



## Important Dates:

### **20th January**

Federation Consultation  
Parent Meetings:  
2pm @ WPS  
5pm @ BHS

### **20th January**

Penguin Awareness Day  
(special lunch menu)

### **21st January**

Menu Change  
(Bolognese or jacket  
potato)

### **28th January**

Rainbow Friday

(Wear something colorful  
with school uniform.)

### **11th February**

Y6 Visit to Memorial Park

### **14th - 18th February**

Half Term

### **February / March tbc**

Parent Consultations



**Week 1**

## Window Replacement

I am delighted to inform you that the upper school windows and doors are being replaced from Monday 24th January. This will cause a little disruption in the short-term but will hugely benefit the upper school classrooms in the longer term, as well as giving the school a much needed face-lift.

Each classroom will be out of action for approximately one week. The first classrooms being re-fitted are year 5, 3AY and 4SR so from **Monday 24th**

**January**, children in these classes will need to come in through different doors. Year 5 children will come in to school through the year 3 quad door. 3AY will also enter and exit through the year 3 door. 4SR will enter and exit through the year 4 door at the front of school.

Year 5 children will still exit through their fire doors onto the back playground at the end of the day. The staff car park will not be accessible, so please use the swimming pool or year 3 gates.

If you have children in different year groups and it is easier to meet all of your children at the same door, please email the class teachers and let them know which door you would like to meet your children at and this will be arranged.

We will keep you updated about which classroom is being refitted each week and hope to keep disruption to a minimum. Thank you in advance for your understanding. **Mrs Ramet**



## Swimming Gala

Congratulations to the children who represented our school at the Wickford gala on Tuesday. There were various heats during the week so we should hear very soon who has qualified for the final in May. All the children showed positivity and determination—it was the first gala many children had competed in so there were lots of nerves. Well done!



## Determination

This week, several children have demonstrated true determination.

**James in 2LQ** had an operation before Christmas and returned to school in his wheelchair on 5th January. He has been independently joining in with as much as possible and practising walking with his frame. He even insisted on coming in early for Breakfast club so mum could get to work!

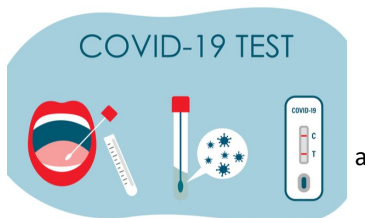
**Francesca in 3AY** hurt her foot last week and, despite being in pain, competed in the swimming gala on Tuesday. Unfortunately, after an x-ray on Tuesday evening, a fracture was discovered and her leg has now been plastered. But that didn't stop her coming in to school the very next day and going on the trip to Barleylands today!

**Francesca in 1RV** had a nosebleed yesterday which would not stop bleeding but she bravely sat in the medical room whilst Mrs James pinched her nose for a very long time. Mum and dad decided to take her to the hospital in the end so the doctors and nurses could help.

Very well done all of you. **Mrs Ramet**



The guidance has temporarily changed for asymptomatic children and staff in school who test positive on a lateral flow device (LFD). They no longer need to take a confirmatory PCR test because the risk of positive LFD result being false is very small.



If your child does have symptoms, then a PCR test is still necessary.

We have had confirmed cases this week in the following classes 1SS, 2AB, 5BK, 5KH, 5SB, 6CG and 6ER. It is recommended that children from these classes carry out daily LFD tests for 7 days after receiving the letter from school identifying your child as a possible contact.

Letters were sent home this week regarding in-school and after-school tuition. I understand that some parents & carers were disappointed that we could not arrange school-funded tuition for their child at this time. We were inundated with requests and therefore had to carefully consider how to allocate resources.

If you would like further advice for supporting your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or their phase leader (Mr Baker years 1, 2 & 3 or Mr Appleby years 4, 5 & 6).

Alternatively, there are local tutors with available spaces—please contact the school office for further information.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. **Mrs Ramet**

Do you love taking part in social events? Are you good at finances? Are you a great communicator? If so, our PTA needs you! We are looking to form a PTA as soon as possible so that we are ready to start fundraising in the Summer term.

In order to set up a PTA we need to fill a number of roles including chair, treasurer and secretary. If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please contact the school office by Jan 21st. We will be holding an AGM meeting on **Monday 31st January at 10.30am** to discuss the roles further and vote in new members. A zoom link will be sent out to parents nearer the time. We look forward to seeing you there.

In addition to committee members, an effective PTA relies on parent helpers who are willing to help on an ad hoc basis. We would really look forward to your support once it is up and running.

There is over £500 of money owed for swimming alone last term. We need your support and rely on your payments to be able to continue offering these activities to the children.

