



### Christmas Craft Night

We were really pleased to welcome so many parents to our Christmas Craft Evening on Monday. Everyone worked so hard to create our Cinderella displays, make Amble's longest paper chain and decorate the tree! Thanks to Mrs Christie who provided us with our favourite school biscuits to keep us going during the evening. Thanks also to everyone who came along and to the staff who helped make the evening run so smoothly!



### GRUFFALO AND WITCH SPOTTED IN FOUNDATION STAGE!

We'd like to thank Joanne Howden again for the huge paintings of illustrations from books that she has created for us in Foundation Stage. A witch has now been added to the wall too! This is part of a bigger project to develop an area in which we'll help our youngest children to develop a real love of stories. Hopefully we'll have many more volunteers coming in to read stories with the children when this area is completed.

### CLUBS

Due to the busy Christmas period with so much going on there will be no clubs now until after Christmas. We will let you know when they restart.

### PTA FUNDRAISING

PTA Members have been very busy this week with the Gray's Shopping Evening and Christmas Fair. In total they have raised around £440 this week alone! Look out for PTA member selling tickets for the Christmas Raffle at school performances. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED THESE EVENTS!

### CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Our Christmas Parties this year will all be held on the last day of term. Friday 21st December. Children can come to school in their party clothes that day. We'll be providing all of the party food on that day so there will be no need for children to bring in packed lunches. Children on paid dinners will only pay £8.00 for the week. ALL nursery children should be brought to school at 11.00am and collected at 2.00pm on the last day.

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Kelsie Ramsay  
Jazmin McNicoll  
Amber Russell  
Riley Charlton  
Kaci Ramsay  
Chloe Wilkinson

### Attendance for Week 4

Our school target is 95 % attendance.

**OVERALL-92%**

**NO STAR EARNED**

Reception (Turtles)	78%
Year 1 Puffins -	98%
Year 2 Puffins -	91%
Year 3 Starfish-	94%
Year 4 Starfish -	100%

**Well Done Y4 Starfish!**



### 2012 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 11th December	School Christmas Dinner
Monday 17th December	KS1 & 2 Christmas Performance (1.30pm)
Tuesday 18th December	KS1 & 2 Christmas Performance (9.15am)
Tuesday 18th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance (1.30pm)
Wednesday 19th December	Crib/Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church 1.45pm
Thursday 20th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance (9.15am)
Friday 21st December	Christmas Parties (More info to follow)
Friday 21st December	BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 2PM FINISH
***NEW*** Monday 7th January 2013	RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR SPRING TERM NO TRAINING DAY

### Whitehouse Farm Visit



Despite the cold weather and snow showers our Key Stage 1 children had a brilliant time on their visit to Whitehouse Farm on

Wednesday. They took part in a nativity then wrote letters to Santa before meeting him. Although they returned to school a little early due to the bad weather the children were very excited about what they'd been up to and couldn't wait to tell anyone who'd listen! Check out the website for lots of pictures from the visit.