

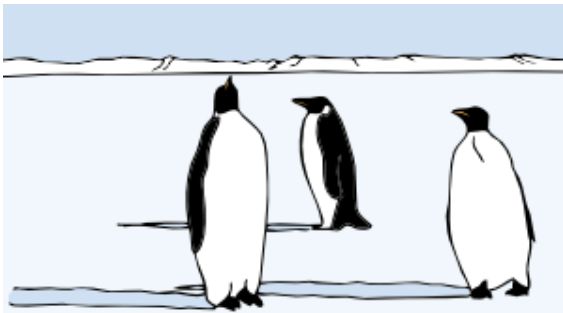
Friday 16th January

Dear Parents,



Spring Term Topics

You will certainly be aware by now that our learning in all year groups this half term has been inspired by The Frozen Planet. An exciting “carousel” day on the first day of term gave all the year 1 and Year 2 children the opportunity to design a computer game, investigate the properties of ice, mix icy colours with paint, make model penguins and learn about teamwork outdoors! Now we are hoping for frost and snow!



Gala Concert

We are excited about the concert that will be taking place next Sunday afternoon in our school. A number of parents have enquired about how long the concert will last. The programme will be in two parts, each lasting about 45 minutes. We will serve hot and cold drinks with cakes and biscuits in the interval. We hope you and your children will join us for this amazing opportunity to see classical musicians in much closer proximity than is possible in large concert venues. I am sure it will be inspirational!



After school clubs

Most clubs led by outside providers began this week and Pass Soccer starts on Monday. Staff-led clubs will not begin until evenings are a little lighter after half term. We will run clubs on Thursdays starting on 26th February. Letters with choices will follow before half term for children in Yr 1 and Yr 2.

Your views please!

We seek the views of parents and carers regularly in a number of ways and really value the comments you offer, both celebrating things that are working well and offering ideas to improve aspects of school life. This week we opened our Foundation Stage survey to reflect on the induction process and first term in school for Foxes and Badgers. Please use the link sent via Home Contact to complete the survey online. This has been set up by Andy Beales, one of our School Governors, and we hope will be a very quick and easy way for you to share your views. The survey is open until Tuesday 20th January. Paper copies are available from the school entrance, where we now always keep printed versions of electronic newsletters for parents who prefer this format or may be unable to access the internet. Please help yourselves to copies!

Bug Club

At long last and in response to many requests from schools and parents Bug Club is making some changes to its platform so that it will be available on iPads and tablets. Hooray! We are advised that these changes will take effect from 18th March.



PE Kit

Some children do not seem to have their PE kit at school. Perhaps they took it home before the holidays and it has not been returned. All children need to have kit at school. We do not have sufficient spare items to lend out every day. Please ensure your child has a PE bag on their peg.

Water bottles

In a few classrooms we have noticed children bringing fruit squash in their water bottles. We know that it really helps children’s concentration to drink regularly during the school day but ask you to restrict this to water and avoid sending sugary drinks that could lead to tooth decay. Thank you.

