

Dear Parents/carers

Having escaped quarantine on Tuesday morning I headed straight into school, and was warmly welcomed by children, staff and parents. The school is an amazing place and provides a vibrant learning environment that reflects the hard work of children and staff. It is clear that the children are eager to learn and that the school's values are of central importance. I am really enjoying getting to know the children and the staff and the wider base community. Please bear with me as I learn everyone's name!

The children have already given me great advice on where to visit and explore and they are definitely experts on life in the Falkland Islands.

I hope the following photos give you a flavour of the exciting learning that has been happening in school this week.



The value for March is friendship. We will be looking at what makes a good friend and how we work to sustain and build friendships.

Remote Learning/ Home learning and Lockdown



I am also aware that this is the children's first week back at school following half term and the recent Covid lockdown on camp. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for their hard work and for the way they quickly adapted to this situation. I would also like to thank parents for the way they supported their children with remote learning, as I am fully aware, that this learning at home is not always easy!

As always, following such an event, we reflect on what went well and what could be even better, as we strive to ensure the very best high quality remote learning for the children if this event was to happen again. By Friday 5th March parents will receive a short questionnaire asking about their experience of remote learning during the recent lockdown to help us with our reflection.

Early Years.

We have been delighted to receive a number of photos of the children taken with their family to share with the children and display in the EYFS area of school. The children clearly love sharing these photo's with us. Mrs Deane has asked me to politely remind you all that it would be lovely if we could have a photo of all the children and their families as they are really helping the children to talk confidently about their family and experiences away from school.



I would also like to take this opportunity to inform parents that Mr Smith is currently of school poorly. We wish him a speedy recovery but wanted to reassure you that we have the correct number of qualified staff in place to ensure that the children's education and school experience is not affected. We will of course keep you updated on this situation and will ensure you are informed of when he is likely to return.

Golden Assembly Awards

We were truly sorry that the children identified in January were unable to receive their hard work golden award certificates at the end of January due to lockdown. We would like to invite these children and their families to join us on Thursday 25th March at 10.15.



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Launchpad Event

Next Friday the 5th March is the launchpad date to ignite learning for our new topics in school. Parents are welcome to join us in school between 9 and 10 am to ensure we create an exciting start to our topics which will enable parents to be fully involved with their child/children's learning.

School Council News

I am delighted to hear that the School Council are very active in the school and take their elected role very seriously. The School Council regularly meet with Mrs Summers to make suggestions and improvements around school and lead assemblies on Fridays. Thank you Dillon, Alice, Peter, Poppy, Matthew, Rebecca, Shishir and Felicity, keep up the good work of ensuring the pupil voice has a high profile within school.

Thank you

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Summers for the amazing job she has done as acting headteacher whilst you all waited for me to arrive. The school has continued to thrive under her leadership and I am really excited about working with her to continue to ensure the school is an amazing place for all our children.

Dates for your Diary

- 2nd March- **Enrichment activities** start for children at 15.05-16.00 hours. Then on Tuesday 09th, 16th and 23rd March
- 4th March- **World book day bring your favourite book to school and a home made puppet to illustrate this story**
- 5th March- **Launchpad morning between 9 and 10am**
- Week beginning 15th March **Shakespeare week** all classes focusing on Romeo and Juliet.
- **Parent consultations** Wednesday 24th March 15.10- 17.00 hours
- Thursday 25th March **school finishes** for the Easter break at 13.00 hours