



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK: 97.6%

Nursery (Seahorses)	-100%
Reception (Turtles)	- 97.5%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 99.1%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 95.4%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 97.3%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 99.5%

Well Done Seahorses and Penguins!

STARS OF THE WEEK

**Dolcie Stewart
Emmie Rowell
Joanie Dryden
Toby Fard
Ava Purvis
Oakley Dryden
Imogen Biggs**

2021 SCHOOL DIARY

Tues 5th January 2021	School reopens for Spring Term
NEW Friday 12th February	School Closes for Spring Half Term
NEW Monday 22nd February	School Reopens
Monday 19th April	Rescheduled Y4 residential visit to Robinwood

COVID - IMPORTANT HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Schools have been asked to support any contact tracing efforts should children become ill and receive a positive test result at the start of the Christmas Holiday.

More information has been sent out to parents by email with this newsletter.

If your child receives a positive test result in the holidays and they were in school 2 days or less before showing first symptoms, this should be reported to school immediately. This should be done by email to:

admin@amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk

This email account will be checked at least daily until Christmas Eve. In the unfortunate event that this is the case we will send an email to parents of all children and staff who are deemed to have been close contacts of the infected child advising the relevant period of isolation. Let's all hope that we do not need to do this! We've been very lucky so far.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM OUR PTA

We hope the children enjoy the Christmas gifts that the children have received today from our PTA. This small, dedicated group of parents and staff have continued to work tirelessly throughout the lockdown and during this term to raise funds that go back to providing the children with lots of little extras as well as supporting schools fundraising for EdUKaid. A huge thank-you to everyone involved. We're always pleased to welcome new members so have a chat with Mrs Dellbridge if you'd like to help out in any way.

ELVES UPDATE

We have been overwhelmed by the huge reaction we have had to the recent issues we've been having in school with the naughty elves. Amazingly the Facebook post about what the elves did to Mr Heeley's car has reached nearly 30,000 people and has been liked and shared many times! We were also absolutely amazed by the response we had to the request for the children to create traps to help capture those naughty elves. With less than 24 hours notice, our families managed to produce 100 unique elf traps that were brought into school yesterday (see photos on Facebook). Mr Heeley was looking quite relieved this morning as the traps had been very successful in catching most of the elves. Having thought long and hard about a suitable way to try to get rid of them once and for all, he decided to consign them to them to the depths of Mrs Christie's freezer...hopefully never to be seen again. There is one slight problem: Moon Elf has not been captured.....!!!!!!



THANKS FOR STAFF GIFTS

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for the incredible support that you have given our school during 2020.

We'd also like to thank you for your immense generosity with the lovely Christmas gifts that you have sent into school for us.

THANK YOU!!

WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

Look out for new and unfamiliar words with the children, discuss them and let us know any good ones that you find as part of the children's weekly homework:

Y1: Hildi W — reflection, Y2: Paul P — exhausted,

Y3: Skylar C — miniscule, Y4: Leyla S — curiosity

CHANGE OF SCHOOL TRAINING DAY

As some of the other schools in the Coquet Partnership have changed their training day to today, it has given us the opportunity to make a slight change to the training day that we originally had planned for just before the Easter holiday. The new training day we have arranged is now on the first day back after the Easter holiday. School will therefore reopen to children for the summer term on Tuesday 13th April. Our complete holiday date list can be found on the school website.

GIFTS FROM AMBLE TOWN COUNCIL

We were pleased to welcome Amble's mayor to school this week to deliver some lovely presents for all of the children from the Town Council. These presents will be coming home with the children today.

The Covid pandemic has meant this has been a very different year for many with regulations meaning some reduction in social contact and personal interaction with loved ones. Amble Town Council decided to bring a little cheer to some of the youngest and oldest in the community. Staff from Amble's First schools decided the children would benefit from key stage related colouring books, whilst staff at both JCSC sites thought books which could be accessed by all would help with their student's literacy. Dolphin View Care Home recently acquired a DVD player and were delighted with the gift of a variety of types of DVDs including some Christmas movies. It is hoped this small gesture will help relieve some of the stress and difficulties in recent months.

Thanks to Amble Town Council for these very kind gifts!