

The start and end of the school day.

In contrast to their previous years at school, now they are in Year 2 they will come into class independently. Please bring your children into the playground at the start of the school day (children who attend breakfast club will be brought here by the staff), when the whistle is blown the children will line up and come in. During this time of the day each class holds meetings with the Teacher and Teaching Assistant to share planning and information to best meet the childrens' educational needs throughout the day – we ask you to respect this time and if you have a message that needs to be communicated to us in the morning please either send a note with your child, email the office or speak with a member of staff in the playground – Miss Cockburn or Mrs Humphrey are usually available to speak with at this time. At the end of the school day we have assembly: after that the children will collect their belongings and come out to the playground to find you, I will watch to ensure they are collected safely.

Please let us and your child know if you have alternate collection arrangements (such as catching the bus) so I can ensure the children are in the right place.

Spellings

New words will go out on a Friday and be tested the following week on the same day, on the occasion that this is not possible we would test on the Monday instead.

Diary Dates

Maths Café 9.15 12th October 2018
Harvest Festival 19th October 2018

Penguin Class Newsletter

September 2018

Welcome to Penguin Class and a brand new school year. We hope you had a wonderful break over the summer and that the children and you are ready and excited for a new year and the learning opportunities it will bring.

Topic – Coasts and Coastlines

This year we are working in key stages on shared topics; this half term both Year 1 and Year 2 will be learning about coasts and coastlines and our story will be The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. We hope that our english and our humanities work will support each other to really embed concepts. We are continuing to develop our Talk4Write programme, and will be learning this story orally. To help with this I have included a copy of the story on the reverse of this newsletter (we have not yet heard it).

I'm sure many of you have visited the coast over the summer – if your child has any books, pictures or artefacts that they wanted to bring in to enhance the topic they are welcome to do so.

Labelling

Please remember to ensure books bags, jumpers and so on are clearly labelled; we already have several mislaid items!

PE and Forest School

Our PE lessons will usually take place on a Thursday afternoon, but other PE opportunities may take place at other times so we ask that children have their PE kits in school throughout the week. Your child should have a white t-shirt and black or navy shorts and plimsolls or trainers, all labelled. We will have the opportunity to do Forest School inspired sessions every other half-term, starting next Wednesday. For this children need to have waterproofs and wellies (also labelled). As the summer draws to an end having a coat and wellies for outdoor play will ensure the children can make the most of playtimes.

Reading

We have new reading records and are asking parents to just use five boxes over the week and for children to get their reading records out every morning for us to try and check them. We are really trying to raise the profile of reading and writing in school and would appreciate your support with this. Please encourage your child to stick with the level of books that they are currently using. If you feel there is not enough challenge then write in their records to inform us.

Penguin Class Year 2

Miss Moll &
Mrs Canwell



The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch

Once upon a time there was a lighthouse keeper called Mr Grinling who lived in a cottage perched on the edge of a cliff.

Mr Grinling rowed out to clean and polish the Lighthouse every day. One day Mrs Grinling concocted a delicious lunch and sent it down the wire to Mr Grinling.

After a while some hungry seagulls flew down and ate the scrumptious lunch. "Yummy!" said the greedy seagulls, but Mr Grinling was left hungry.

Next Mrs Grinling had a plan. She carefully tied a napkin to the basket but it didn't work and the seagulls ate the delicious lunch again.

Then Mrs Grinling had another plan. She gently put Hamish the cat into a basket to scare away the seagulls however it didn't work because it made Hamish sick.

After that Mrs Grinling had an ingenious plan so she concocted the most revolting mustard sandwiches. "Yuck" said the seagulls and they quickly flew away.

Finally Mr Grinling was jubilant because he could enjoy his delicious lunch.