Amble Links First School LINKS DEWS Issue 368 - March 6th 2020 LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

 Our School Target is 97%

 LAST WEEK: 98.7%

 Nursery (Seahorses)
 -93.3%

 Reception (Turtles)
 - 100.0%

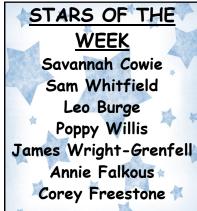
 Year 1 (Jellyfish)
 - 98.5%

 Year 2 (Puffins)
 - 97.0%

 Year 3 (Sharks)
 - 100.0%

 Year 4 (Penguins)
 - 98.7%

Well Done Turtles and Sharks!



SATS DATES AND HOLIDAYS

During the summer term the children in many classes complete a range of statutory national tests and assessments. In Y1, the children complete a Phonics Screening Check, in Y2 it's SATs tests and teacher assessments in reading, writing and maths and in Y4 it's the new Multiplication Tables Check (separate information has been sent to Y4 parents). It is very important that the children do the very best they possibly can in these assessments as the data from them is likely to be used to help measure the progress that they make in future years. The information we gain from these is also vital in helping to ensure that we provide what is needed for each child. Children who miss the vital weeks at school leading up to these assessments are put at a disadvantage. Although we have a small window of opportunity to allow children who have missed tests to complete then, this often means the child completing them alone—this also increases staff workload and takes away from other pupils. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME ANYWAY - PLEASE AVOID BOOKING HOLIDAYS DURING THESE TIMES IN PARTICULAR.

Year 1 Phonics Screening - First 3 weeks in June Year 2 SATS- May Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check—June

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

This week, all children have taken part in additional sessions to raise awareness of personal hygiene and especially good handwashing. The sounds of children singing 'Happy Birthday' (twice) has been ringing out from the toilets as the children use that as a measure for handwashing for 20 seconds. The children will also continue taking part in handwashing sessions with Jane, our school nurse, who has some great resources to help! Mrs Caven-Gomez is also reporting that she is needing to fill up

the soap dispensers in school much more often. Tissues are available in all classrooms for children to catch coughs and sneezes. We are aware that there are many people expressing a range of opinions about how best this should be dealt with but parents should be assured that we are following the official guidance sent to us on a daily basis to help prevent spread.

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION

Thanks to everyone who supported our World Book Day celebration. As usual the costumes we saw in school were brilliant and the children have had a great day talking about their favourite books.

WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

Our favourite words chosen this week are: Y1—jubilant (Uli W), Y2- guzzled (Eva H) Y3- intelligence (Sophie T), Y4-idle (Corey F) We ask the children to find a new word every week and learn it's meaning—they're really enjoying doing this and are showing an increased interest in vocabulary.

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Tues 17th & Weds 18th March	PARENTS' EVENINGS
Monday 23rd March	Bag2School Collection
Tuesday 31st March	5pm—Dance Club Dance Showcase at JCSC
Thursday 2nd April	9am—Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 3rd April	2pm—SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER BREAK

PTA MOVIE NIGHT

Thanks to everyone who supported our Movie Night on Friday –especially to the staff and PTA members who so kindly helped out. £200 was raised.

IN TO WIN WINNERS

Last week we drew the In To Win Draw for last half term. Children who had 100% attendance and no more than one late mark during the half term. The lucky winners, drawn randomly by the computer are: Niall Baxter, Jack Taylor, Ollie Armstrong, Ava Stewart, Holly Bell and Craig Taylor. The children will have an ice cream treat at Spurreli at some point over the next few weeks.

Bag2School Collection

Our next Bag2School Collection is on Monday 23rd March. Bags have been sent home today. Although you can send in normal black bin bags of clothes too. Please keep any unused, unwanted clothes ready to be sent in for the collection.

Appropriate Use of Facebook

As part of our online safety work, we teach the children about safe and respectful use of the internet. We have recently been made aware of some Facebook posts from parents that make inappropriate comments about the school and individual members of staff that are unfair, unfounded and detrimental to the school; where necessary, we have taken legal advice. Parents are asked to direct their complaints to the school's attention. Our official Complaints

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Parents' Evenings (17th/18th March) Don't' forget to sign up for Parents' Evenings with staff before and after school

SWIMMING-NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons next week are for Y1 on Thursday and Y3 on Friday. Reception will continue their weekly swimming lessons each Wednesday. Please ensure that children bring their swimming kits and contributions to school on the morning of their lessons.

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