



Weekly Update – Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a wonderful **World Book Day** we all enjoyed on Thursday. It was fantastic to see so many of you back in school again – thank you to all who were able to join us. Thank you also for your sterling efforts with props and costumes on the day. We know this isn't easy and I can safely say that the children were absolutely buzzing with enthusiasm for books and for reading.

We saw such huge support for our **Bags 2 School** appeal on Tuesday that the collection driver had to take it all away to be weighed at the depot. Thank you so much. I hope to be able to update you with the value raised next week.



Like you, we are deeply saddened to read of the war in **Ukraine** and would like to help. We have arranged for a regular **collection** to be made from school of any donations of **long-lasting food** (tins, cans, packets and so on) and **toiletries**. Please do bring any donations to the main school entrance from next Monday. If you are keen to make financial donations to help those in Ukraine, urgent appeals are currently running with *Save The Children*, *Unicef* and *Oxfam*.

Older children have been discussing the war with teachers this week and, as younger children become increasingly aware, it will be discussed in these classes also. The approach we take with such news is to '**look for the helpers**'. In focusing upon ways in which we can help and in which others are helping, we can support children to understand key information whilst maintaining hope and reducing anxiety. There is plenty of useful guidance online if you are discussing the news with your child. **BBC Newsround** is a great place to start and the DfE have produced a useful collection of materials at the link here: https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/?utm_source=1%20March%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19



Thank you to teaching assistant Hayden Knowles for leading a fantastic **wheelchair basketball** session with Class 6 this week. Mr Knowles plays regularly with a team and the children were delighted have a go for themselves!

COVID update: Although legal restrictions have been lifted, we are still asked to take care in all that we do. Please do read and follow all current government guidance which is available at the link below: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do> As ever, please don't hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions at all.

Finally, from all of us at Penpol, we wish you a wonderful **St Piran's Day**. There is plenty to do across the county tomorrow, including in Truro (<https://visitturo.org.uk/whats/st-pirans-day-2022>) and Falmouth (<https://www.falmouth.co.uk/falmouth-events/st-pirans-day/>).

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Best wishes,

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