water came up from the tide. But as this time of night why would it be rising? As it rose higher and higher, she stumbled to her knees in shock, before swiftly running out of the darkness.

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

Class 1	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December in the school hall – Christmas singing at 2.15pm
Class 2	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December in the school hall – Christmas singing at 2.15pm
Classes 3 & 4	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December at St Elwyn's Church – Christmas performance at 2pm
Classes 5 & 6	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December in the school hall – Christmas play at 1.30pm
All Juniors	Wednesday 18 <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 5<sup>th</sup> December. We will start again after Christmas on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January.



## PENPOL FRIENDS CHRISTMAS COMPETITION



If your child would like to take part in the Penpol Friends Christmas competition, all entries need to be brought into school and taken straight to class, by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The theme this year is to design a decoration to hang on the Christmas tree. This could be in the shape of a star, snowman, Santa hat, bauble, etc. Please could the decorations be no bigger than 15cm in diameter. The winning designs will be revealed at our Carols Around the Tree assemblies for children on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## HAYLE FOOD BANK

Usually around this time of year, we like to make a grocery collection for the Hayle Food Bank. If you would like to make a contribution, we have a table in our foyer area. Please remember items must be non-perishable. Maybe as it is Christmas time you may like to donate a Christmas treat such as biscuits or chocolates. **Please can all donations be brought into school by Friday 6<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 GDPR regulations we are no longer able to produce Christmas card lists.

## TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS

If you wish to place a photograph order, please return the form and envelope to the school office by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.



## PENPOL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas Fair is this **Friday 6<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!

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.

## PENPOL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our school Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Most pupils like to join us for this festive occasion where, by tradition, the children make party hats to wear and join the staff for a lovely Christmas lunch. If your child would like to have Christmas dinner on the 11<sup>th</sup>, please make sure you have logged on to Aspens Select and ordered this by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. As we now have over 400 pupils at Penpol, it is a huge task for Julie & Kathy in the kitchen to prepare all these Christmas dinners, so booking is essential please.



## SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY ON FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

On Friday 13<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 will be just as good!** (Home clothes with a Christmas jumper).

## JUNIOR CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS

This year our Junior Christmas Carol Service will be held at St Elwyn's Church in Hayle on **Wednesday 18<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 Wednesday 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 of 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.**

## LOST PROPERTY

The lost property mountain at the office is growing quickly again. If your child has misplaced something, please come in and check as we will need to dispose of all items when we break up.



## PENPOL READING ARMY

We are looking for some more recruits for our Penpol Reading Army. If you are able to spare an hour or two every week on a regular basis to listen to children read, we would love to hear from you. Please make an appointment to come in for an informal chat with Mr Chislett or Mrs Pope. All volunteers undergo a routine DBS check and we would prefer you not to read in your own child's class. Thank you.

## PIRATES AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The Pirates after school club would be really grateful for donations of games or craft bits and bobs.

## ASPENS SELECT

Many thanks to parents for using the Aspens Select service to order school meals. Please may we remind you however that if your child is absent from school, you need to log on before 9.30am and cancel their meal for that day. If your child has a Free School meal or is entitled to a Universal Infant Free meal and you do not cancel it, the school has to cover the cost of this. We notice there are usually around 5 meals per day that have been ordered but the children are absent from school. This equates to almost £60 per week, so it is really important for you to remember to do this. Thank you for your understanding.