



Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the summer term at Penpol! I hope that you were all able to enjoy some time together as a family during the Easter break. The children have returned seeming very well-rested and raring to go!

Yesterday was **Earth Day** and many children across the school explored how to protect our beautiful planet in lots of exciting ways. More information about the event can be found here: <https://www.earthday.org/>. We are also very excited to be welcoming environmental artist **Greg Humphries** to Penpol. Greg will be working with every class over the course of the next few months to create some fantastic outdoor art pieces for our school grounds. To find out more about Greg's work, please do visit his web page: <http://greghumphriesart.co.uk/>. You can also meet him in today's assembly: <https://youtu.be/mMmDGAto7FM>. We are hugely grateful to the team at [Tate St Ives](#) for making this exciting project possible.

As the government's 'road map' out of lockdown continues, it is imperative that we do continue to follow all **safety guidance**. We are currently seeing large numbers of people gathering before the gates open at 8:45am and, whilst we are pleased to see children are so keen, this is making **social distancing** very tricky indeed. For the time being, children can arrive at any time **after 8:45am** and **before 9:10am**. It remains much quieter towards the end of this time window. Please ensure also that your children avoid climbing on the **play equipment** at the start or end of the day as this is carefully cleaned in between each bubble's use. Many thanks for your support.

Lateral-flow testing is now open to all adults and test kits are easier to get hold of than ever. Thank you to so many of you accessing these already – it really does help to keep our children, staff and community safe. If you would like to order kits online, please follow the link below: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>



Please ensure that your child uses Margaret's **designated crossing point** at the end of the school day, whether they are crossing with you or alone. We are currently seeing many people exiting the driveway and crossing straight over the busy road which is a huge safety risk. It is not possible to move the crossing point further down the road but is only a short distance for people to walk to cross safely. Thank you for your support.

Thank you for the many appointments booked so far for our **parent/carer meetings**, which start on May 4th. If you have not booked one yet, please do click on the link you have been sent and follow the simple instructions. If you would like to arrange a meeting with Bec Thomas (SEND/CO), Tiffany Pope (Deputy Headteacher) or myself, or if you need some support in accessing the appointment booking, please contact the school office.

Next Tuesday 27th April is a **Bags 2 School** day! The company are not able provide bags this year so have asked that donations of any **clothes** are brought to school in bin bags

please. These will be collected at the front of school as with previous events. For this reason, **Tuesday** will be a **non-uniform day**. Thank you all for your support which helps to raise hundreds of pounds for the school.



Shortly before the holidays, our new outdoor gym equipment was installed and children have now received training in how to use it safely. I am delighted to say that it has been a huge hit and children are keeping themselves more active than ever. Well done all – keep it up!

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

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