



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to another weekly update.

## Classes for 2020-2021

It seems we have barely got used to writing 2020 but are now looking ahead to the next academic year. As you know, in order to provide as much consistency as possible for our pupils, we will not be changing any class groupings in September. Your child's new class and teacher(s) can be found below.

Year Group	Current Class	Class from September 2020
Reception	Class 1 Amanda Aspden	<b>Class 4</b> <b>Christina Sukstiene</b>
	Class 2 Lizzie Nidds	<b>Class 3</b> <b>Em Whear</b>
Year 1	Class 3 Em Whear	<b>Class 5</b> <b>Issy Daniel</b>
	Class 4 Christina Sukstiene	<b>Class 6</b> <b>Linda Ruffell</b>
Year 2	Class 5 Issy Daniel	<b>Class 7</b> <b>Sheridan Peck</b>
	Class 6 Linda Ruffell	<b>Class 8</b> <b>Rebecca Holcroft</b>

Year Group	Current Class	Class from September 2020
Year 3	Class 7 Sheridan Peck	<b>Class 10</b> <b>Jess Riches + Kieron Wise</b>
	Class 8 Rebecca Holcroft	<b>Class 9</b> <b>Jack Emery</b>
Year 4	Class 9 Colin Jones	<b>Class 11</b> <b>Mark Pollard + Jacob Woolcock</b>
	Class 10 Natasha Moyes	<b>Class 12</b> <b>Colin Jones</b>
Year 5	Class 11 Mark Pollard + Jack Emery	<b>Class 13</b> <b>Nic Stanlake</b>
	Class 12 Kieron Wise	<b>Class 13</b> <b>Jonathan Peck</b>

We are very sorry to be saying good bye to Natasha Moyes who has been utterly fantastic in her teaching of Class 10 since September. Natasha is moving on to new adventures but has very kindly agreed to return in September to allow her current class to properly celebrate their achievements this year. Thank you, Miss Moyes, for all you have done for our school. You will be greatly missed by all at Penpol.

## Writing Competition

Key Stage 2 pupils – don't forget the deadline for our writing competition is just one week away. More information can be found below:

**KEY STAGE 2**

# WRITING COMPETITION

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Firstly, we would like you to watch a video on Literacy Shed called **Diving Giraffes**

[www.literacyshed.com/diving-giraffes.html](http://www.literacyshed.com/diving-giraffes.html)

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Then we would like you to produce some writing **based on this video**. It is **up to you** what you would like to write. You might choose to write...

A story based on the giraffes

A letter from the giraffes or to the giraffes

Write through the eyes of the giraffe

A non-fiction text about swimming or giraffes for example a fact file

Write a news report on the event

A poem

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There will be a **winner from each year group** and anyone who enters the competition will have their work **displayed in the Showbie Hall of Fame**.

Closing date: 26th June

## Schools in the News

You may have been concerned by recent statements from a number of MPs that teachers' unions are seeking to delay the reopening of schools. This narrative is unhelpful as it risks damaging vital relationships between home and school and undermines the extraordinary efforts of all staff in seeking to follow government guidance. We at Penpol, our colleagues in other settings and the unions who represent us are absolutely committed to reopening schools to all pupils as soon as is as safely possible. We are very sad that the majority of our pupils must continue to learn at home for the time being and are determined to support each child in the way that best suits them.

You may also have been worried by headlines based on an NFER report which described pupils 'doing less work' than they usually would. We agree that no child should be left behind and that existing disadvantages must not be given room to grow. This is why home learning is so important. However, at Penpol, we are interested in *learning* rather than work and it is important to recognise that children are learning in many other ways alongside their school work. In overcoming challenges that no children have faced before, in seeing the world come together to fight a common battle and in resiliently adjusting to new ways of doing almost everything, your child has been developing incredible lifelong skills every day. We are enormously proud of the way our pupils have handled these difficult times and are deeply grateful for your support as parents and carers.

## Black Lives Matter

Like many of you, we have been giving the Black Lives Matter movement a great deal of thought. It is vital that we provide our pupils with an appreciation of the vibrancy of British heritage and an honest understanding of its historical prejudices in order that we build a fairer future. We will be reviewing our curriculum coverage, in particular in History, to ensure that we are providing the balanced and honest perspective that our pupils deserve.

## Free School Meals

Following pressure from a number of places including footballer Marcus Rashford, the government will now fund vouchers for those in receipt of means-tested free school meals throughout the summer holidays. If you feel that you may be eligible for this support and the Pupil Premium, you can apply at the following link: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>.



### Cornwall Virtual Schools Games

Along with many other schools and organisations across the county, we will be taking part in the Cornwall Virtual Schools Games next week – from 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Class teachers will be promoting the activities throughout the week. Please find the attached documents which will help you to make the most of the event.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can help in any way.

Best wishes,

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Healthy School

