



# Weekly Newsletter

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## This week's focus: Aiming High and Achieving our Best

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for the wonderful support the school has had this term. Whether it's completing the topic grids, picking up from clubs or helping with costumes the teachers really appreciate all the effort that goes in at home to keep up with all their requests. The children have had a really busy term and achieved much - certainly the diary was been bursting with events.

As staff we are immensely proud of everything the children have achieved this term and their attitude to their learning. The Spelling Bee, 'Christmas around the World' and the Carol concert have all been recent highlights and it fills me with pride when visitors to our school comment on the wonderful attitude of the children.

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank you for all the gifts and cards we have received this week; it is very humbling. The staff have found abundant energy this term to keep learning at the forefront of everything we do and deserve a well-earned rest. Today Miss Smith leaves us to find new adventures and challenges. Miss Smith has taught at Penponds since September 2013 when she joined us as a Newly Qualified Teacher and has predominately taught in Key Stage 2. She has worked tremendously hard to help improve the school and has led initiatives across a range of subjects, from curriculum and pedagogy, the Children's University, PE, topic learning and of course, netball club. I'd like to publically thank Miss Smith for her efforts with the children and her contribution to the whole school community. I'm sure everyone would agree that she's been a fabulous asset to Penponds School. From January 8th, I'm delighted to announce that Trencrom class will be taught by Mrs Sarah Treen. Mrs Treen is a very experienced Year 3/4 teacher and already knows many of the children.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with your families. We start back at school on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 0855.

Mr Adam Richards  
Headteacher

### Message from Treve Harvey – Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of term I'd like to quickly update you on the work of the governors this term.

The governors are all volunteers from the local community and exist to provide strategic direction, challenge the educational standards and ensure the school remains at the forefront of primary education.

As well as this, two of our governors act as Directors of the Rainbow Multi Academy Trust which oversees all four schools - Penponds, Troon, St Meriadoc Juniors and St Meriadoc Infants.



## Dates for your diary:

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Camborne Lantern Parade -  
**CANCELLED**

### Inset Days:

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
2018

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 –**  
First day back for children

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January –**  
Trencrom Class start  
swimming lessons

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday**  
**26<sup>th</sup> January – Bikeability**  
for Year 5 children

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January –**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February–**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

This term at Penponds the governing body have all visited school to meet with their linked member of staff holding them to account for their priorities in the School Development Plan. In this era of constant change, it is important that the school is properly challenged and successes celebrated as necessary. Talking of success, some of you may have seen the DfE published the Primary School League tables at the beginning of December. Follow this link if you'd like to compare for yourself:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools&region=908&la-name=cornwall&geographic=la&for=primary>

Last week The Times published the top ten primary schools in each county and as you can see below puts Penponds at number 5 in Cornwall. I'd like to congratulate the whole school community for this fantastic achievement and highlight the confidence, creativity and curiosity the staff instil in the pupils for this to have happened.

7	Guilden Sutton CofE Primary School	31	110	29	84	7	St Mary's
8	Kelsall Primary School	34	109	18	88	8	St Joseph's
9	Davenham CofE Primary School	41	109	12	80	9	Lapal Prim
10	Moulton School	29	109	7	79	10	Ham Dingl
<b>Cornwall</b>							
1	St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Falmouth	30	111	27	90	1	Warter Ch
2	Tregadillett Primary School	18	110	11	94	2	Eastringto
3	Tintagel Primary School	11	110	27	91	3	Keldmarst
4	Calstock Community Primary School	10	110	30	80	4	St Joseph
5	Penponds School	15	110	20	80	5	Burton Agnes
6	St Neot Community Primary School	11	110	27	73	6	Cowick Chur
7	Cardinham School	7	110	29	71	7	Flamboro
8	Mount Hawke Academy	53	109	21	89	8	Barmby-r
9	St Levan Primary School	7	109	29	86	9	North Fr
10	Godolphin Primary School	12	109	33	75	10	Cherry Burt
<b>County Durham</b>							
1	Thornhill Primary School	30	113	33	100	1	St Philip
2	St William's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School	15	111	27	93	2	Groombri
3	Staindrop CofE (Controlled) Primary School	26	111	35	92	3	Netherf
4	New Seaham Academy	38	111	24	92	4	Barcoml
5	St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School, New Seaham	31	111	16	81	5	Little C
6	Ebchester CofE Primary School	14	111	29	79	6	Wester
7	St Michael's C of E Primary School	17	110	24	100	7	Danehil
8	Shincliffe CofE (Controlled) Primary School	31	110	29	94	8	Maynar
9	Our Lady and St Thomas Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary	16	110	25	94	9	Cross-i

