

Friday 26th November 2021

Dear All,

With December just around the corner, it feels so very exciting to be planning for our **carol concerts** at the church. These will be our first such events since the beginning of the pandemic and we cannot wait to come together as a community once more. The children have been practising hard and are sounding stunning.

Thank you to everyone involved in the **lantern making** these past few weeks at Penpol. Sadly, due to today's wind, the lantern parade has been postponed until next Friday. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

This week, children across the school have been engaging in our **Reading and Writing is Magic Festival**, enjoying a wonderful range of activities in their own class and further afield. The purpose of this week has been to reaffirm for children that they have the right to:

- be creative for at least 15 minutes a week
- have a planet to read and write on
- see themselves reflected in a book
- have some choice in what they read and write
- read and write for the joy of it



What a buzz there has been across the school! Well done to all involved.

Thank you for supporting our **book fair** this week. We raised over £300 in free books for our school – a fantastic achievement!

Thank you for your donations following **Margaret's** retirement. If you would like to contribute but have not yet done so, please send this to the office by the end of next week. Sheena will be our **Road Crossing Patrol** until Christmas and the local authority continue to seek a permanent replacement. If this is something that might interest you, please do get in touch.



Thank you for the **raffle prizes** received so far. Every penny raised through the Christmas raffle will go to support extra opportunities for our pupils. If you feel that you or your business may be able to donate something, please do bring it in or get in touch!



Our **Forest School** provision continues to grow, as does outdoor learning across the site. In the new year, we hope to expand our gardening provision and would love to hear from you if you might be able to help with donations of any of the following unwanted items:
seeds of any kind, tulip or daffodil bulbs, any herb plants, fruit canes such as blackberries/raspberries or all-purpose soil. Thank you!

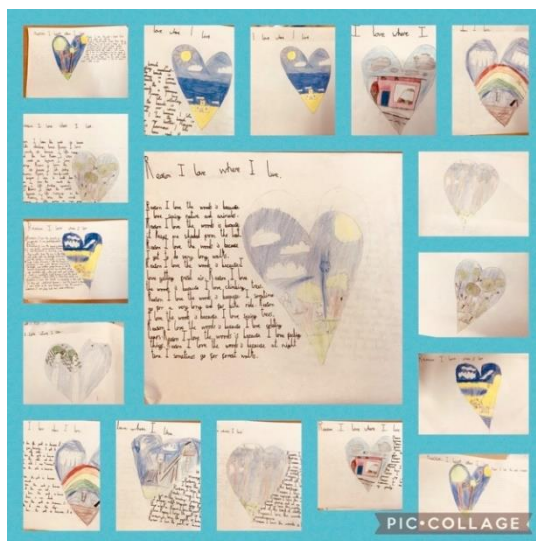
Our **Hayle Food Bank collection table** is now up and running in the school foyer. Any donations of non-perishables are gratefully received and will help to ensure that families in need are able to enjoy this festive period. If you or someone you know would benefit from a Christmas hamper from the food bank, or any other support, please don't hesitate to get in touch on head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk. All requests will be handled confidentially.



Since we last wrote, one more case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in the pupil community. Once again, this is reflective of the level of infection of the broader community. As ever, and particularly as we head towards the festive season, it is vital that we work together to keep our community safe and our school provision fully open. Therefore, **Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air** are as important now as ever. Thank you all for your support.

We are delighted to let you know that we have been able to reschedule the school **Flu Immunisation Day for Thursday 9th December**. If you have not yet given consent but would like your child to receive the flu immunisation, please log on to <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> quoting school code EE111849.

Finally, thank you to Class 7 for this beautiful learning exploring '**why we love where we live**'.



Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,

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