# Amble Links First School

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#### Attendance for Last Week

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK WE ACHIEVED 95.8%

Class percentages for LAST WEEK:

Nursery (Seahorses) -91.9%

Reception (Turtles) - 97.7% Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 93.6%

Year 2 (Puffins) - 96.4%

Year 3 (Sharks) - 98.2% Year 4 (Penguins) - 93.5%

Well done Sharks!

## STARS OF THE

## **WEEK**

Jack Stephenson Will Douglas Oliver Wilson Caleb Wake Mason Mitchell Scarlet Paterson

BOOK

DAY

#### WORLD BOOK DAY-NEXT FRIDAY!

To celebrate World Book Day we're asking the children to come to school dressed as a favourite book character and bring the book that their character is from with them. During the day we'll be having 'Book Buddies' and getting the older children to read with younger ones. Also on Friday, Caitlin (Mrs Lockey's daughter) will be selling a range of used books for both children and adults as part of her fundraising for World Challenge. If you'd like to send £1 in with your child we'll give them a chance to come along and buy a book during the day.



#### YEAR 3 STONE AGE WORKSHOP

Our Y3 children had a very damp but very enjoyable 'Stone Age Day' on Monday. During the day they tasted stone age porridge sweetened with fruit and honey, drank peppermint and nettle tea, ate boiled fish, built Neolithic houses and attempted to

start their own fires with flints! This was a great introduction to their new Stone Age topic. Thanks to the PTA for helping to fund the day.

#### PTA EVENTS AND EASTER RAFFLE

Thanks to everyone who supported or helped out at the PTA discos on Tuesday-£200 was raised! The next PTA event is Movie Night on Friday 9th March for children in Year 1-4. We'll let you know soon which film they'll be watching.

#### EASTER RAFFLE-EGG DONATIONS WANTED!

We've got our Easter egg raffle again on Thursday 29th March—this is usually a huge event but relies on kind donations of eggs. Children bringing eggs in will receive a small treat at the office.

#### **Y4 CODE CLUB**

This week we launched our new Code Club for a group of Year 4 children. This is part of a national initiative to help encourage children to get involved in computer coding. Code Club is staffed by volunteers Megan and Scott who will work through a series of exciting units with the children. Hopefully our club will continue throughout the year and we will be able to get some more children involved in the future.



#### SWIMMING NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons for next week are for Year 2 on Thursday and Year 4 on Friday. Please ensure children come to school with their swimming kit. We ask for a contribution of £4 per lesson (children have 1hr lessons every other week) or £2 if your child is entitled to Pupil Premium.

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### 2018 SCHOOL DIARY

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Friday 2nd March	World Book Day- Dressing up
Friday 9th March	5pm-7pm—PTA Movie Night
***NEW*** Friday 16th March	Y1 Hula Hooping Festival at JCSC
Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st March	3.30pm—Parents' Evenings
***NEW*** Thursday 22nd March	9.00am Y2 Puffins Class Assembly
Thursday 29th March	PTA Easter Egg Raffle
Thursday 29th March	2pm—School Closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 16th April	School Re-opens for Summer Term

#### NEW PUNCTUALITY TARGET

Having easily achieved our punctuality target for last half term, we've set the children a new, more challenging, target for this half term. We're aiming to have no more than 50 late marks in the whole 6 week half term. We've talked with the children about how important it is to be punctual as

and that everyone will help us achieve it! This week we already have 10 late marks so not a great start!

part of being respectful and responsible. We

hope that this is another target we'll achieve

#### IN TO WIN WINNERS

This week, we drew the winners for last half term's 'In to Win' Draw for children with 100% attendance and no more than 2 lates. It was disappointing that, due to lateness, some children with 100% attendance did not make the draw. The lucky winners who will enjoy a visit to Spurreli for ice cream soon are: Jacob Whenray, Faith Elliott, Corey Freestone, Seth Hale, Freya Goodfellow, and Michelle Morrison. All children in Reception to Y4 have a chance to be in the draw each half term!

#### Online Class Newsletters

Look out for this half term's online class newsletters on the school website. They contain lots of useful information, links and videos to support the work the children are doing in class.

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