



Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

If we weren't feeling festive before, we certainly are after this week. With **two nativities** and **four Christmas Concerts**, every child in the school has performed to an audience with courage and pride. We have enjoyed fantastic acting, excellent costumes, powerful speaking and beautiful singing throughout. Congratulations to each of our pupils and many thanks to all involved in making them happen. Music Lead, Colin Jones, deserves a special mention for being the powerhouse behind each of the concerts. Thank you Colin - you can sit down now!

Wednesday's **Christmas Fair** was a real success also. Much festive fun was had and a whopping £2,100 raised to support additional activities here at Penpol. We are enormously grateful to our PFA who have made this possible and would love to welcome more parents, guardians and wider family members aboard. Our **next PFA meeting** will be held on **Thursday 11th January at 3:30pm**. Please do join us if you can.

Throughout the autumn term, our 3D printer can often be found whirring away producing children's winter ornament designs. This year, our oldest children have gone one better, creating their designs entirely through **code**. Using Tinkercad's Codeblocks feature, students developed incredible details before printing and finishing in colour. I think you'll agree, the end results are extraordinary. Well done all!



We could not be prouder of Year 6 pupil **Skye Hollow** who has been selected to represent England in the Dance World Cup Finals next summer in Prague! Skye is an incredible dancer, showing great dedication to her passion. Congratulations Skye – we'll be following your journey every leap of the way.



We are committed to celebrating neurodiversity here at Penpol. Earlier in December saw the launch of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly “**Neurodiversity Hub**” (ND Hub) which is sited on the Parent Carer Cornwall website. It is a handy place to

go for all kinds of advice and information. You can find it here:

<https://parentcarerscornwall.org.uk/neurodiversity/>

Christmas isn't always a relaxing time for families or children. If you find yourself in a difficult position over the holidays, you may find some valuable advice and guidance here: <https://www.startnowcornwall.org.uk/its-ok/get-help/>. If you are unsure of where to go for support, my email (below) is monitored regularly throughout the break also. In an emergency, please don't hesitate to dial 999.

The deadline to **apply for September 2024 Reception places** closes on January 15th. There is still time to arrange a visit to us at the start of next term. Please pop me an email (below) to find a time that works for you. If you are ready to apply, please follow this link:

https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/School_Admissions/

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.”