Please pay any outstanding debts this weekend or contact the office if you have financial difficulties that the school needs to be aware of.

**LOST  
PROPERTY**

We still have a lot of unnamed and unclaimed clothing in our lost property boxes.

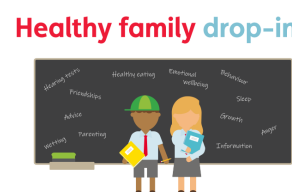
Please write your child's name on the label of everything they bring to be returned.

Please send your child to look in the lost property box as soon as they come out of school without something.

All unclaimed clothing will be disposed of at the end of each month (this month 28th January).

We are in the process of planning meetings for this term and would like to survey parent & carer opinions about the arrangements for these. If you have a preference about time of day and whether face-to-face or virtual, please complete the survey [here](#) by Friday 28th January.

Lots of parents worry about drugs or underage drinking. NSPCC has lots of advice to help keep children safe and aware of the risks. Their underage drinking information page includes advice on the law and how to talk to your child about alcohol. Click on the image for further information.



# Penguin Awareness Day

## Thurs 20th Jan 2022

To commemorate and celebrate penguins, as well as promoting school dinners, we will be having a special lunch next Thursday:

**Spaghetti Pinguino**

Spaghetti Bolognese

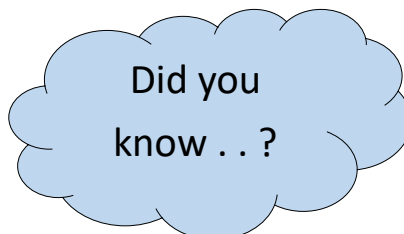
Plankton

Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese

Iceberg

Jacket potato with beans or cheese

Afterwards, you can ppppick up a chocolate biscuit.

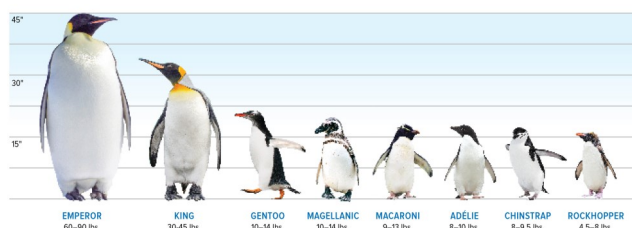


Penguin numbers around the world are dwindling.

Penguins need to consume specific types of food to keep their feathers and egg shells healthy.

Emperor penguins make great dads.

### YOUR AT-A-GLANCE GUIDE TO PENGUINS



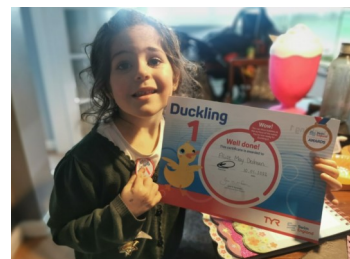
Penguins spend the majority of their lives either on the ice or in the water.

### Outside Achievements

**Beatrice Smith 4TS** - has been awarded Most Promising Majorette.

**Mollie Martin 5BK** - has been awarded Runner up Majorette of the Year & Most Improved Majorette.

**Alice Dedman BB-** achieved her Duckling swimming badge.



### Nurse Drop-ins

For parents of school-aged children. Visit one of the centres below for confidential advice and support if you have concerns about your child's health:

**Northlands Park Hub** every 1st and 3rd Monday 15:30-16:30;

**Highcliffe delivery site** every 2nd and 4th Monday 15:30-16:30;

**All About delivery site** every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 15:30-16:30.

Click [here](#) for further information.



**FS:** Indi Bevan, Sienna Goodchild  
**Year 1:** Francesca Venables, Sienna Barfoot

**Year 2:** Kai Facey, Darci McClane

**Year 3:** Harry Crawford, Madeleine Armsden

**Year 4:** Alicia Dolan, Keavy Bevan, Kaitlin Cairns-Keenan

**Year 5:** Mollie Martin, Sophia Masterson-Bain, Harry Brennecke, Summer Savage

**Year 6:** Eleanor Pirie, Jimmy Kennedy, Whole of 6DB, April Olorunfemi



## PE Days

There are 2 PE lessons each week.

<b>Monday</b>	Y2, 4AH, 4TS
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y2, Y4 and Swimming Gala
<b>Wednesday</b>	FS, Y1, Y3
<b>Thursday</b>	Y3, Y6, 4SR
<b>Friday</b>	Y1, Y5

### Whole School Attendance

**94%**

### Weekly Winning Class

**5KH 100%**

(w/e 7/1/22)