



Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What an incredibly busy week it has been here at Penpol!

Our **Reception** pupils wowed their audiences with two wonderful **Christmas Sing-Songs**. They sang beautifully and certainly looked the part in their nativity costumes. On Monday, **Years 1 and 2** turned the Christmassy dial up to the max with two outstanding performances at St Elwyn's Church. Not to be outdone, **Key Stage 2** pupils made a remarkable three performances of their concert, also at St Elwyn's. In every case, the children spoke, sang, played and signed with confidence, incredible musicality and festive smiles. **We could not be prouder of them all.**

Thank you to the many of you able to join us at these performances. We shared some truly festive moments and these are often memories the children will hold forever. Thank you also to those able to make a **donation** when leaving the church. Across the five performances, you raised a staggering **£740!** These funds will be shared evenly between St Elwyn's Church and Hayle Foodbank.



Wednesday's Christmas Fair was a huge success and we were privileged to spend the evening with so many of you. Thank you to all able to join us and, in particular, to the many helpers who made the event run so smoothly. Particular gratitude is owed to our outgoing PFA Chair **Wendy Turner** who kindly offered to lead one final event before handing the baton on. If you are keen to receive this baton and **help to shape the school's fundraising events in the future, we would love to hear from you!** Funds raised on Wednesday are yet to be counted and we will update you here in the new year. All will help to provide new and exciting experiences for your children.

Last Wednesday evening, we hosted a team development meeting with **Bennie Kara**, author and educator specialising in the **diverse curriculum**. We were also joined by St Ives Junior School and explored ways in which we can further create a curriculum which is wholly representative of the diverse society in which we live. If you would like to be a part of this onward journey and join our **diversity and inclusion taskforce**, our next meeting will be held on January 11th at 2pm. Please do get in touch at my email below if you are keen to join.



We are very grateful to **Mike Gamble** from Devon and Cornwall Police who joined our Reception Classes today, along with his car and police drone! What an exciting end to the term. As you can see, the children had a lot of fun.



Aside from the sleighbells and glitter, Christmas is a time to be **thankful** for those around us. I am hugely grateful to all of **our staff team**. This has been a busy term, not without its challenges. I often find myself in awe at the sheer scale of accomplishments of my colleagues and would like to thank them all for their tireless commitment to providing the very best for each of our pupils.

We thank you, our **parent and carer community**, also. Your continued trust and support is something that we place great pride in and we look forward to working closely with you in a bright and promising 2023.

Most of all, we thank our **pupils**. They are an incredible, unique and highly compassionate bunch of people who make working at Penpol an utter joy every single day.

Finally, from all of us at Penpol, we wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas time and look forward to seeing you in the new year. **Children return to school on Wednesday 4th January.**

Seasons Greetings,

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“Penpol pupils are **curious, creative and courageous** learners. Our school community believes in **authenticity** as the foundations of **deep-rooted** learning. Through our **rich and relevant** curriculum, we nurture **community-minded, forward-facing** international citizens of the future.”