

Penpol School

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Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You will, by now, have seen our letter regarding next Wednesday's **strike action**. Deciding to strike is never an easy decision and I know that this is something that our colleagues have agonised over. Speaking with those planning to strike, I understand that their main concern is around unfunded pay increases and the pressure this places upon school budgets. Please do **complete the survey** if your child needs a place at school next Wednesday. Thank you for your understanding.

It has been another busy week here at Penpol, with lots of trips and exciting outdoor learning continuing. Year 3 enjoyed an excellent visit to **Geevor Tin Mine** on Wednesday, donning hard hats and experiencing life underground. Well done all!



During these tricky times, an incredible number of organisations are going above and beyond to support our communities. Huge thanks to the **Copperhouse Community Café** at Phillack Hall who are offering the initiative below. Food is **free to all**, with donations warmly welcomed from those able to make them.

- Family Tuesdays - offering hot meals, served at 5pm. All are welcome any time between 3pm and 6pm.
- Friendly Thursdays - Soup and Sandwiches, coffee and cake. All welcome between 12pm and 3pm.

We are delighted with the support for our *Book and Bagel* mornings so far. On Friday 24th February, Years 1 and 2 classes will hold special events showcasing the **'Talk Through Stories'** approach to building vocabulary through great books. These will take place during the usual Book and Bagel sessions. We look forward to seeing you there!

You may have noticed that we are more regularly joined by our **community safety team**. PC Jeff Lynch and Mark - our friendly parking patrol officer - are joining us regularly at the school gates to encourage safe parking and careful travel around the area. We are grateful to them for their support and to you for your continued efforts to keep our roads and pavements as safe as possible.



Finally, thank you for all your efforts in relation to **attendance**. We have seen great progress this week, with attendance sitting robustly above national levels. This makes a huge difference to your child's learning and confidence in school.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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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."