

Homework –

Thursday 10th October 2019



Miss Wall



Dear Parent/Carer

A big **well done** to all pupils and parents who made a contribution to the Race for Life and Macmillan coffee mornings last week. Every day, we get a bit more money in, but at the moment we have raised over £1300 for the causes, which is something that we can all feel proud of ☺.

I have included the picture of the Emperor Penguin wearing a Christmas jumper to remind parents that the suggestion was made that we should sell pre-loved (or pre-owned, or vintage or second-hand: so many names for ‘not new’) Christmas jumpers, Hallowe’en and other dressing up clothes and winter coats at the disco on the 24th October. If you remember, we are doing this primarily as a first step in raising awareness of the need for the school to become more ‘climate-change’ conscious – so if you buy a second-hand item, you are helping to reduce the climate-change effects of manufacturing that item. And some people are going to say that one action will make no difference – well of course it will, it will be a first step, and that is what is important! Just today, I have read an article on the BBC about how vulnerable Emperor Penguins are to climate change and how there is a plan to move their status from **‘Near Threatened’** to **‘Vulnerable’** – half the world’s population of Emperor Penguins will die if our climate continues to change in this manner... Please send any items in to the office – and help fight climate change!

It is so pleasing that the impetus for change has come from one of our children – and it would be great if change could be led in school by children: it seems appropriate. On my preliminary email, I suggested that we could perhaps have meat-free days and even vegan days at school, because as we all know, the production of meat **does** contribute to climate change. I didn’t realise that the government recommended one day a week meat free in schools – but because it is only a recommendation and not statutory, very few schools do it. Here is a link to an article from the Independent newspaper on that subject: <https://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change-crisis-meat-free-school...>

Our school cook is currently looking at putting on meat-free and vegan days after half-term as part of our next steps. If parents and children have a particular interest in the issue of climate change, it would be nice to meet up and have a chat about how school should make a contribution to the process of slowing change.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has sent in McDonald’s books – we have about 100 at the moment which will make a good contribution to children enjoying reading at this school...

Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...

Signed:

Please make sure that your child’s medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.