



Friday 7th July 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Firstly, I wanted to thank you once again for your support and patience around this week's **NEU strikes**. Choosing to strike is a hugely difficult decision for our teachers to reach and, in each case, the sustainability of funding for schools is at the forefront of their minds. As you may know, teachers do not get paid when they strike. Sadly, the dispute continues and we sincerely hope for a positive resolution soon. If you would like to talk this through with us at any stage, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You may also wish to share any thoughts with your member of parliament who will be able to represent your views within any national debates. Needless to say, partially closing the school is never something we would want to do and we are enormously grateful for your flexibility and understanding here.

Everyone has the **right to be proud of who we are and who our family is** and to celebrate this, our **Free To Be Me day** was scheduled to take place today. Given the partial closure, we have rescheduled this for the new date of Friday 29th September 2023. I am delighted to say that any current Year 6 pupils wishing to join us on the day will be warmly invited to return to Penpol. If your Year 6 child is keen to do so, please pop me an email with 29th September in the title and I will be sure to contact you closer to the time.



Aspens Looking ahead to September, there are a number necessary updates to the way our onsite food provision with **Aspens** works:

- We are proud of our lunch provision and have signed up to a service which will independently **quality-assure** our school meals to ensure that high standards and best value are maintained for all.
- In light of the increase in costs experienced by all sectors, the cost of our school lunches will need to rise to **£2.53 per meal**. We have worked hard to avoid increasing costs for some time but need to ensure that school meals are not unfairly subsidised by the broader school budget. Thank you for your understanding here. If your circumstances have changed and you feel that you may now be eligible for Means Tested Free School Meals, you can apply for this here: <https://bit.ly/3rmtL4k>
- Finally, from September, if your child is away from school due to sickness, we are asking parents and carers to **cancel your pre-booked meals for each day**. This will avoid you being charged and allow our busy office team to balance their workload more effectively. Thank you for your support here.

Calling all woodworkers! Our nursery team would love to receive any donations of offcuts of wood that might be available. If you are able to help, please get in touch at my email below. Thank you. ☺

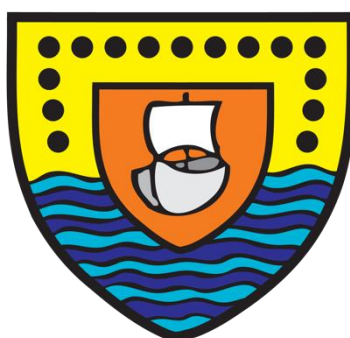
We still have places available at **Penpol School Nursery** for September. If you or someone you know is interested, please do get in touch on nursery@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk

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Congratulations to Arthur who has shown immense dedication and perseverance in recent weeks, now holding the top spot in the school on all of Numbots' challenges. This tests the speed in which students can add and subtract. Seeing the speed in which Arthur completes these challenges is a feat to behold and he was over the moon to achieve 107 points in 60 seconds (0.56 seconds per question!). A huge well done, Arthur!



Congratulations also to Harrison who went one step further towards football stardom by representing Cornwall, Devon and Somerset with the Southwest Saints in their match against Aston Villa Academy last weekend. What a fantastic achievement!



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Best wishes for a restful weekend.

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