



STARS OF THE WEEK

Florence Roper
Evie Gray
Zakk Anderson
Jude Skinner
Billy Langmaid
Alex Bremner
Holly Bell

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK: 98.2%

Nursery (Seahorses)	- 98.2%
Reception (Turtles)	- 98.4%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 98.8%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 99.0%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 95.9%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 100.0%

Well Done Penguins!

2021 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 3rd May	School closed for May bank holiday
NEW Monday 10th May	3pm-5pm—Year 1 Movie Night
NEW Tuesday 11th May	3pm-5pm—Year 2 Movie Night
NEW Wednesday 12th May	3pm-5pm—Year 3 Movie Night
NEW Thursday 13th May	3pm-5pm—Year 4 Movie Night
Wednesday 19th May— Friday 21st May	Rescheduled Y4 residential visit to Robinwood
Friday 28th May	School Closes for Half Term Break (normal time)
Monday 7th June	School Reopens for Summer Half Term 2
Friday 16th July	School closes for Summer Holiday

MONDAY'S HEATING ISSUES AND SCHOOL CLOSURE

We'd like to thank parents again for their support and understanding when we needed to close the school on Monday. Making the decision to close school is never an easy one and is not taken lightly. After a night of very low temperatures, we arrived at school on Monday morning to find that the heating in school had failed and temperatures in classrooms were very low indeed. Due to Covid-19 precautions we must also keep classroom windows open to aid ventilation meaning that temperatures in school were neither safe nor comfortable for children or staff to be working in. We hoped that an engineer might be able to attend quickly and resolve the issue but that was not the case unfortunately. Engineers were on site all day and eventually identified a leak in piping under the floor in our Early Years unit. By the end of Monday they had been able to isolate the leak and restore heating to school and will be in the building all weekend making repairs. Following our emails and Facebook posts very few children arrived at school and teachers were able to send out tasks for the children to complete. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by Monday's closure and hope that there will be no repeats!

OXFORD READING BUDDY (ORB)

So far we've been very impressed with how much the children have enjoyed using ORB. We buy into this system because it provides the children with access to hundreds of online ebooks, many of which contain prompts and questions from the 'Buddy' that your child has chosen to help them develop a range of reading skills. The books also have a quiz at the end if them—when children have read a book it is important that they complete the quiz as this will help us see how well they have understood what they have read. Although children can access books at a lower level than their current reading level it is important that they read at least one book at their own level each week and complete the relevant quiz. Scoring over 80% in a quiz helps the children progress onto the next reading level. We are in regular communication with the producers of ORB so please let us know if you have any issues with it so we can feed this back and help improve it.

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WORDS OF THE WEEK

Y1 -crept (Frankie) Y2 - frustrated (Jack F)

Y3-accomplished (Lacey L) Y4—forlorn (Ava S)

Finding a word of the week has really helped many children become more interested in different words and expand their vocabulary. If children see or hear a new word please take a few minutes to discuss its meaning with them.

PTA MOVIE NIGHTS

We're delighted to announce that we will again be running class PTA Movie Nights for Y1-Y4 children in May (see diary above). These were hugely popular when we held them prior to Christmas and again be based on the same model. The cost is £2.50 per child which includes a drink, hotdog and some sweets. Bookings can be made by emailing: admin@amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk. Or phoning school. We will send out more details about the organisation of these Movie Nights nearer the time.

PARENTS ARRIVING ON THE SCHOOL SITE EARLY

Again, we are again seeing an increasing number of parents arriving on the school site before allocated drop off and pick up times leading to unnecessary queuing which often leads to social distancing not being as effective as it should be. Our 10 minute timeslots are designed to give parents ample opportunity to arrive during that time. School staff supervise the children until they are collected so there is no need to arrive early. Please help us to continue keeping everyone safe by supporting these measures.

DOODLEMATHS MEGASTARS!

This week we are celebrating more of our children reaching 100 day streaks in their DoodleMaths! Well done to: **Mason Morrison and Lacey Lowery** for this amazing achievement!