



### Attendance for Week 7

*Our school target is 95 %*

**OVERALL LAST WEEK- 95%**

Reception (Turtles) 93%

Year 1 Jellyfish- 95%

Year 2 Puffins - 95%

Year 3 Sharks- 99%

Year 4 Penguins - 93%

**Well Done Sharks!**

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Sophie Taylor

Maddie Curran

Liam Short

Danni Curran

Daniel Straughan

Lily Bryson

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### 2016 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 11th January	Karate Club Restarts
Tuesday 12th January	Meeting for Y3 parents ref Robinwood 2016
Thursday 14th January	Swimming lessons restart
Thursday 11th February	9am - Y4 Penguins Class Assembly
<b>***NEW***</b> Friday 12th February	It's Okay Day
Friday 12th February	Parents invited to classrooms after assembly
Friday 12th February	3.15pm School closes for half term break.

### SAFETY IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK

Wherever possible we ask parents to avoid using the school car park. During the busiest times of day we lock our school gates to help keep the children safe by reducing traffic movement. It is not practical to do this at times of the day as access is required for visitors and deliveries. Parents who drop children off for Breakfast Club and pick up from after school clubs are asked to take extra and drive very slowly within the confines of the school grounds.

**NURSERY PARENTS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD PARK OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES.**

### Attendance at School

It is vital that all children attend school as often as they possibly can. If your child is ill please contact us to let us know that they will not be at school. Although nursery children are not of statutory school age it is very important that they get into the routines of attending school regularly too; we see children making huge steps of progress when they attend school regularly. From this half term we will also begin offering reward treats for nursery children with over 96% attendance.

### HOLIDAY ABSENCES

Further to details given in the Autumn term we have now made the change to the criteria that we will use request penalty notices for holidays taken during term time. These will be applied for when children have attendance of less than 92% in the 12 months leading up to the school holidays. Parents must always complete a 'Leave of Absence' request form before a holiday so we are aware of the reason for a child's absence; these are available from the school office.

### Class Newsletters

Parents should have received class newsletters today. The letters give you a picture of what the children will be learning about during the half term and give you some ideas on how you could help the children with their learning. These newsletters, along with details of the planned activities for the half term are also available on the school website.

**WELL DONE to Sophie Harker who achieved the highest Athletics score over the Christmas Holidays with Athletics score of 7612 points. Keep up the good work!**

### IN TO WIN DRAW

On Tuesday we made the draw for our half termly 'In to Win' competition. All of the children who had 100% attendance and no more than 2 latenesses were in the draw. The computer drew the following children who will soon enjoy a trip to Spurreli for ice creams: Callum Straughan, Liam Short, Layton Coxford, Kaylen Smith, Aaron Darling, Klayton Ramsay.

### EARRINGS AND FOOTWEAR

Our Uniform Policy is very clear about the reasons and expectations we have for the uniforms the children wear to school. The policy is available on the school website. Please ensure that children come to school in appropriate uniform including footwear. Please also note that children should only wear plain stud earrings to school which must be removed for PE and swimming.

### WELLINGTONS REQUEST

Our Early Years staff are on the look out for any pairs of unused small children wellingtons that you may have finished with as they are running a little low in school! The EY children go out in all weathers so any donations of old wellies will be much appreciated! Thank you!