

# Newsletter

January 2018

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**Happy New Year to all our families!**

We start 2018 with some fairly big news!



Mrs Clayton, our Fox Class teacher will be leaving us at Easter to begin a new life up in Scotland.

She has worked at Tuel Lane for 12 years and has made a huge contribution.

Every year she spends her holidays in Scotland with Damian, her husband and Finn, her son. They love it so much that they have decided to move up there permanently. They plan to build their own home. Just before Christmas, Mrs Clayton was offered a teaching post in an Aberdeenshire school and will be starting her new job in April.

We wish her all the luck in the world in her new adventure



You may already know that I do a lot of work with the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) as chair of their Early Years Council and a member of the National Executive

The Association supports and advises school leaders across the country and also campaigns on issues such as school funding and too many tests for young children! It gives me chance to get out and say what I think instead of chuntering behind my desk!!

I have just been elected as the NAHT's National Vice President. I take up the role in May.

I'm **not** leaving Tuel Lane but I will be out of school from time to time- not much more than I am now hopefully-leaving Mrs Booth, our Assistant Head, in charge.

I am always in touch by phone or by email should you need to speak to me.

It's a great opportunity for me and a bit of an honour. I'm looking forward to it.

## Frozen Planet

Just a reminder that our topic is Frozen Planet.

Homework can take many forms, drawings, paintings, writing, models..... **Anything** you do at home, bring it in and we'll put it up in the entrance for everyone to see.

Some things you could be talking about or trying at home.....

Which animals live in cold places? How do they survive?

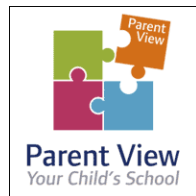
Find out about Ernest Shackleton, the Polar explorer who led expeditions to the Antarctic.

Think about going on a Polar expedition, write the list of things you would take with you.

Find about the Inuit people of the Arctic. How do they live in such a cold place? How do they travel around?

Model challenge....can you build an igloo?? We have had some great ones so far!

Looking ahead, **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February will be Penguin Day** at Tuel Lane! We are asking everyone to come dressed in black and white and we will have a very funny day doing lots of penguin activities!!



### **Could you do something for us?**

If you have 5 minutes.....please log into Parent View to give us some feedback.

**To** do it, Google Parent View, click on the orange jigsaw piece that says 'Give your view now'  
Enter your email address and the name of the school and there are just a few questions to answer.  
It's straightforward.

### **And some reminders.....**



I'm still worried about the number of children arriving after 9am.

I know it is unavoidable at times but **please** try to get here between 8.50 and 9am.

Children are unsettled when they are late. They don't like arriving when everyone else is settled and they have often missed the morning welcome, routines and instructions.

### **15<sup>th</sup> January deadline!!**

If you have a child due to start school in September or your child is in Year 2 and will be moving to Junior School, the deadline for applications is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Please make sure you have applied or you could miss out on your choice of school.