Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS

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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 96.1%

Nursery (Seahorses) -96.2%
Reception (Turtles) - 96.5%
Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 94.4%
Year 2 (Puffins) - 100.0%
Year 3 (Sharks) - 95.8%
Year 4 (Penguins) - 94.1%

Well done Puffins!

STARS OF THE

WEEK

Henry Stone
Harry Collins
David Spoors
AJ Chapman-Orr
Charlotte Whitfield
Daisy Boutflour

Jacob Skinner

Class Organisation for 2019-20

The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting their new classes and working with their new teachers yesterday. The magic fairy dust did the trick and the children grew a little before spending the day in their new class. As you'll see, Mrs Lockey has now qualified as a teacher and will be teaching our Year 3 Sharks for the autumn term while we go through the appointment process for a replacement for Miss Black as SENCO and Year 3 teacher in January. Class organisation for 2019-20 will be as follows: Nursery-Miss Morton, Reception-Miss Lightley, Year 1-Miss Warren, Year 2-Mrs Kelly, Year 3 - Mrs Lockey, Year 4 - Mrs Oliver.

We'll be saying goodbye to Mrs Browning who has been our specialist speech and language teaching assistant for the past 3 years and has been called away to do some work in other schools. Despite being sad to see Mrs Browning leave us she will be replaced with another specialist teaching assistant to take over her work. Miss Morton will be temporarily taking over the role of Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. Mr Heeley and Miss Lightley will continue to be our Designated Safeguarding Leads . Mrs Linda Williams is Chair of Governors and she can be contacted through the school office.

PICNIC AND PEA HUNT

This event is due to take place on Monday 15th July. Nursery parents should please note that there will be NO AFTERNOON NURSERY (including 30hour provision) on that day although nursery parents are welcome to bring their children along to the event but must stay with them. Morning nursery will run as usual but parents are welcome to stay with the children for the picnic afterwards.

The big question is...what will we be hunting for??!!

SPORTS DAY REPORT

Yet again, we were lucky with the weather this year and both nursery and main school Sports Days went really well. The children were a real credit to the school and to their parents showing some excellent sportsmanship and resilience as well as cheering on their friends whether they were first or last. Thanks to all of the family members that came along to support the children and especially to everyone who helped us clear the field afterwards.

PTA EVENTS

Its been another busy couple weeks for our PTA with the Summer Fair, Summer Raffle, Bag2School Collection and Sports Day Refreshments. In total these events have raised £1500. Thanks to everyone who has supported the events either by helping out, attending or donating. The money raised goes to help us provide extras for the children as well as providing support for children in Mgao Pre Primary School in Tanzania. If you'd like to join our PTA please see Mrs Dellbridge in the office.

SWIMMING-NEXT WEEK

Year 2 will swim on Thursday and Year 4 will swim on Friday.

Please ensure children come to school with their swimming kit and contribution..

2019 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 8th , Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July	PARENTS' EVENINGS
Monday 15th July	12.30pm Picnic and 'P' Hunt
Monday 15th July	5pm Y4 LEAVERS' PERFORMANCE
Tuesday 16th July	3.30pm Y4 LEAVERS' AWARDS
Wednesday 17th July	Y1 Visit to Tynemouth Aquarium
Friday 19th July	2PM—SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There will be <u>NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AFTER FRIDAY</u>

12th JULY. Breakfast Club will continue until the end of term.

The only sports clubs on next week are: KS1 Multiskills (Tues), Gardening (Weds) and KS Football (Thurs)

AUTHOR VISIT

This week we welcomed author and poet, Wes Magee to school. He led an assembly and then worked with each class. We received a lovely email from him following the visit that reads: 'Just wanted to say "very many thanks" to you for setting-up & organising such an excellent day for me at Amble Links First. All staff members were supportive & I thought the children were thoroughly well-behaved, responsive & enthusiastic. They worked particularly hard in the workshops. And I was delighted to sell/sign so many books. In all, a great day at a top-notch school!'

WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

Our favourite words chosen this week are: Y1—repeat (Imogen D-M), Y2-satisfied (Jonah M) Y3- plunging (Poppy H), Y4-transition (Lincoln D).

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

With reports, parents were also given a parental questionnaire to complete. The responses to these give us valuable feedback about what we're doing well and what we can improve upon. Please return these by the end of Wednesday 17th July to be entered into the draw to win a £20 youcher.

PUNCTUALITY CHALLENGE

We expect good punctuality as part of encouraging the children to be responsible and ask that parents support them with this. This week we have had 7 late marks Our target is less than 28 lates and so far we have 26.

GOOD LUCK OLLIE

Today, Ollie Dryden will be attending the Amble and Warkworth Young Citizen Award Ceremony as our school's nomination - good luck Ollie; let's hope you're the winner!

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