



# Weekly Newsletter

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## This week's focus: Happy New Year!

### Message from Mr Richards

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the spring term here at Penponds School. I was delighted with the enthusiasm, cheery smiles and determination of the children to get on with their learning on their first day back. Many of them talked to me at lunchtime about their holidays, Christmas presents and experiences over the last two weeks. Indeed, in assembly yesterday we talked about what the word 'new' means and how exciting and challenging that word can be. Soon the children will start their new topics, homework grids and spellings. I hope all the children grasp the many opportunities on offer this term to develop their curiosity, creativity and confidence.

Thank you for your continued support

Adam Richards

Headteacher

### Severe weather

If the school has to close due to severe weather this term we will let you know via text message, email (if possible) and local radio. If you have updated your contact details over the holiday please let Mrs Wood know in the office ASAP so we are able to update our database. Many thanks.

### Coats

Please can all children ensure they have a coat in school – even if they get dropped off by car.

### Club information

Touch rugby starts on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Choir restarts on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Go-Active Fencing on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan.

### Y5/6 camp

Children brought home letters yesterday regarding the planned Porthpean camp on 16<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Leavers Assembly for the Year 6 children will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm, a week early to account for camp. The children will return from camp by 1.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July to ensure they have an afternoon to say goodbye to the school and all get their shirts signed!

### Valentines Disco

FOPS have organised a Valentine's Disco on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 5.30pm to 7pm. There will be hotdogs and refreshments available like the previous disco. Instead of parents staying for the disco, staff will look after the children so parents don't have to stay. There will also be a 'chill out' room for children who have had enough of the dancing! More details to follow soon.

### Reception place for 2018

If you wish to apply for a place for the reception class 2018 the deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please follow this link: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/apply-to-start-school-or-transfer-to-junior-secondary-or-ks4-school-in-september-2018/>

## Dates for your diary:

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Year 5/6

Swimming starts

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Youth

Speaks practice at 3.30pm

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Clubs start

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Keyboard lessons start

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan** – Art day in Carn Brea and Godolphin class

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Tregonning at Plymouth University for Science and engineering showcase

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January** – Youth Speaks

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Valentines Disco 6pm to 7.30pm

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Spring half term

## Attendance over the autumn term:

Carn Brea: 95.26%

Godolphin:

Y1 – 97.68%

YR2 – 95.76%

Trencrom: 95.68%

Tregonning: 96.78%

## Awards

**Top Table:** Ethan, Evie T, Alex K, Faith

**Carn Brea:** Jasper, Emily R, Abbie, Toby

### Godolphin:

YR1 – Freya D, Lily, Ava

YR2 – Griffin, Jasmine, Harry P, Elijah

**Trencrom:** Lemmy, Lily, Ben

**Tregonning:** The Whole Class and Cadan, Ryan

**Headteacher:** Piran C, Ellie R, Kaiden, Mylo, Rosie

**Maths:** Alice, Ellena, Minnie

**Quote of the week:**

When anything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.

**Henry Ford**



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You will find out more about the Year 2 and Year 6 SATs papers in spelling, punctuation and grammar and be able to work through these yourself as well as have the chance to gain an Ascentis award in English skills.



There will be tea, coffee and biscuits.



We would like you to attend every week if you can.



If you have a younger child at home, we can help with childcare funding – ring 01872 327520 to find out more.



Contact the tutor if you have any questions:  
07968 992495.