



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, welcome to the first of these weekly updates through which we will share news from Penpol and around the community during our temporary closure.

Many thanks to those of you who have already supported your child to enjoy the online challenges at our remote learning portal via our website. Our staff team are working hard to keep this up to date and to provide feedback where appropriate. If you do have any questions about these activities, please don't hesitate to get in touch following the links on the site.

There is no expectation that you your child completes each of these challenges, nor that you attempt to replicate the school day at home. In fact, we strongly encourage you not to do so. **The most important things that you can do with your child at this time are to relax together, play together and laugh together.** We will all weather these uncharted waters more successfully if we are able to talk and express our feelings and children are no exception. You may also be interested in trying some mindfulness activities with your child. The Cosmic Kids videos, found on Youtube (with adult supervision) are a great place to start.

When your child is accessing the remote learning portal, you will find that the vast majority of challenges have been designed to be as flexible as possible so that they may be completed without or away from a digital device. When your child is accessing the internet, please do practise the same e-safety principals as always. For example, children are not encouraged to browse Youtube without supervision and should talk regularly and openly with you about their internet usage. More information about our approach to internet safety can be found here: https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland.

Finally, our online assemblies start today at 2pm for younger children and 2:30pm for KS2. This is brand new to us too so bear with us if we do experience a few technical hitches! Links will be available on the portal which should take you directly to the assembly.

Please do keep in touch if we can help in any way.

Very best wishes,

Chris Chislett
Headteacher