



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK: 96.4%

Nursery (Seahorses)	-96.6%
Reception (Turtles)	- 99.6%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 98.8%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 94.3%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 92.5%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 96.9%

Well done Turtles again!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Lilly Dickinson
Roan Shepherd
Lacey Freestone
Aiden Knowles
Eva Henderson
Isla Cook
Olly Ison

2019 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 1st October	Individual and family group photos
NEW Monday 7th October	Y1 to Amble Library—storytelling session
NEW Wednesday 16th October	Y2 trip to Alnwick Castle
Thursday 17th October	9am- Harvest Assembly
Thursday 24th October	Deadline day for entries to Pumpkin Competition
Friday 25th October	Parents to classroom to look at books
Friday 25th October	3.15pm—School Closes for Half Term
Tuesday 5th November	School reopens for Autumn Half Term 2
Mon 11th—Weds 13th November	Y4 Robinwood Residential

UPDATE TO ATTENDANCE POLICY-HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Last week governors agreed some changes to our attendance policy regarding holidays during term time and our thresholds for applying for penalty notices. There seems to be an increasing number of holidays being taken during term time that are affecting our overall attendance figures. Time missed from school often leads to disruption of children's learning that they may struggle to catch up with. We ask that parents demonstrate a commitment to their children's education by not allowing them to miss school for anything other than exceptional reasons. It continues to be our policy not to authorise holiday absence during term time.

From January 1st 2020 we will apply to the local authority for a penalty notice if an unauthorised leave of absence is taken during term time and...

-the child's attendance was below 94% in the last academic year...

OR

-the child's attendance is below 94% in the 12 months leading up to the holiday

OR

-taking the holiday will make it impossible for the child to reach 94% attendance by the end of the current academic year.

An 'Application for Leave of Absence' form should be completed and returned to school BEFORE booking a holiday. A reply form school will be returned stating current attendance figures. Penalty notices can amount to £60 per parent per child if paid promptly. When leave of absence has not been applied for but we know that holidays have been taken, these will be treated using the same criteria.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We have our individual and family group photos on Tuesday. It is always very busy in school at the start of the day so please be patient whilst waiting for family group photos and do not allow children to run around the hall. We will send proofs home with the children—the deadline for returning these is often very short!

GOLDEN MILE

The children in Y1-Y4 have been enjoying completing their 10 minute Golden Mile time. We are already seeing many children being able to walk or run further and faster in the time. Last week our children walked and ran 250 miles in total and now we're using playtimes and lunchtimes too we expect the total to be even greater!

WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

Our favourite words chosen this week are: Y1—joyful (Jack F), Y2- enchanted (Erin H) Y3- bewildered (Alec D), Y4-timid (Adam N). 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.

SWIMMING—NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons next week are for Year 2 on Thursday and Year 4 on Friday . Please ensure children come to school with their swimming kit and contribution.

Collecting Children Promptly from Clubs

We are proud to be able to offer the wide range of free after school clubs that we offer to our children. As this years clubs have started we have noticed that a number of children are being collected late after these clubs. We appreciate that on rare occasions parents may be delayed for a short period of time but must also consider that staff running clubs may also have other things to continue with after running the club. Please ensure that children are collected promptly after clubs. Children not collected promptly will be placed into our daily after school club which may then incur a cost for parents.

FOOTBALL CLUB IN BAD WEATHER

Where possible we will aim to run football club outdoors in all but the very worst weathers. Please ensure that children in these clubs come prepared with appropriate clothing and footwear. There is no need to contact school if the weather is poor.- we will contact parents should a club be cancelled.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to every one who donated a cake or who came along to our coffee morning today. We raised over £200 for this very worthy cause. Well done to everyone!



PUNCTUALITY CHALLENGE

So far this half term we have counted 18 LATES. Our target this half term is **LESS THAN 40 LATES**. If we achieve this the children earn a treat this half term.