

Assemblies

We have a special **Celebration Assembly** on **Friday at 9.10am** which Year R will start in November. If the children have had their birthday in the week or they have a certificate from an outside school activity, they will be standing up in assembly to be celebrated.

We also choose a star of the week for fantastic learning or behaviour. We will have a notice for assembly in the class window ready to let you know whose is being celebrated however the star is a surprise and you will be notified by text message on the Thursday afternoon.

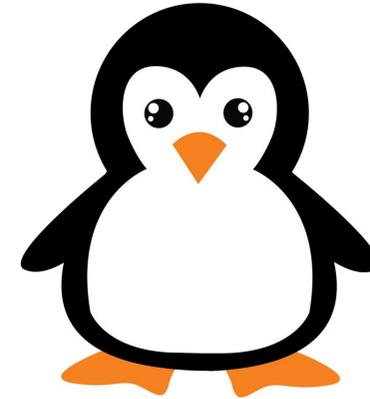
We are hoping to have parents and family members in our celebration assemblies however this is COVID dependent and we will let you know closer to the time. Please let us know of any achievements and we will put them on the assembly list..

School lunches

School Lunches are free and the children can choose from a meat option (red) or a vegetarian option (green) every day. We also have sandwiches as a third choice in the summer and jacket potatoes (blue) in the winter. Please talk to your child about their daily choice on the way to school and also let the school office know of any food allergies so that we can make arrangements with the kitchen.

Tapestry

Tapestry is our online learning journal which we use to observe and record Wow moments of your children have at school. We will use it to show how they are learning and the next steps they need to make even more progress. We will also use it to inform you about special topics, events and ways you can support your child in learning at home. We look forward to sharing this with you and hope it will give you an amazing insight into what your child does at school.



Penguin Class

Welcome to your new class.

This leaflet gives you some basic information about our class. If you have any questions please come and speak to us.

Your class Teachers are:

Miss Cross and Mrs Hatchett

Your class Learning Support Assistants are:

Mrs McDonnell and Mrs Doolin

The School Day

The school day starts at 8:40 am and finishes at 3:15pm. The class teachers will ring a bell at 8:40 am and the children will be welcomed into their classrooms. At the end of the day please wait on the playground and the teachers will send your child to you when they can see you.

Picking up

If it is not going to be you picking up your child please tell the teacher if possible in the morning and they will write it in the diary by our class door. If you forget or there is a sudden change of plans just give the school office a ring and they will let us know.

Wellies and Outside Play

We like to be prepared for every type of weather. We also have Forest Time once a week in our school grounds. Please can you leave a named pair of wellies in school.

Fruit and water

Please provide your child with a piece of fruit and a water bottle each morning. Please name any bottles and containers. We also provide a free piece of fruit in the afternoons and milk for all children under 5.

Toys

We have a no toy policy in school however the children will be given opportunities through the year to bring in items from home to show and tell.

Reading

Your child will have a reading book and a reading diary. We will also give them access to our online book system called Bug Club.

We use a system of Reading Rockets in the class. The children have their names on a label and we will move them up on the class reading rockets for every 10 days that they read, which should take about two weeks. If you could record in the diary each day you hear your child read it will ensure that your child moves up and their achievement gets recognised.

Reading diaries will be checked every Friday and your child will stand up the following Friday if they have reached 100 reads.

Your child will have a sticker on the front of their reading diary to show which colour band they are on.

Uniform

Please name everything and rename after every half term. Please also ensure children are wearing black shoes, no boots for girls in winter as they cannot sit in them. We recommend that hair accessories are in school colours and any headbands are flat. One pair of small ear studs are acceptable, other jewellery is not.

PE

Penguins class PE day is Monday. Please leave their PE kits at school and we will send them home each half term holiday for washing unless it needs it more often. Please can you put spare knickers/pants and socks in your child's PE bag too in case of an emergency. On Monday's please ensure earrings are removed and long hair is tied up.