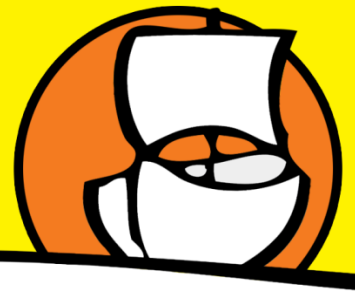


Penpol School

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



Friday 4th December

Dear Parents/Carers,

The glitter has been uncorked and the school is shining brightly with lights, trees and decorations. Children across the school have been practising hard for various seasonal celebrations, from virtual Nativities to a whole school carol concert on the school field. Whilst we sadly cannot invite you to join us in person at these events, we are working hard to bring you as much as possible through digital means. Look out for more information about this on your child's **Showbie** or **Tapestry** page.



This week's **vaccine** news is so good to hear and provides a fantastic opportunity to celebrate what can be achieved through **science** and **international collaboration**. This has been such a challenging year for all and we can now look ahead to 2021 with real optimism for our school community and for the wider world. For now however, it is imperative that we please exercise **extreme caution** in following current [government guidance](#) in order to keep our community safe and our school open. Many thanks for your continued support.

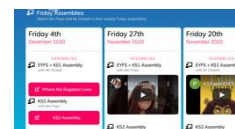


This week, we were delighted to welcome our **new caretaker** Nigel Smith to the team. Nigel will be onsite throughout each school day and I'm sure will become a familiar face to you all soon.

The Team at **Together for Families** have produced a handy booklet bursting with creative ideas for you and your child to try at home. [This can be accessed here.](#)

The government released welcome clarification this week on **summer assessment** for 2021. Amongst other changes, Year 2 children will **not** be required to sit statutory SATs tests for this academic year.

We are delighted to have now returned to full days on Wednesdays. Our remote learning web page [remains accessible here](#), allowing pupils to access our **virtual assemblies** and other archived resources from home.



Next Tuesday 8th December is our **Bags 2 School** day. Children are invited to wear their own clothes for the day and the drop off point for any donations will be immediately inside the main pedestrian gate, where we will be on hand to help. Thank you very much for your support.

Next Friday 11th December is our **Christmas Jumper Day**. Children (and adults) are encouraged to wear a festive jumper and to make a donation which will be divided between the *Save the Children* and *Penhaligon's Friends* charities.



If your child receives means-tested **free school meals**, you will receive supermarket vouchers in the week beginning Monday 14th December. For any families feeling in need of support during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to get in touch on head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk so that we can offer our help.

Finally, a reminder that our last day of term will be Friday 18th December, where we will **finish at 2pm**.

Very best wishes,

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