



Weekly Update – Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your family are safe and well following **Storm Eunice** today. Thank again for your patience and understanding around our very necessary school closure.

Well done to so many pupils able to access **home learning** today. Our team have been busily supporting remotely throughout the day, although some teachers have lost power at points. If you need any support and have not been able to make contact, please do email me at my address below. We know that many of you have been impacted by power cuts also. The remote learning is there as a suggestion only – please do not worry if competing priorities at home, power outages or other challenges have got in the way.

Our next **Penpol Careers Fair** takes place on Wednesday 6th April. Our first event, back in 2019, was a huge success and we look forward to raising the roof on pupils' ambitions once more. Mark Pollard has been busily persuading a healthy number of volunteers to join us on the day to talk about their different jobs. There is room for more though and we would love to hear from if you are keen, particularly if you are a tradesperson or a dentist! Similarly, if you know of someone with a fascinating job elsewhere in the world who might be keen to join us via a video link, please do get in touch: head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk.



World Book Day is on **Thursday 3rd March**. As ever, children and adults are invited to wear a costume or prop representing a favourite book character. We also plan to invite parents and guardians in on the day to enjoy some great books together - please keep an eye out for a separate letter advising of timings.

Prior to that, **Bags 2 School** day will be on **Tuesday 1st March**. Children are invited to wear their own clothes on the day and any bagged donations of preloved clothing will be gratefully received. The Bags2School team will contribute funds to the school based upon the amount of donations received.

Pupils in our school council have planned a series of **Walk to School Weeks** aimed at raising awareness of healthy ways to travel to school whilst helping the environment. For each given week, our school councillors will be ready at the gate with special stickers for those who have walked, cycled or scooted to school. Each week will focus upon different phases as follows:

- Week Beginning March 7th – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- Week Beginning March 14th – Year 3 and Year 4
- Week Beginning March 21st – Year 5 and Year 6



After last week's news that our *Creative Coders* team were on their way to the **Lego League finals** in Harrogate, we have since learned that our *Lego Leaders* team will be joining them also! Huge congratulations once again to you all. The teams will travel up by bus next weekend to compete with students from across the county. Very best of luck to you all – we could not be prouder of your achievements.



Well done to our **Year 2** pupils who have been exploring all things **bees** this term. In their Computing learning, they have worked with Mr Curnow to create these wonderful bee gardens using Minecraft. Absolutely brilliant!

Finally, thank you all for your support during another busy, sometimes challenging but ultimately hugely successful term. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 28th February.

Best wishes,

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