

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Huge thanks are owed once again to those children and families currently following advice to self-isolate. We understand that this is extraordinarily challenging and are here to help in any way that we can. Children learning at home have been absolutely amazing – well done to all once more.

**From this coming Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July**, the process of contact tracing for pupils and staff is changing and will now be led by the NHS Track and Trace team. We are sending you a separate letter today from the Department for Education explaining how this will happen. **Please do read this separate letter carefully so that you know how to respond to potential COVID symptoms or a positive test result.**

Importantly, this change means that schools will no longer be routinely involved in contact tracing and will not be instructed to advise large groups of individuals to isolate. Sadly, it does not appear that this will alter the advised self-isolation periods which have commenced before Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, though we are seeking urgent clarification on this matter.



Congratulations to Isla in Year 2 whose design (here on the left) has been chosen by the **Kids Invent Stuff** team to be featured in one of their programmes. Isla's invention is being built as we speak and will be taken to the Institute of Engineering and Technology in London for a special event next Friday.

The Kids Invent Stuff episode featuring Isla's creation will be aired this coming Wednesday at 4pm at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/kidsinventstuff.com>

I am delighted to say that our **chickens have arrived!** We now have four very happy hens getting used to their luxury new surroundings in our memory garden. The chickens are available for all to meet and are proving to be a hit already! We have a chicken calendar which is now live. Please email Tiffany Pope on [tpope@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:tpope@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk) if you would like to get involved



in caring for our chickens during weekends or holidays

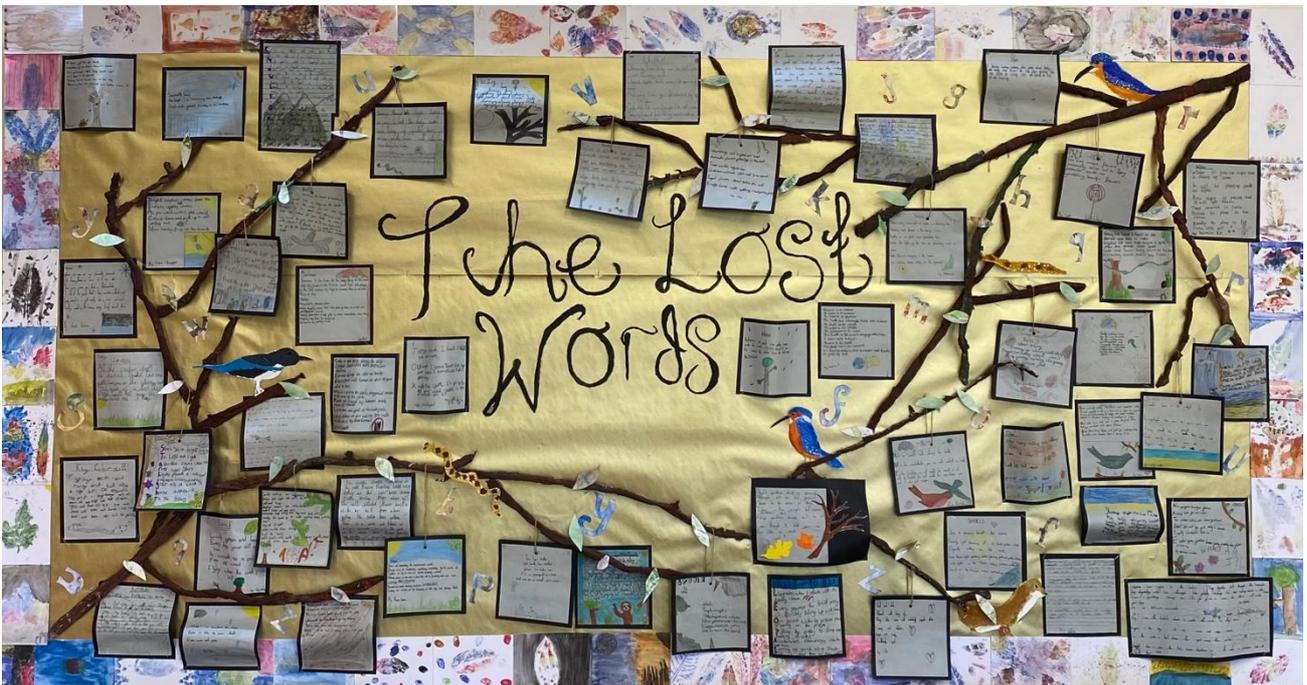
Thank you to all involved in making this possible and, in particular to Ivan for his vision and determination. I am certain that our feathered friends will have a long-lasting impact here at Penpol.



Many thanks to Val Aspinall and a number of other parents who have set up a **Penpol Second Hand Uniform Page on Facebook**. This seems to be an excellent way to get the most out of our lovely uniform and to have a positive impact upon the environment at the same time. With hundreds of items listed at either free or very low prices, we recommend having a look.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/890266211561612/>

Despite the many challenges faced this year, children across the school have been remarkable in their attitude towards their learning. Currently, many beautiful **displays** are appearing around the school's shared spaces to celebrate recent learning. We can't wait to welcome you back into the building so that you can enjoy them too. Congratulations to Year 4 for their Lost Words display!



Finally, a quick reminder that we finish for this term at 2pm next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Wishing you all a safe and restful weekend.

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