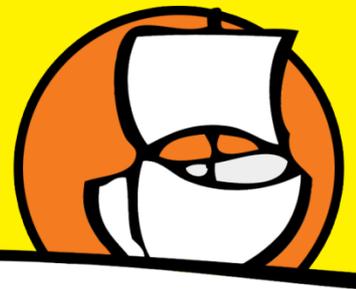


# Penpol School

2 St George's Road, Hayle, Cornwall, TR27 4AH



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this Christmas season takes hold, our pupils have somehow also found time to engage in some wonderful learning this week. Tuesday saw the arrival sixty nervous **WWII evacuees**, whilst Year 2 have been honing their sketching skills with some stunning **royal portraits**. Our youngest pupils have been keeping busy too, placing heartfelt wishes on their new **wishing tree**. Well done all!



The government announced on Tuesday that schools can choose to use Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December as one of their allocated INSET days if appropriate. This is available as an option to schools and there is no government guidance either way. Given the limited time that this would give you to prepare, we have opted **not** to do this. We will **remain open until 2pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December as planned**. However, we do ask that you support us all to enjoy a safe and restful Christmas by carefully following [all safety measures](#) whilst on and off site please.

The government has also updated its guidance for reporting any COVID-19 cases during the Christmas period. **Please keep this information handy in case you need it:**

- If your child develops symptoms **within 48 hours** of being in school and tests positive for COVID-19 on or before December 24<sup>th</sup>, please contact me on [head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk).
- If your child develops symptoms **after 48 hours** of being in school **and/or** tests positive for COVID-19 **after December 24<sup>th</sup>**, you will be asked to engage with the NHS Test and Trace system.
- If in doubt or you need support, please contact me on [head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk).



We are pleased to now offer **drumming lessons** at Penpol, via the Cornwall Music Service. You can sign your child up at the following link: <http://cornwallmusicserVICetrust.org/signup/>.

Thank you for supporting our **food bank** and **Bags2School** collections. Responses to both were incredible and will make a huge difference.

**The Hayle Community Food Cupboard** is now back in operation and well stocked to provide food items to anyone in need in the coming weeks. **Hayle Rugby Club** is also running an open event for families in need, providing toys and food hampers free of charge between 11am and 3pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December. **Thank you** to all those in the community going the extra mile to support others. Winter can be an exceptionally challenging period, particularly this year. Difficult times can happen to any of us – please do reach out for support whenever you need it.

After the Christmas break, pupils return to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. The Monday will be a teacher training day, where we will work with the Wild Tribe team to further develop our **outdoor learning** opportunities.



Oggy the Class 4 Guinea Pig

Very best wishes,

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