



### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

**LAST WEEK: 99.1%**

Nursery (Seahorses)	-99.2%
Reception (Turtles)	- 99.3%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 98.2%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 100.0%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 98.2%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 100.0%

**Well Done Puffins & Penguins!**

### STARS OF THE WEEK

**Bexley Mather  
Nancy Baxter  
Brooke Wojcikiewicz  
Robyn Common  
Amelia Knowles  
Amelia Berney  
Holly Bell**

### 2020/21 SCHOOL DIARY

Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18th December	Christmas Party Day—Party Clothes
Friday 18th December	School Closes for Christmas 1.50pm and 2.00pm timeslots
Tues 5th January 2021	School reopens for Spring Term
Monday 19th April	Rescheduled Y4 residential visit to Robinwood

### PTA FUNDRAISING

Despite not being able to hold all of our usual fundraising events, our PTA have continued to busily work in the background to raise funds for lots of those little extras that we provide for the children. Thanks to all of our PTA members and staff that have helped out with any of this fundraising during the Christmas period. Through sales of Christmas Cards, Santa hats, Santa letters and Movie Nights an amazing £800 has been raised. Thanks to everyone who has supported this fundraising effort by contributing to these events. To add to their Christmas cheer, our lovely PTA will be sending home a present with every child next week.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

The children who normally have a school dinner will be enjoying their Christmas dinner on Thursday. If your child does not normally have a dinner but would like a Christmas dinner, please call the office and we'll add the cost to your School Grid account. Cost of the dinner is £2.20

### SANTA VISIT AND LETTERS

During our video assembly this morning the children were very surprised and excited to see Santa walking past their classrooms with a huge sack full of letters that he has written in reply to the children's letter they sent him as part of our PTA fundraising. We hope the children enjoy reading their replies. We'd also like to thank Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule for this delivery.

### COVID SITUATION

As we have now reached only 2 weeks before Christmas it is even more vital that everyone continues to follow the government guidelines that are in place to keep us all safe. At present we're still in Tier 3 (very High Alert) status in Northumberland meaning that we have some quite strict rules to follow. We've attached a copy of these with this week's newsletter email as a reminder. It is vital that parents continue to support our school procedures to help keep children, staff and themselves safe including: always using our one way system at pick up and drop off times, wearing a face covering on the school site, ensuring that you socially distance from other parents and children, and only visiting the school office if absolutely necessary. It is also vital that if any member of your household shows Covid symptoms the whole household goes into isolation until a negative test result is received.

### WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

Look out for new and unfamiliar words with the children, discuss them and let us know any good ones that you find as part of the children's weekly homework:

**Y1: Cora C — describe, Y2: Uli W — plasma,  
Y3: Lacey L — cluttered, Y4: Charlotte W — flawless**

### WE ARE OPEN NEXT FRIDAY

Although other local schools may have made the decision to close for a training day next Friday, governors have decided that we will remain open as planned.

**...BUT CLOSING SLIGHTLY EARLIER**

Children in Group A should be collected between 1.50pm and 2pm and children in group B should be collected between 2pm and 2.10pm.

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY—THURSDAY

Next Thursday is also our Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to come to school in their usual school uniform but replace their school jumper with a Christmas jumper. We look forward to seeing the huge range of jumpers that we normally see!

### PARTY DAY—FRIDAY

Our last day of term is also Party Day! Each class will have its own little party. We will provide a party lunch of pizza, chips and sausages for all children at no cost to parents. Parents are welcome to send in a packed lunch with their child if they wish.

### ELF FUN!

It seems that the Amble Links elves are becoming the highlight of many people's days since they arrived at the start of December. They have caused lots of excitement amongst the children who seem to spend lots of time talking about what they might get up to next...usually at Mr Heeley's expense! Look out for a little writing competition about the elves coming soon.



### SANTA DASH

Today, all of the children took part in a Santa Dash adorned with a very colourful range of Santa hats. They all seemed to really enjoy their run and looked fabulous. We'll add some photos of this event to our Facebook page. Also, a big well done to Faith from Y4 who still managed to get her Santa Dash done whilst isolating at home—there's commitment!