

# PENPOL SCHOOL

## JANUARY 2020

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Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school today
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 5, week 4
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Mexican food cookery session with Aspens Football festival at Mounts Bay from 3pm
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 5, week 5 Samuel Pepys visiting Classes 3 & 4
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Penpol Friends Meeting at 3.15pm – all welcome
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Stem event at Hayle Academy South West Water to visit Classes 5 & 6 for class topic work
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 6, week 1
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup>	Ladies Bingo night at 6.30pm

### FEBRUARY 2020

Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swimming – Year 6, week 2
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 6, week 3
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Class 5 to visit Bodmin Recycling Centre
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Class 6 to visit Bodmin Recycling Centre
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	- Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 6, week 4
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Hayle Academy Year 6 communication event
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Songfest dress rehearsal at 9am

### MARCH 2020

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming – Year 6, week 5
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Class photographs with Tempest Songfest at Regal Theatre, Redruth from 7pm – 9pm
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	- Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March – SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT PENPOL
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 4, week 1
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Governors Finance meeting at 6.30pm followed by Full Governors at 8pm
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 4, week 2
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher meetings from 3.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher meetings from 3.30pm to 6pm
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Swimming – Year 4, week 3
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Classes 1 & 2 Dance show in the school hall at 2pm
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 visit to the Maritime Museum
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 visit to the Maritime Museum
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 2PM

### APRIL 2020

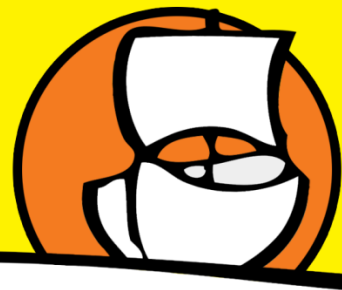
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Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Year 4, week 4

Up to date information is always available on our website, [www.penpolschool.co.uk](http://www.penpolschool.co.uk)



### PLAY AND LEARN

Play & Learn will begin again this term on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Penpol.

It's been a wonderfully busy few weeks already and the children seem well rested following a long and tiring autumn term.

## **EYFS and KS1 routine**

In response to feedback from yourselves and some careful assessments of the needs of our pupils, we are pleased to announce a change to the morning routine for children in Reception and in Years 1 and 2. These pupils will now go directly to their classrooms in the mornings rather than lining up in the playground. Please see a separate letter, also sent today, detailing how this will work and the broader rationale. We thank you very much for your input and support.

## **Punctuality**

Please do ensure that pupils in all classes arrive to school on time. Arriving late to school (8:55 onwards) can significantly impact your child's start to the day, leaving them with gaps in their understanding of subject matter and feeling unsettled. If the morning routine is something your child may benefit from some support with, please do get in touch.

## **Swimming**

As you may know, swimming is a statutory part of the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum. It is especially important for our pupils living in a coastal region for safety reasons. We do, therefore, expect that all pupils take part in their allocated sessions. If there is a significant condition that you feel may prevent your child from taking part, please phone the school office to discuss further.

## **Reading Workshops**

You will have hopefully spotted a letter regarding our upcoming reading workshops at school. We very much look forward to seeing many of you there, next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Please do get in touch should you have any questions at all.

## **Whole Class Marking**

Following a great deal of research, collaboration with other schools and trials at Penpol, we have significantly updated our Feedback on Learning Policy. The key difference being that teachers' time is being shifted from extensive writing in each child's book to the planning of support and challenge in response to their in-depth assessments. Our trials have found the new approach to have a hugely positive impact upon children's progress and we are excited to now roll this out across the school. The policy will shortly be available to read in full on our website. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or thoughts.

## **Air Ambulance Appeal**



On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, we will be wearing red for a very special reason. Cornwall's Air Ambulance have launched a 'Fund a Flight' appeal and we are proud to support them. Information about the appeal can be found here: <https://cornwallairambulancetrust.org/wear-red-cornwall-air-ambulances-fund-flight-week/> Children are invited to wear anything red and make a voluntary donation to the cause. Our wonderful Year 6 pupils are also promising to bake and sell some cakes for the occasion. More information about this will follow.

With very best wishes for a happy and fulfilling 2020.

