



Attendance for Last Week

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK WE ACHIEVED 91.4%

Class percentages for LAST WEEK :

Nursery (Seahorses) - 74.4%

Reception (Turtles) - 93.3%

Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 89.0%

Year 2 (Puffins) - 93.6%

Year 3 (Sharks) - 95.0%

Year 4 (Penguins) - 87.1%

Well done Sharks!

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs (including sports clubs) will start as soon as we come back to school. Wherever possible, please try to book children into clubs with staff at the start of a school day. Breakfast Club opens at 8am and costs £1 per session -this should be paid daily or in advance.

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2018 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 9th January	School Reopens for Spring Term
Thursday 18th January	Swimming Restarts for Y1
Friday 19th January	Swimming Restarts for Y3
NEW Tuesday 23rd January	3.15pm - Meeting for Y3 Parents : Robinwood 2018
NEW Thursday 8th February	9am- Jellyfish Class assembly
NEW Friday 9th February	9.30am - Parents invited to classrooms after assembly
NEW Friday 9th February	3.15pm -School Closes for Half Term

A VERY BUSY FINAL 2 WEEKS OF 2017

We've come to the end of a very busy week at the end of a very long half term. In order to maximise teaching time we try to squeeze lots into the final 2 weeks of term. Yet again, the school staff have worked extremely hard to make everything work so well. Both Christmas performances were very well attended by parents and wider families and the children did us proud with their singing, dancing and speaking. Wednesday saw our choir singing for the residents of St Oswald's Court; some of whom say it is the highlight of their Christmas! Also on Wednesday was our Christmas Nativity at St Cuthbert's Church. As usual there was a large turnout to join in with our songs and carols and listen to the nativity story. Yesterday was Christmas dinner day: Mrs Christie and her kitchen team did a wonderful job of feeding nearly 150 children as well as all of the staff with a delicious turkey dinner. Today we have enjoyed party day! Throughout the Christmas period the children have done us all proud with their continued good behaviour and attitudes. We hope they have a restful holiday before the all important Spring Term in which so much learning takes place.

We'd like to thank parents for all of the support and encouragement you have provided during this busy period and hope you have enjoyed celebrating Christmas with all of us at Amble Links. There are many photographs and videos of our Christmas events available on our Facebook Page.

A FOND FAREWELL FOR MRS GREEN

Today we have said goodbye to Mrs Green, who has been our school secretary for 22 years. Mrs Green has been the first face that most visitors to the school see as they walk in the door and has played a huge role in ensuring things run smoothly for us. For many years, Mrs Green worked alone in the school office doing a job that has changed beyond recognition; so much so that we will be replacing her with 2 members of staff! We wish Mrs Green well as she leaves Amble Links but hope that she will come and visit us often.

ADVANCE WARNING—ROBINWOOD MEETING

We have arranged a meeting for parents of Year 3 children to begin discussing next November's residential visit to Robinwood when the children are in Y4. The meeting will be held at 3.15pm on Tuesday 23rd January in the school hall. Please try to come along to find out more and ask any questions you may have.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Parents are reminded that children attending Amble Links First School are expected to wear full school uniform including BLACK SHOES. We hope that all children will return to school wearing the correct uniform and shoes. School cardigans and jumpers are available from the school office. Parents are also reminded that only stud earrings are to be worn by children and that they must be able to remove them for PE and swimming lessons.

THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!



We would like to thank parents and children for all of the very generous gifts that have been sent into school for Christmas. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and great start to 2018!

PTA CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING

Our hardworking PTA have also been very busy during the festive period. Through selling refreshments, the Christmas Fair, Movie Night and the Christmas Raffle around £1400 has been raised. The PTA use this money to support additional activities in school such as funding special workshops as well as helping us to buy items such as our new stage lights which have recently been put to very good use. We've been really pleased to welcome a few new members recently and still hope to attract more members—please see Mrs Dellbridge in the office if you are interested in joining or helping out at events.

PRICE CHANGES COMING INTO EFFECT

Parents are reminded that the price increases for school dinners and after school clubs come into effect from January 9th. School dinners will cost £1.20 per day (£11.00 per week) - prices will be changed in Live Kitchen. After School Club prices will be £2.50 up to 4.15pm, £3.50 up to 4.45pm and £5 up to 5.15pm.