Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS

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STARS OF THE WEEK Lyle Hanley Autumn Stanford Benji Bell Charlie Nealon Einin Lewis Annabel Paterson

Joe Morrison

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 87.1%

Nursery (Seahorses) -92.0% Reception (Turtles) - 92.3% Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 80.3% Year 2 (Puffins) - 93.0% Year 3 (Sharks) - 86.4% Year 4 (Penguins) - 87.4%

> Well Done **Puffins**

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

After some much improved attendance figures in the last few weeks we suffered a very poor week for attendance last week with an increased number of pupils absent from school with Covid and stomach bugs. This seems to be following the pattern that many schools are currently experiencing. It is absolutely vital that we remain cautious and that good hand hygiene is promoted at home as well as at school. We continue to ensure that the children wash and sanitise their hands on a regular basis in school in order to help prevent the spread of bugs.

Please ensure that you contact school as soon as possible if your child is absent from school—failing to do this results in the absence being recorded as 'no reason given' and will be unauthorised.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We're very grateful for the donations that have already started to come in for our end of term Easter Egg Raffle. This is a much-loved event as well as being a very good fundraiser for our PTA. We're usually able to pull together lots of prizes. At Easter our PTA kindly gives every child an Easter egg and

a free entry into the raffle so nobody misses out. Additional tickets will be on sale shortly. Please keep sending in those eggs to make our raffle as big as ever!



DENTIST VISIT

This week we welcomed Dawn and Siobhan from Amble Dental Practice to our assembly. They talked to us about the importance of good oral hygiene, regular tooth brushing and about some of the different food and drinks that may not be good for our teeth. They gave every child a new toothbrush and some toothpaste and set them the challenge of brushing their teeth twice a day. It was really good to see so many of the children put their hands up in assembly today to tell us that they have been doing that this week!



RESPECT FOR OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS

It has been disappointing to see a number of children being allowed to walk through and over the beautiful daffodils that we have growing along the path on the way out of school. When the children are in school, they know that they are not allowed on this area but we have noticed a number of our younger children, when under the supervision of their parents, walking through and even deliberately kicking the flowers. We are very lucky to have such lovely school grounds and would really appreciate parents' support in keeping it this



2022 SCHOOL DIARY	
Monday 28th March	Y2 & 3 Visit to Church for Easter Experience
Tuesday 29th March	PARENTS EVENINGS
Wednesday 30th March	PARENTS EVENINGS
Thursday 31st March	Y4 Visit to church for Easter Experience
Thursday 7th April	Deadline for Building Site Safety Competition
Friday 8th April	PTA Easter Egg Raffle
Friday 8th April	2pm—School Closes for Easter Break
Monday 25th April	School reopens for Summer Term
Friday 1st July	SCHOOL CLOSED in lieu of additional Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday

PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents' Evenings are being held next Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Dellbridge has been busy contacting parents to make appointments. It is our aim to arrange for teachers to see ALL parents in order to highlight how children are performing in school and discuss what can be done at home to help them. We have noticed many changes in the children's needs following the last couple years of disrupted learning so these discussions are highly important. For the small number of parents who are unable to attend on our scheduled evenings, teachers are still happy to make appointments to see you at another mutually agreed time. PARENTS SHOULD WAIT OUTSIDE THE MAIN SCHOOL ENTRANCE AT THEIR APPOINTMENT TIME. TEACHERS WILL COME AND COLLECT YOU FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT. In order to make the most of the time available and reduce disruption please try to avoid bringing children along to parents' evening if possible.

ANY SPARE PLANTS? ADVICE FROM GARDENERS WANTED!

Parents may have noticed that we have installed a number of new lengths of fencing to replace what was damaged in recent storms. Our Early Years outdoor area will soon have new wooden fences on two sides of it which has left it looking at little bare. We would love to hear from any avid gardeners who might like to offer us any advice on what we could plant in front of the fence, or from anyone who might have a few low maintenance shrubs or plants that we might be able to use. Miss Lightley and Miss Morton already have some ideas but we're open to other suggestions!

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