

Wednesday 6th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to another weekly update.

Firstly, in what is fast becoming a weekly theme, there was further speculation over the weekend about the **reopening of schools** and, in particular, primary settings. This level of press coverage around what is essentially guess-work is far from helpful for yourselves as parents/carers. I would like to reassure you again that schools are prioritising the health and wellbeing of pupils, staff and families above all else. What we do know is that ministers are in discussion with education representatives this week and that we hope to be provided with a clearer picture this Sunday when a more 'comprehensive road map' to easing restrictions will be presented.

We met remotely with our **governing body** yesterday and will continue to meet more frequently during this period of closure. These representatives from the parent community and further afield bring a huge range of expertise to the table, ensuring that any plans for the journey ahead are thoroughly examined, discussed and agreed.

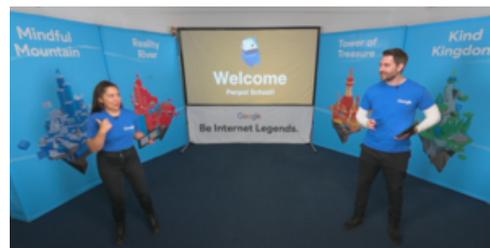
Thank you all for your continued support during this closure. More than six weeks have now passed since we closed our doors to the majority of pupils and I strongly suggest that you take a moment to reflect upon all you have achieved as a parent or carer. In guiding your child to make sense of such uncertain times, to be safe, to feel happy and to learn, you really have achieved remarkable things. However home learning is working for you as a family, our fantastic team is here to support you. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can help further in any way.

Surfers Against Sewage have launched a **digital ocean school** on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you haven't tuned in yet, more information can be found here: <https://www.sas.org.uk/digital-ocean-school>.

Finally, thank you to those of you able to join our **Be Internet Legends assembly** for Key Stage 2 last Friday. Google and Parent Zone chose to trial the interactive format with Penpol and it was a huge success. Many thanks to Jacob Woolcock for organising. This and each of our previous online assemblies can be watched again at any time by scrolling to the bottom of the appropriate remote learning portal:

KS2: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/remote-learning-ks2/>

KS1 and EYFS: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/remote-learning-ks1/>



Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable bank holiday weekend. As always, please do get in touch if we can be of any help.

Best wishes,

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