Chris Chislett  
Headteacher

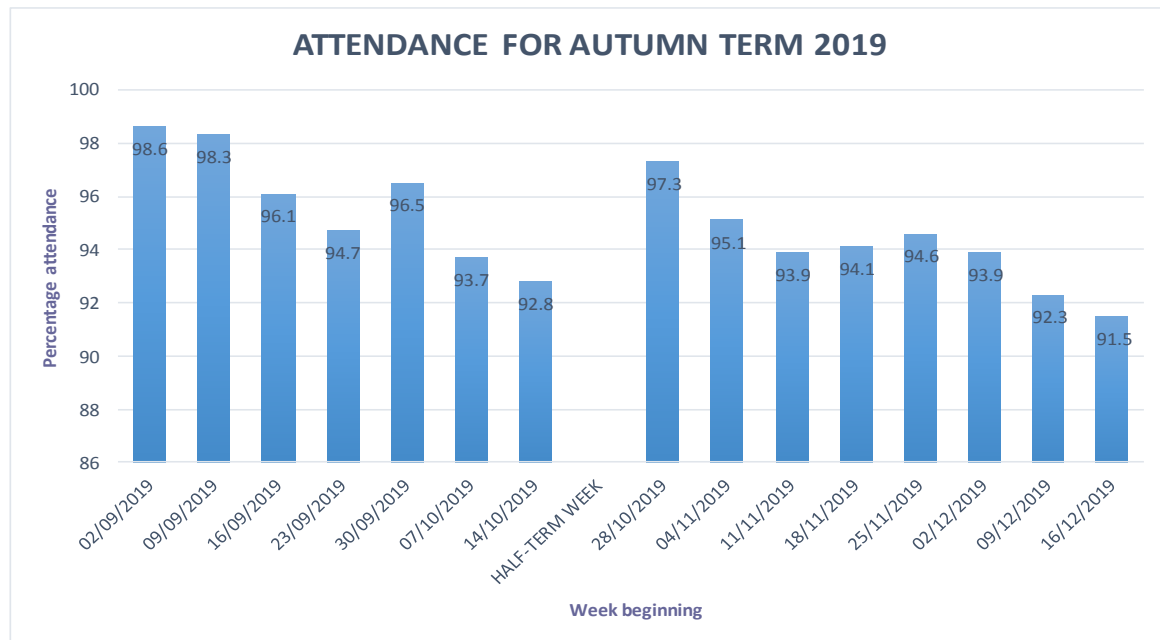
## THANK YOU

We would like to say a huge thank you for supporting our events and activities leading up to Christmas. We were able to send off almost £240 to Save the Children charity for the money collected on Christmas Jumper Day, our own Penpol Christmas Fair raised a staggering £1800 (increased to £3200 through bank matched funding) and we also made a fantastic collection of groceries for the Hayle Food Bank. Thank you all so very much.



## ATTENDANCE

Please find in the graph below details of our school attendance from the start of term in September until the Christmas holidays. Our overall attendance for this period stands at 94.48%. The government asks schools to monitor attendance very closely and expects all children to attend for a minimum of 96%. We would be very grateful for your support when arranging holidays, so that our attendance figure improves during this term.



## ASPENS SCHOOL DINNERS

The Aspens school meals service has now been running for a whole term and after a few initial teething problems, we hope you are finding this new system beneficial. However, on occasions, we still have children arriving for lunch but then finding that no meal has been ordered. This tends to happen at the start of a new week or month, so please can we ask you to always ensure your children's meals are ordered in plenty of time.

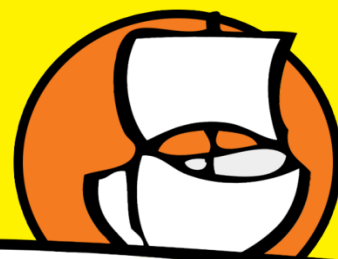


## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (INCLUDING PENPOL PIRATES)

We are delighted to be able to offer so many after school activities this term. However, to avoid any unnecessary confusion at the end of the day, please could we ask that you make your child aware of their after school arrangements when you drop them off in the mornings. Penpol Pirates is open every afternoon, but please can we remind you that spaces do need to be booked in advance. Whilst we understand that sometimes unforeseen events happen, it is very disruptive to the children's learning when we have to interrupt classes to pass on so many messages as bookings have been made during the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

## COATS AND OVERCLOTHES

With all the stormy weather we have been having recently, please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school. It is so important for the children to go outside at playtimes to get some fresh air and have a run around. The Junior children are allowed to play on the field at lunchtimes, providing they have some over clothes and old trainers. These must be clothes that go on over their school uniform. In due course the younger children will also be able to play on the field. We will let you know when this happens so these children can also bring suitable clothes. Thank you.



## PENPOL SCHOOL CLUBS

MON	Football Club (Years 5 & 6) <b>until 4.15pm</b> No need to book a place, just come along	Mr Pollard
	Yoga Club (Years 1, 2 & 3) <b>until 4.15pm</b> <b>starts on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b> please complete flyer to apply for a place	Jane Craddick (Accredited Yoga teacher)
	Craft Club (Year 4) <b>until 4.30pm</b> <b>Starts Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jan for 4 weeks</b> Please text for a place	Mel Smart
TUES	Touch Rugby Club (Years 5 & 6) <b>until 4.15pm</b> (See Mr Peck to apply for a place)	Mr Peck
	App Design Club (Years 5 & 6) <b>until 4.15pm</b> (See Mr Woolcock to apply for a place)	Mr Woolcock
	Languages Club (Year 1) <b>until 4pm</b> <u>until February half-term</u> No need to book a place, just come along This will change to Year 2 children after Feb half-term	Mr Emery
WED	Gardening Club (Year 2) <b>until 4.15</b> Please text for a place Group will change after Feb half-term	Miss Moyes
	Shilton Soccer (Years 3 & 4) <b>until 4.15pm</b> please apply for a place on ParentPay	Mr Shilton & Mr James
	Penpol School Judo Club <b>until 5pm</b>	Francis Sanderson 07737 120005
THUR	Netball (Years 5 & 6) <b>until 4.15pm</b> <u>(until February half-term)</u> No need to book a place, just come along	Mrs Turner
	Rounders (Years 5 & 6) <b>until 4.15pm</b> <u>starts after February half-term</u> No need to book a place, just come along	Mrs Turner
	Circuits Training (Years 5 & 6) <b>until 4.15pm</b> No need to book a place, just come along	Mr Stanlake
	Writers Block (Year 5) <b>until 4pm</b> See Mrs Pope for a place	Mrs Pope
	Year 1 Phonics Fun Time (Year 1) <b>until 4pm</b> (in preparation for Phonics screening) <u>On 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 30<sup>th</sup> January &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> February</u> No need to book a place, just come along	Miss Whear & Mrs Sukstiene
	Mindfulness Club (Year 3) <b>until 4pm</b> Please text for a place <u>This will change to Year 2 children after Feb half-term</u>	Miss Holcroft
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