## Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS

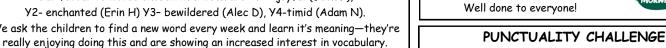


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## OOL DIARY

LAST WEEK'S	STARS OF THE	2019 SCHOOL DIARY	
ATTENDANCE	WEEK	Tuesday 1st October	Individual and family group
Our School Target is 97%	Lilly Dickinson	I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	photos
LAST WEEK: 96.4%	Roan Shepherd	***NEW***	V1 to Amble Library
Nursery (Seahorses) -96.6% Reception (Turtles) - 99.6%		Monday 7th October	Y1 to Amble Library— storytelling session
Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 98.8%	Lacey Freestone	***NEW***	
Year 2 (Puffins) - 94.3%	Aiden Knowles	Wednesday 16th October	Y2 trip to Alnwick Castle
Year 3 (Sharks) - 92.5%	Eva Henderson		Orm Hannat Arrambly
Year 4 (Penguins) - 96.9%	Isla Cook	Thursday 17th October	9am- Harvest Assembly
	Olly Ison 🔺	Thursday 24th October	Naadlina day fan antrias ta
Well done Turtles again!	* * *	I Thursday 241h October I	Deadline day for entries to Pumpkin Competition
UPDATE TO ATTENDANCE POLICY-HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME		Friday 25th October	Parents to classroom to look at books
Last week governors agreed some changes to our attendance policy regarding holidays during term time and our thresholds for applying for penalty notices.			3.15pm—School Closes for
There seems to be an increasing number of holidays being taken during term time		Friday 25th October	Half Term
that are effecting our overall attendance figures. Time missed from school often leads to disruption of children's learning that they may struggle to catch up with.		Tuesday 5th November	School reopens for Autumn
We ask that parents demonstrate a commitment to their children's education by		i	Half Term 2
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.		Mon 11th—Weds 13th	Y4 Robinwood Residential
From January 1st 2020 we will apply to the local authority for a penalty notice if an		November	
unauthorised leave of absence is taken during term time and			
-the child's attendance was below 94% in the last academic year		<b>Collecting Children Promptly from Clubs</b> 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.	
-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	GOLDEN MILE	·	•
We have our individual and family group	The children in Y1-Y4 have been	<b>FOOTBALL CLUB IN BAD WEATHER</b> 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	
photos on Tuesday. It is always very busy in school at the start of the day so	enjoying completing their 10 minute Golden Mile time. We are already seeing		
please be patient whilst waiting for	many children being able to walk or run		
family group photos and do not allow	further and faster in the time. Last		
children to run around the hall. We will	week our children walked and ran 250	is poor we will contact parents should a club be cancelled.	
send proofs home with the children—the deadline for returning these is often	miles in total and now we're using playtimes and lunchtimes too we expect	MACMILLAN COFFEE MC	DRNING
very short!	the total to be even greater!	Thanks to every one who d	
		cake or who came along to our coffee	
WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE		morning today. We raised o for this very worthy co	
Our favourite words chosen this week are: Y1—joyful (Jack F),		Well done to everyor	MORNING
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		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.

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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.



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