



### Attendance for Last Week

*Our School Target is 97%*

**LAST WEEK WE ACHIEVED 98.0%**

*Class percentages for LAST WEEK :*

Nursery (Seahorses) -96.4%

Reception (Turtles) - 96.3%

Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 96.4%

Year 2 (Puffins) - 100.0%

Year 3 (Sharks) - 98.2%

Year 4 (Penguins) - 99.0%

**Well done Puffins!**

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Jack Forsyth

Donovan Hall

Cameron Smith

Jack Ross

Neave Stone

Harley Stanford

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### 2018 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 16th April	School Re-opens for Summer Term
***NEW*** Thursday 19th April	Y4 Ancient Egypt Workshop
***NEW*** Monday 7th May	May Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED
***NEW*** Thursday 10th May	Class Group Photographs
***NEW*** Thursday 17th May	9am - Turtles Class Assembly
***NEW*** Thursday 24th May	9am—Sharks Class Assembly

### EASTER RAFFLE

As usual, our Easter Raffle was great success. Over £520 was raised by our PTA. We'd like to thank everyone who so kindly donated over 200 Easter Eggs, including Mr and Mrs Singh from Best One, Amble who kindly gave 50 eggs. We'd also like to thank our hardworking PTA members who organised the raffle, spending many hours behind the scenes selling, writing and folding raffle tickets. We hope the children all enjoyed the eggs given to them by the PTA and that some of them were also lucky enough to win an egg with the ticket they were given. This is one of our best fundraisers which certainly couldn't happen without your support.

### EASTER BONNETS AND HATS

We were really impressed by the number (we had just under 100 entries!) of hats and bonnets on show on Wednesday for our Easter Bonnet/Hat Competition Parade during assembly! Every child who entered the competition was given a small prize. Staff and governors discussed the entries and chose the following children's hats as their favourites from each class:

Barney Falkous, Mason McKay, Chloe Lavery, Daisy Boutflour, Millie Angus and Mackenzie Miller

Well done to everyone for such a great show! Look out for photos on Facebook.



### PUNCTUALITY TARGET SUCCESS AGAIN!



The children have done a great job in helping us achieve our punctuality target again this half term. We set ourselves a target of no more than 50 lates; the total number for the term was 40.

**Next half term is another 6 weeks so we're going to toughen the target again and set it at no more than 40 lates.** We're sure it can be achieved!!

We'll provide the children with another treat after the Easter holiday as a reward for their efforts.

### A SUMMER TERM NOT TO BE MISSED

As we move into the Summer Term we reach one of the most important times of the school year. During the term we complete final assessments of the children which are used to pass on to Middle School and next classes. Assessments from Early Years, Y1 and Y2 are also reported nationally—this data is also used to measure children's progress in future years.

**It is vitally important that children miss as little time in school as possible during this time.**

Year 2 SATs tests will take place during May and Y1 Phonics tests will take place in June. We are not always able to ensure that children who miss assessments are able to complete them at another time and can lead to us not having as much information as we'd like when we submit assessment grades. Parents are strongly urged to avoid taking children out of school for holiday during term time for this reason.

Due to the impact on time off school has on children's learning we do not authorise holidays during term time.

We continue to work closely with the Local Authority's Education Welfare Officer and will apply for penalty notices in some situations when holidays are taken during term time.

More information about attendance was sent to all parents this week with attendance reports.

### ADDITION OF 2 YEAR OLD PROVISION TO AMBLE LINKS

We are pleased to announce that our application to begin early education provision for 2 Year Olds from September has been successful. We'll be working very hard over the next few months to get everything in place to get this started and will keep parents informed of the progress we are making. The provision will initially be for 8 children in mornings during term time. There will be completely separate admissions policies for the provision and for our nursery. We are confident that this new provision will help add even more to what we currently provide at Amble Links and help give children in our area an even better start to their education! We're currently in the process of discussing possible names for the provision which will be based in the crèche room and staffed from within our current school staff and overseen by our Early Years teachers.

### SWIMMING—FIRST WEEK BACK

Swimming lessons for the first week back are for **Year 2 on Thursday** and **Year 4 on Friday**. Please ensure children come to school with their swimming kit. We ask for a contribution of £4 per lesson (children have 1hr lessons every other week) or £2 if your child is entitled to Pupil Premium.