

PENPOL SCHOOL



MARCH 2020

Monday	16 th	Swimming – Year 4, week 2
Monday	23 rd	Swimming – Year 4, week 3
Friday	27 th	LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 2PM – NO AFTER SCHOOL PIRATES CLUB TODAY
APRIL 2020		
Tuesday	14 th	Children return to school today Breakfast Club, Penpol Pirates After School Club & Judo Club running as usual All other clubs start next week
Friday	17 th	Passionate about the Spectrum – course for parents/carers, details overleaf
Monday	20 th	Swimming – Year 4, week 4
Wednesday	22 nd	RNLI beach safety talk for KS2 children
Friday	24 th	Passionate about the Spectrum – course for parents/carers
Monday	27 th	Year 5 'Ocean World' performance at Minack Theatre Swimming – Year 4, week 4
MAY 2020		
Friday	1 st	Passionate about the Spectrum – course for parents/carers
Monday	4 th	Swimming – Year 5, week 1
Tuesday	5 th	Thursday 7 th May – Year 5 Camp to Porthpean
Friday	8 th	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Saturday	9 th	Big Green Spring Clean at Penpol school from 10am to 1.30pm – see details overleaf

With the current ongoing situation, all of our diary dates are subject to change. We will let you know about any updates as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Further information is always available on our website, www.penpolschool.co.uk

PLAY AND LEARN

Sadly, Play & Learn has been suspended for now, in the interests of safety. We will let you know after Easter when the sessions will resume.



PASSIONATE ABOUT THE SPECTRUM

We are excited to be hosting the Passionate about the Spectrum course here in school in partnership with Cornwall Parenting Support. This free course runs over 6 weeks and covers topics including:

- Increased understanding of Autism spectrum differences (ASD)
- How ASD affects the individual
- Practical suggestions to try at home
- Support and advice
- Includes rewards, routines and rules that work and much more!

If you are interested in attending the course or would like further information, please contact Bec Thomas here at Penpol. Places are limited so will need to be booked in advance.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the March edition of our newsletter.

You may have noticed that we have booked an exciting date onto the school calendar: **Saturday 9th May** will be our first '**Big Green Spring Clean**' event to which you are all invited.

Starting at around 10am, we are looking forward to harnessing the indomitable power of our parent/carer community to refresh our outdoor areas around the site. Music will be played, refreshments provided and a lot of fun will be had by all. Please do add the date to your diaries. We'll keep you posted with more details a little closer to the time.



It is impossible to ignore the news at present and we are working hard at Penpol to keep children happy and safe in all that we do. If you feel that your child is feeling anxious or unsettled, please do let us know and we can provide them with support. Thank you all for continuing to follow the government's latest advice regarding isolation following possible symptoms of the coronavirus. If you are doing so and would like to receive more learning for your children, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We recognise that many of you are very concerned about sending your children to school following the government's most recent advice, particularly if you or someone at your home has an underlying health condition or is over the age of seventy. I am seeking urgent clarification of the advice here and will update you as soon as possible. In the meantime, you are best placed to make a decision about the safety of your family and we will fully support you with this.

It is with great regret that, due to the risks associated with holding such a large number of meetings, we made the difficult decision to cancel **Parents' Evenings** this week. I understand that this will be very frustrating for many of you as it is for our team. We will reschedule the meetings later in the year. In the meantime, if you would like a phone call with your child's teacher please do catch them at the day or send us an email and they will get back to you as soon as is possible.

Although nothing is certain, we are well prepared for the **possibility of school closure** and have developed a comprehensive plan to ensure that we can continue to support learning and welfare from afar. If you feel that you would benefit from any additional stationery or paper to support with this at home, please do get in touch and we will arrange for some to be sent home.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your flexibility and support during this time. Thank you also to our incredible team for working tirelessly to keep your children happy, safe and engaged in some wonderful learning in such unusual circumstances.

With very best wishes,
Chris Chislett – Headteacher

ECO CHAMPIONS AT PENPOL

In recent meetings the eco champions have been discussing things like:

- Ride/walk to school week
- Reaching bronze in the Eco Schools award
- Replacing standard bins with recycling and compost bins

"To reach the bronze award we have ticked off many tasks and received our certificate. We are already working towards the silver award. Recently, an Eco Schools assessor came in to help us reach silver and soon we will be reaching towards the green flag. So far we have already seen improvement in ride/walk to school week with more people walking to school after this week. We are very pleased with this because it decreases the amount of air pollution around our school. New bins have been placed in the Year 6 area. Next term, we will be introducing a green square on the homework grids and some of the pieces of homework will be placed on an eco shelf on the home learning shelves."

Article written by Eco Champion Vinnie from Year 6



PENPOL SCHOOL CLUBS (AFTER EASTER)

MON	<p>Rounders (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm No need to book a place, just come along</p> <p>Number Superheroes (Year 2) until 4.15pm By invitation only – parents/children will be advised</p>	<p>Mrs Turner</p> <p>Mrs Ana Bailie</p>
TUES	<p>Touch Rugby Club (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm (See Mr Peck to apply for a place)</p> <p>App Design Club (Years 5 & 6) until 4.15pm (Continuing project for children who have been currently attending)</p> <p>Gardening Club (Year 3) until 4.15 (Please text to reserve a place)</p> <p>Guitar Club (Years 4,5 & 6) until 4.15pm (See Mr Jones to reserve a place)</p>	<p>Mr Peck</p> <p>Mr Woolcock</p> <p>Miss Moyes</p> <p>Mr Jones</p>
WED	<p>Shilton Soccer (Years 3 & 4) until 4.15pm (Apply for a place via ParentPay)</p> <p>Penpol School Judo Club until 5pm (Contact Francis to reserve a place)</p>	<p>Mr Shilton & Mr James</p> <p>Francis Sanderson 07737 120005</p>
THUR	<p>Writers Block (Years 4 & 5) until 4pm (See Mrs Pope for a place)</p> <p>Tennis Club (All Juniors) until 4.30pm (See Mr Stanlake to reserve a place)</p> <p>Community Choir until 4.15pm (All pupils welcome to attend with their parents/carers)</p> <p>Running Club (All Juniors) until 4pm (No need to book a place, just turn up)</p> <p>Yoga Club (Years 1, 2 & 3) until 4.15pm (Please apply for a place – collect a form from the office)</p>	<p>Mrs Pope</p> <p>Hayle Tennis Club Mr Stanlake/Mrs Hampshire</p> <p>Mr Jones</p> <p>Miss Aspden</p> <p>Jane Craddick (Accredited Yoga teacher)</p>
FRI		

The Penpol after school clubs will start from the week beginning Monday 20th April. (Judo club will start from Weds 15th April).

