



STARS OF THE WEEK

Cameron Mavin
Harley Bingham
Olivia Grenfell
Grace Holmes
Callan Thorburn
Amelia-Rose McNamara-C
Aiden Knowles

ATTENDANCE

Ensuring that your child attends school regularly is one of the things that can have a huge positive affect on their learning and friendships. Every week we will show the attendance levels of each class here and also celebrate this in our Friday assemblies leading to a reward for the class with the highest number of weekly wins at the end of the school year. Our school attendance target is 97%. We review attendance weekly and plan to send emails to parents to keep you informed of your child's current attendance status.

2022 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 12th September	2.30pm-3.15pm What to expect in Y1 Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 13th September	2.30pm-3.15pm What to expect in Y2 Parents' Meeting
Wednesday 14th September	2.30pm-3.15pm What to expect in Y3 Parents' Meeting
Thursday 15th September	2.30pm-3.15pm What to expect in Y4 Parents' Meeting
NEW Tuesday 27th September	Individual and Family Group Photographs
NEW Friday 30th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
NEW Tues day 4th & Wednesday 5th October	Parents' Evenings
NEW Friday 14th October	Parents invited to classrooms after assembly
NEW Friday 21st October	School Closes for Half Term
NEW Tuesday 1st November	Pumpkin Competition

PARENTS MEETINGS

As we announced in the last newsletter of last half term and in our recent email to parents, teachers will be holding 'What to Expect in Year 2' meetings for parents of children in their classes next week. (see diary). We would very much like as many parents as possible to attend these meetings to meet your child's class teacher and find out much more about the routines and expectations in their new class. These meetings will cover a range of general school expectations but will also be tailored to class specific issues.. We hope to see you next week!

WELCOMING PARENTS BACK INTO SCHOOL

We hope that in the near future we will be able to start welcoming parents back into school for Friday assemblies again. For the early weeks of the year we continue to run these assemblies with just the children and then begin to invite parents back. Once parents are invited back to assemblies we will then only add a smaller number of award photographs to our Facebook Page as this is a very time-consuming process which we initially only put in place during Covid. Prior to inviting parents back we will send out more information about the expectations we will have of parents attending assemblies to ensure that everyone in school has the best possible experience. Watch this space!

BOOK BAG TOYS

We appreciate that having a small toy on their book bag helps children to identify their own bag. We have noticed recently that some book bags have very large toys or multiple toys attached to them which can cause us problems when trying to fit them into drawers or boxes and can also cause unnecessary distraction. We would really appreciate it if you could ensure that your child has just one very small toy attached to their book bag or that their name is written on the outside of the bag and easily visible. Thank you!
 We strongly recommend that children do not bring in any toys from home as these often cause problems, especially if they are lost or damaged.

UPDATING PARENTS ON HOW CHILDREN ARE DOING AT SCHOOL

Following feedback from our parental questionnaires, some parents told us that they did not feel they know enough about how their children are doing at school. In addition to our termly parents evenings and the half-termly visits to classrooms that we hope to reinstate soon we have also worked on providing a half termly report that will be generated from data that we keep in school. These reports will be specific to your child's year group but will include information such as teacher assessments, test scores (spellings, tables, phonics etc) and pupils engagement with home reading and Doodlemaths. Parents are, of course, welcome to contact class teachers at any time to discuss their child's progress. We hope you will find these updates useful.



Amble Links First School participates in Operation Encompass. Please see the letter attached in the email with this newsletter that explains more about this project that aims to support children who are affected by domestic abuse.

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Due to the negative impact of missing school, we do not authorise holidays during term time except in very exceptional circumstances. Should you decide that you wish to take your child out of school for a holiday during term time it is still important to complete a Leave of Absence form (available at the school office) in order for us to correctly complete our registers giving a reason for a child's absence. These forms will also give details of the criteria we will apply when applying for penalty notices. School holiday dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 are already available on the school website [HERE](http://www.amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk).

ONE WAY SYSTEM

Thanks to parents for continuing to support our one way system. It is helping with a much more calm, safe and orderly start and finish to the school day.