

We have a special **celebration assembly** on Friday at 9:10am which Year R will start in November. They will have the chance to stand up if they have had their birthday that week, or they have a certificate from an outside school activity. 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 standing up (the office will text you if your child has been chosen as Star of the Week). Parents are always welcome to any Celebration assembly.

**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 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.

**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.



# Penguins

**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:**

**Mrs Porter (Mon-Weds)**

**Miss Cross (Weds-Fri)**

**Your class Learning Support Assistants are :-**

**Mrs Burningham and Mrs McDonnell**

**The school day starts at 8:45 am and finishes at 3:15pm.**

Pick up and drop off is from the outside class door. We would like the children to come in independently once they are happy and settled in school.

**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** baskets are on tables outside our class. Please provide your child with **a piece of fruit and water bottle** and place in their colour basket at the beginning of the day and collect at the end. **Please name any bottles and containers.** We also provide a free piece of fruit in the afternoons.

**Reading.** Your child will have a reading book and a reading diary. They have their names on a label and we will move up on the class reading rockets for every 10 days 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. Your child will have a sticker on the front of their reading diary to show which colour band they are on. Their books need to match the colour of the sticker when they start to choose for themselves in the spring.

**In the Autumn term can you please help your child change their book outside the classroom.** In the Spring term they will do it independently in the classroom. By the Summer they will be expected to choose their own colour book from their colour band the selection around the school.

**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.

Penguins class **PE day is Friday.** 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.

**Milk** is free for children under 5. After that you can order milk for your child to have during the day, please see the school office for more information.