Amble Links First School

LINKS NEWS



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Attendance for Week 5Our school target is 95 %OVERALL LAST WEEK- 98%Reception (Turtles)98%Year 1 Jellyfish-97%Year 2 Puffins -98%Year 3 Sharks-97%Year 4 Penguins -98%

Well Done ! 3 Winners!



PTA MEETING-THIS WEEKEND

Our PTA are meeting at 4pm on Sunday (19th April) at the Old Storehouse. Anyone interested in helping out is welcome to come along, have a drink and find out how to get involved!

A BUSY EASTER BREAK!

It's been a busy time at Amble Links during the Easter Holiday. Firstly we have had new doors fitted at the main entrance and KS1 & KS2 entrances. Hopefully these will give us far less draughty corridors! Our classrooms now also have new interactive touchscreens to replace the ageing whiteboards—these allow us much more flexibility when using ICT with the whole class and small groups. As well as this we've had our school wireless internet system upgraded so using lots of ipads all at once should be much easier. We've had some repairs made to our playground and path as well as some additional drainage put into the area outside KS2 so

hopefully we'll have no more puddles!

We've also made some changes to the fencing in the playground—in time, we hope this will allow easier access for visitors to the Children's Centre whilst still keeping the school yard secure.

TRAFFIC JAMS IN THE PLAYGROUND

You will also have noticed that we have had some lines painted at the top of the path that leads onto the KS1 yard. A number of parents have spoken to me about the fact that they often have to walk across the grass to get to the KS2 yard or to Foundation Stage at the start and end of the school day as the way is blocked

by parents waiting in the KS1 yard. We hope that the lines will help resolve this situation but politely ask that parents waiting in the KS1 yard leave enough space for others to pass!

We would also like to remind parents that we do not allow children (or adults) to ride bikes or scooters in our school grounds. We hope you can support us with this by reminding your children.

COMPUTER WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

In the previous newsletter we mentioned that we would be providing 2 workshops to give parents an opportunity to see the range of websites that we provide the children with access to in school. We hope that the workshops will give parents a better understanding of the huge range of resources available to the children and how they can be used at home, as well as being able to answer any questions you may have. PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED FOR EACH SESSION. If you would like to book yourself into a session please contact us in the school office. Sessions will be held in our ICT room on Monday 11th May at 3.30pm and 5.00pm and are for adults only.

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2015 SCHOOL DIARY ***NFW*** Turtles Class Assembly Thursday 7th May ***NEW*** 3.30pm and 5.00pm Parents ICT Sessions Monday 11th May ***NEW*** Parents to classes after Friday 15th May assembly ***NEW*** American Theme Day Tuesday 19th May (Parents invited to lunch) ***NEW*** 9.00am Jellyfish Class Thursday 21st May Assembly ***NEW*** 3.15pm School Closes for Friday 22nd May half term break. 7pm—PTA Quiz Night Friday 5th June Wednesday 24th June PTA Summer Fair

IN TO WIN WINNERS

Last half term's winners of the 'In to Win' prize for 100% attendance were drawn in assembly on Tuesday. The lucky winners who will soon enjoy an ice cream at Spurreli are: Jack Fannon, Layton Coxford, Harry Dawson, Klayton Ramsay, Adam Goodfellow and Grace Elliot.

HOMEWORK REVIEW

As part of our ongoing reviews we have recently reviewed homework. We have been very impressed with the quality, variety and volume of homework that is being completed. We are also seeing that children are using what they have been learning at home in their lessons. We are finding that more children are completing homework - most at home and some with the additional support we provide in school. KS2 projects have been very popular and online resources such as Mathletics and School360 are also being well used. Homework is an essential part of good quality teaching and learning and we hope that parents will continue to support the children so positively with it.

WELL DONE to DEBORAH BURN who has had the highest Mathletics score for the last 3 weeks!

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