



### STARS OF THE WEEK

Arthur Anderson  
Poppy Goodfellow  
Shaun Shepherd  
Emmie Rowell  
Roan Shepherd  
Leela Wigham-Hughes  
Emma Mudd

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%

**LAST WEEK: 92.8%**

Nursery (Seahorses)	-94.0%
Reception (Turtles)	-87.5%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	-96.7%
Year 2 (Puffins)	-95.9%
Year 3 (Sharks)	-88.1%
Year 4 (Penguins)	-94.9%

**Well Done Jellyfish!**

### 2022 SCHOOL DIARY

Friday 14th October	Parents invited to classrooms after assembly
Thursday 20th October	Harvest (Donations for Amble Food Bank)
Friday 21st October	School Closes for Half Term
Tuesday 1st November	School Reopens for Autumn Half Term 2
Tuesday 1st November	Pumpkin Competition
***NEW*** Wednesday 2nd November	3.15pm—Final Robinwood Meeting for Y4 Parents
Wednesday 9th November	Bag2School Collection
Monday 14th November	Y4 Residential visit to Robinwood
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas Crafts/Christmas Fair
Thursday 8th December	9am—Christingle Assembly
Wednesday 21st December	1.30pm Nativity Service at St Cuthbert's Church

### CLASSROOM VISITS AFTER ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK

As the end of this half term rapidly approaches we are pleased to be able to welcome parents back to classrooms to look through their children's work with them after assembly next Friday (14th October). A few minutes after the children have left the hall, parents will be able to head along to classrooms. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD IN SCHOOL, YOU'LL NEED TO COLLECT YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR BOOKS FROM THEIR CLASSROOMS AND GO INTO THE HALL OR LIBRARY TO LOOK AT BOOKS WITH THEM TOGETHER. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE CHILDREN INTO DIFFERENT CLASSROOMS.

As we haven't done this for a while we'll monitor how it all works before deciding whether this is something that we will continue as we move through the year.

### ATTENDANCE CONCERNS

As you will see from our hall display, we have achieved stars for good attendance in the first 3 weeks back at school. Unfortunately, this week attendance has dropped significantly with unauthorised holiday absences being the main cause. Prior to Covid we have usually celebrated very good levels of attendance at Amble Links (often well above national averages) but, based on the current level of absence, it is likely that we will not achieve that this year.

Due to the disruption caused to children's learning, we do not authorise holidays during term time. When considering applying to the Education Welfare Officer for penalty notices (£60 per parent per child) we will consider your child's previous and possible attendances; details of these thresholds are given on our Leave of Absence Request forms. We ask parents to carefully consider the impact on children, and additional pressures on school, before taking holidays during term time. We will continue to update parents when attendance statuses change.

### PAST PUPILS DISPLAY

Many past pupils have now contributed to the display board that we have in school showing many of the different jobs that past pupils from Amble Links have gone into. The board is still not quite full so we're still on the lookout for new photographs. Please feel free to take a look at the board (just outside the KS2 doors in the hall) after one of our Friday assemblies. We're sure you'll see lots of familiar faces and also see how much success Amble Links has contributed to over the years!

### PARENTS EVENINGS

Thanks to all of the parents who attended our Parents' Evenings this week. Teachers have been able to provide you with up to date information about how children have settled into their new class, how well they are achieving and how you can help at home. As we have had so many parents request alternative times for parents evenings this term we will aim to get dates for next term's meetings out as soon as possible so these can be kept clear in your diaries as teachers' time is quite limited due to other after school commitments.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR Y4 PARENTS-MIDDLE SCHOOL PLACES

The Northumberland County Council online admissions portal is now open for parents to apply for a place for their child to move to their next school in Year 5. Children **DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY GET A PLACE**. Please apply [HERE](#) for your child's place. The portal closes for applications on October 31st

### HARVEST DONATIONS

We'll be welcoming Rev John from St Cuthbert's Church to join us for our harvest assembly at 9am on Thursday 20th October. As we have done very successfully for the last few years, we will again be collecting donations for the Amble Food Bank which continues to help and support many people in the local area. We have attached a suggested items list on the email with this newsletter. Please feel free to begin sending donations into school from Monday 17th October.



### PUMPKIN COMPETITION

As Halloween is before our first day back after our half term break we will be running our Pumpkin Competition on Tuesday 1st November, meaning that pumpkins will be in homes for Halloween itself. We didn't think pumpkins would last if we ran the competition before half term!