



Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy new year from all of us here at Penpol!

It has been wonderful to see the children kickstart their year with so much energy and enthusiasm. 2023 promises to be an exciting year at Penpol and we look forward to working closely with you in all that we get up to.

If you have a child **due to start school in September**, the deadline for applications for a school place closes next Sunday 15th January. If you need any help with this process, please do get in touch. The link for online applications can be found here: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/apply-to-start-school-or-transfer-to-junior-secondary-or-ks4-school-in-september-2023/>.

It may only be January but our **Lego League** teams have been practising hard for weeks already, ahead of this April's First Lego League Championships, taking any available opportunity to prepare. Following our teams' extraordinary success in 2022, we are enormously proud of these robotic engineers and look forward to seeing how they get on this year.



Many thanks to all involved in our **Christmas Fair** which raised over £1000 in profit. All of this will go to support exciting additional opportunities for our pupils, with £100 going towards each of our school camps this year. Particular thanks are owed to Wendy Turner who kindly led the event despite having stepped down after many years of service as PFA Chair. In order to keep these events running, we are appealing for your help. If you are interested in supporting, or perhaps even leading, our Penpol Friends Association and would like to know more, please do get in touch at my email address below.

I am pleased to report that we are not yet experiencing the same level of sicknesses and absences as we were back in December. Whenever your child is poorly or absent for any other reason, **please do contact** us at the school office (01736753472) as early as possible. This helps us to safely account for every child.

We have many exciting trips planned for children in each year group this term. As ever, these trips do rely upon receiving sufficient voluntary contributions to make them viable. Although some of these are relatively low amounts, they do add up school-wide. We ask that you please **log on to Parentpay** to check for any outstanding contributions. Times are difficult for many and we do understand that you may not always be able to make these contributions. If this is the case, please let us know so that we can put support in place. Thank you.

Finally, our Parent and Carer meetings for this term are in the calendar for 14th and 15th March after school. We will write to you a little closer to the time with details on how to sign up for a slot.

Best wishes,

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