# Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS

FIRST SCHOOL

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# STARS OF THE WEEK Jess Taylor Zach Allan Scarlet Wilson Alice Dunn Barney Falkous Hayden Moore

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## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 97.0%

 Nursery (Seahorses)
 -91.4%

 Reception (Turtles)
 - 99.0%

 Year 1 (Jellyfish)
 - 96.5%

 Year 2 (Puffins)
 - 98.5%

 Year 3 (Sharks)
 - 94.4%

 Year 4 (Penguins)
 - 97.1%

Well Done Turtles!

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS COMMITMENT

We're proud to offer a range of after school clubs for our pupils and opportunities to access these increase as the children get older. Places at clubs are limited so, when parents signed children up for clubs, we asked that children commit to attending clubs they are allocated on a regular basis. We are spending increasing amounts of time chasing up children who are not attending clubs they have signed up for. If your child has a place at a club please do not allow them to pick and choose when they attend. Should they wish to leave a club permanently, please let us know as soon as possible as there are often other children waiting for places.

### SEAHORSES VISIT TO SPURRELI

This week our Seahorses children have had the pleasure of visiting Spurreli to see a real ice cream shop instead of the pretend one that they have in their role play area! The children enjoyed an ice cream as well as looking at some features of the local area whilst walking there. We'd like to thank the parent and governor volunteers who came along to help out as we need many pairs of hands when taking such young children out and about! Staff were highly impressed with the children's behaviour and manners and many of the children came back with very chocolatey smiles!

### ONE WAY SYSTEM

Following Covid, and after consulting parents, we decided to keep our one way system at the busy pick up and drop off times at the start and end of the school day. This has worked very well in ensuring a much more settled start to the day, fewer incidents of poor behaviour before school and a much safer way to hand the children back over to parents at the end of the day. We appreciate that it is a short distance further for parents to walk but think this is a fair payoff for the above reasons. Again, we ask parents to respect and follow this system and note that they are welcome to arrive any time WITHIN the 8.40am -8.50am and 3.10pm -3.20pm timeslots—there is no need to arrive before these times as staff will always supervise the children until collected. We hope that by offering these timeslots there will be less queueing which can lead to a more disorganised start and end of the school day.

### YEAR 4 HULA HOOPING

Our Year 4 children again travelled to Ashington this week to take part in a Hula Hooping festival run by the Ashington and Coquet School Games Organiser. As well as learning how to keep a hoop up (including Mrs Oliver!), the children learnt some tricks including jumps, 360s, 'slinky' and 'kriss-cross' before using hoops to make a framework out of hoops that their team had to climb through. As usual, Mrs Oliver was impressed with the excellent attitudes and behaviour of our children. Well done Year 4!

1	2022 SCHOOL DIARY		
	16th -24th May	Y2 SATS	
	Wednesday 18th May	Y2 Multi Skills Festival (Ashington)	
	Monday 23rd May	Reception visit to Centre for Life	
	Mon 23rd (Y1), Tues 24th (Y2), Weds 25th (Y3), Thurs 26th (Y4)	3.15pm-5.00pm PTA Movie Nights	
	Thursday 26th May	Class Group Photos	
	Friday 27th May	Queen's Jubilee Garden Party (Children Only)	
	Friday 27th May	School Closes for Half Term	
	Monday 6th June	School Reopens for Summer Half Term 2	
	Thursday 9th June	KS2 visit to Children's Countryside Show—Wooler	
	Friday 1st July	SCHOOL CLOSED in lieu of additional Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday	
	Monday 4th July	TRANSITION DAY	
	Tues 5th & Weds 6th July	Parents' Evenings	
	Monday 11th July	SPORTS DAY	
	Monday 18th July	Picnic and Pea Hunt	
	Tuesday 19th July	3.30pm Y4 LEAVERS AWARDS	
	Friday 22nd July	2PM SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY	

### JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY

Plans are coming together well for our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party which we will be holding on Friday 27th May. Look out for additional information about a decorated hat competition that will be sent home by email this week. We will be providing Garden Party afternoon snacks and drinks for the children on the day. We hope to see the children come to school in Royal Garden Party smart attire on the day!

# **Battery Recycling**

Reminder that we have a battery recycling tube in school. Children are invited to bring in any spent batteries to fill the tube and help do their bit for the environment.



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