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the governors, to wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy new Year. I hope you enjoy this slightly longer Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Best wishes  
Treve Harvey

### Family Lantern Making

On Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> December the school had a Family Lantern making day with children and families creating lanterns to take to the Camborne Lantern Parade. I had a lot of fun doing it. My Dad and I made a star. It went a bit wrong but then it was ok. A special thank you to Miss Souch for organising the day and to all the other staff, volunteers and families that helped. By Ellie S

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 –**  
Penponds Family Festival

### Attendance:

Carn Brea: 945  
Godolphin:  
Y1 – 87.06%  
YR2 – 98.89%  
Trencrom: 94.12%  
Tregonning: 96.92%

### Attendance Trophy:

Year 2 – Godolphin Class

### Awards:

**Carn Brea** – Emily, Lily, Ia  
Godolphin –

Y1 – Ethan, Piran, William  
Y2 – Olivia, Brindley, Leon

**Trencrom** – Kaiden, Keira,  
Sophie

**Tregonning** – Alice, Ruby,  
Trystan

**Headteacher** – Thomas,  
William, Lloyd, Sophie,  
Jowan, Piran C, Emily C

**Maths** – Elffin, Jasper P,  
Eadie, Harry, Thomas

### Quote for this week:

Creativity is inventing,  
experimenting, growing,  
taking risks, breaking rules,  
making mistakes and having  
fun. By Mary Lou Cook



### **Christingle Assembly**

On Tuesday afternoon the school gathered in the hall for our annual Christingle assembly. Olive Stephens from Penponds church spent Monday morning with the children making the Christingles and preparing the children for the assembly. Thomas, William, Amy and Lemmy led the assembly and all the children learnt about the history of the Christingle and the symbolism it represents. A huge thank you to Olive for preparing everything.



## Santa Visit

Today we were excited to see Santa who gave out presents to all the children. Everyone sang Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer. He wished us all Nadelik Lowen (Merry Christmas in Cornish).



### Chicks – Trencrom Class

Last year in July our first egg hatched and the chick was named Chickidy. Soon enough a black bantam chick hatched after about 10 minutes. The bantam was named Ralph. Ralph was really calm. Later on a few more chicks hatched and one chick had a broken leg. Soon we put them in a beautiful cage with sawdust.



We didn't see them again for 6 months until they finally came into school again this week and, oh my goodness, they were big and noisy. Ralph is really noisy now and he didn't stop crowing. Chickidy is the biggest out of all of them. We only saw three because the others had to go to other homes.

By Harrison and Tristan



On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December Trencrom Class had three clucky visitors. Miss Smith had brought some chickens into the class. The chickens were called Ralph (which was actually Sophie's), Penny who was fluffy) and Chickidy who was very big. The class all got to hold the chickens. Ralph was vibrating all over. After a while the chickens were sent outside but Ralph was angry and pecked one of the teachers. Our favourite chicken was Chickidy. We all gave them grass and it was funny to watch. While Ralph was in his cage he tried to peck Griffin. Sadly they had to leave at lunchtime.

By Bella and Griffin



Happy Christmas Everyone!





# THANK YOU



to the *marvellous* children, staff and parents at

*Penponds School*

for helping seriously ill children and their families live a more  
marvellous life and raising a fantastic £ **34.35**...

The  
*Dahlicious*  
Dress up Day



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