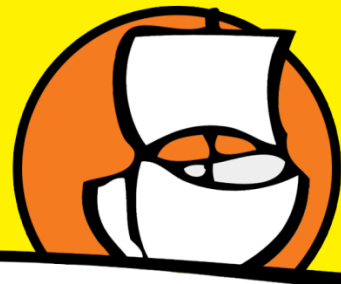


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Dear All,

I hope that this week has gone as smoothly as possible for you at home. It has been great to see so many children enjoying the challenges provided by our team already. It has also been fantastic to hear of the many other ways you and your children have been acclimatising to this new, temporary, normal. Please be assured that there is no 'right way' of supporting your child at this time and the biggest priority of all is making sure that they feel happy and safe.

We are now at the beginning of our Easter break. Children (and parents!) are actively encouraged to relax, unwind, have as much fun as possible and feel incredibly proud of all they have achieved so far this year. Teachers will keep some challenges and updates going on the website (and via Showbie for older children) but these are by no means compulsory. We will continue to run our Monday and Wednesday virtual assemblies, starting **today at 2pm for KS1 and EYFS and 2:30pm for KS2**. Please follow the links available at our remote learning page: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/remote-learning/>.

You will probably have come across various suggestions for supporting your child to make sense of the current crisis and to understand why staying at home is important. One successfully positive approach is the **Stay Home Superheroes** story by Sophie's Stories. The text can be found here: <http://stgeorgesrc-york.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Stay-at-home-superhero-story.pdf>.

Many of us stood at windows and on doorsteps on Thursday evening to **Clap for our Carers**. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in our community working in the NHS and in other front-line roles in battling the coronavirus. You are all heroes and the Penpol community will be forever grateful.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing **Sarah Ryan** for all she has contributed to Penpol and to the education of hundreds of its pupils. Having taught at Penpol for over seventeen years, Sarah leaves us this Easter to embark on a new stage of her career. I know that she will be hugely successful in her new role and will be very much missed by all at Penpol. We look forward to the opportunity to thank Sarah for her immense contribution properly at a later date, when the schools have reopened.

Please do keep safe and don't hesitate to reach out should you need any support during this very unusual Easter holiday.

Very best wishes to you all,

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