



Welcome Back to what we hope will be another exciting and productive year at Amble Links. As usual the beginning of the year is always very busy too. We do though ask that you complete and return the data collection form that we send home to you as soon as possible. This form ensures we have the most up to date contact details for you in case we need to get in touch with you for any reason. Completing the form also gives consent for trips, using the internet and using photographs of your child. Please complete the form in as much detail as possible- especially the medical details section. Thank you.

### PARENTS MEETING-TUESDAY

Come along to the hall after school on Tuesday to a meeting for parents of Reception to Y4 children. This meeting helps to explain some of the approaches we take in school as well as providing an opportunity for you to ask questions and meet your child's new teacher. We are happy to look after the children during this meeting.

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Lincoln Dellbridge  
Aiden Arries  
Evie Bell  
Klayton Ramsay  
Bailey Thompson  
Matthew Ayres

### 2013 SCHOOL DIARY

Wednesday 4th September	School Re-opens for Autumn Term. 8.45am Start
Tuesday 10th September	3.30 pm Parents Meeting for Children in Reception to Year 4.
Tuesday 11th September	Library Launch for Parents. 3.30pm
Friday 27th September	9.30am MacMillan Coffee Morning following assembly.
Thursday 10th October	Bags2 School Collection
Friday 25th October	Break up for Half Term. 3.15pm
Monday 25th—Wednesday 27th November	Year 4 Residential to Robinwood Activity Centre.
Friday 20th December	Break Up for Christmas Holiday. 2pm

### ATTENDANCE UPDATE

After many discussion with parents and staff we have decided to make some changes to the rewards that we originally proposed at the end of last term. Information about Amble Links from Ofsted states :

*In 2012, the attendance rate at this school was 94%. The attendance rate has decreased by 1.7 percentage points since 2011. The attendance rate is in the bottom 20% of all schools.*

This is obviously not pleasant reading! Improving attendance is a key part of improving our whole school and we ask that parents support us in every way they can in getting the children to school as often as possible. **We do not authorise any holidays during term time.**

This year, along with our class attendance awards we are adding some further incentives for children to have excellent levels of attendance.

#### 'YOU HAVE TO BE IN TO WIN'

All children in Reception to Y4 who achieve 100% attendance and are late to school no more than 5 times during each half term will have their name placed into a raffle drawn each half term. 6 winners drawn from the raffle will receive a prize.

#### 100% ATTENDANCE WEEKS

One week of each term will be an 'Attendance Week' - During these weeks, all children in Reception to Y4 who are in school 100% and have no latenesses will receive a small certificate and small treat.

These weeks will be—**Week Beginnings: 18th November, 27th January 2014 and 2nd June 2014**

We will continue to discuss attendance issues, support parents and work with the Local Authority Education Welfare Officer in cases where attendance is particularly low.

**PLEASE HELP US TO IMPROVE OUR ATTENDANCE. GOOD ATTENDANCE HAS A HUGE IMPACT ON HOW CHILDREN ACHIEVE IN SCHOOL!**

### Bags 2 School Collection -October 10th

Start collecting those old clothes now!! Blue bags will be sent home in a couple of weeks but black bin liners do the job too!!

Ask friends and neighbours if they have any clothes for us!! Can we beat our last total of 440KG? All funds raised go towards improving our school!



### Library Launch

We are very excited to announce that our new library will be launching on Tuesday 17th September. We would like to invite you to an informal meeting to show off our new library at 3.30pm. This session will last for about ½ hour and child care will be provided. Please come along and see our new facility and find out more.

