



Friday 20th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the weeks whizz by, our thoughts are turned towards **Christmas** already! The festival provides an opportunity to share a little extra light, warmth and compassion in these darker winter months and we are determined that this is more powerfully felt in 2020 than ever before. Classes across the school are preparing for a Penpol Christmas **music video** and our younger pupils will each be involved in **virtual Nativity** performances.

We are also hoping to hold a socially distanced outdoor **carol concert** and whilst

we will not be able to invite parents and carers in person, we will most certainly be sharing it with you digitally in some way. As always, if you would prefer that your child does not take part in some or all aspects of Christmas celebrations, please do get in touch and we will make a plan together.



We are still on track to reopen for **full days on Wednesdays from the 2nd December**. Given that we will maintain the integrity of our bubbles and our weekly anti-viral fogging will continue, we will return to a full week regardless of any possible changes to the government's lockdown plans. Therefore, from Wednesday 2nd December, please collect your child at the same time as on the other days of the week. **After school club** will run on Wednesdays from this point also.

Happily, **Rebecca Holcroft** (Year 3 teacher and English Lead) is expecting a baby in the not too distant future. We are delighted to have appointed **Bethany Waters** as full time Class Teacher for Class 8 from January 2021. Bethany is a highly skilled teacher who previously trained with us at Penpol and I know she will be a fantastic addition to the team. We wish Rebecca and her family every happiness in their adventure ahead.

We wrote recently asking for your help with our **food bank** collection. The team at Hayle Food Bank have been in touch to express what a huge difference this will make to their efforts so please do keep your donations coming. They are almost overrun with mince pies already though so please do focus on other items! Many thanks.



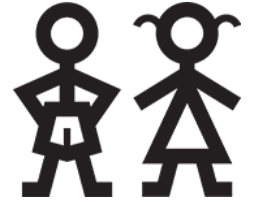
As you know, vouchers will now be provided to families in receipt of means tested Free School Meals during the Christmas holiday. If your financial circumstances have changed and you feel that you may now be eligible, [please apply here](#).



National Christmas Jumper Day will be held on Friday **11th December**. This year, we have decided to divide funds raised between [Save The Children](#) and [Penhaligon's Friends](#). This is an exceptionally challenging time for charities. We encourage you to please send your child to school on the day wearing a Christmas jumper and with a donation of £1 or whatever you can afford.

This is **Anti-Bullying Week** and children across the school have been exploring the subject in different ways. It is an important theme to discuss at home also and [more information can be found here](#).

The **Makaton sign of the week** is *children* and [can be found here](#). Please do practise together at home.



Wishing you all a relaxing weekend. As always, we are here to help in any way we can: please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Very best wishes,

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