



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK: 93.8%

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| Nursery (Seahorses) | -93.9% |
| Reception (Turtles) | - 96.7% |
| Year 1 (Jellyfish) | - 95.0% |
| Year 2 (Puffins) | - 92.0% |
| Year 3 (Sharks) | - 94.3% |
| Year 4 (Penguins) | - 92.0% |

Well Done Turtles!

STARS OF THE WEEK

**Connie Robinson
Daisy Mallaburn
Jay Quoc Vo
Amelia Knowles
Joe Morrison
Lola Paterson
Seth Hale**

2019 SCHOOL DIARY

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| Monday 2nd December | Book Bus Coming 3pm PTA Christmas Market NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS |
| Wednesday 4th December | 3.15pm Christmas Craft Evening NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS |
| Thursday 5th December | 9am—Christingle Assembly |
| Monday 9th December | 9.30am & 2pm Early Years & Y1 Christmas Performances |
| Tuesday 10th December | 9.30am Early Years & Y1 Christmas Performance |
| ***NEW*** Sunday 15th December | 12 noon—School Choir Singing at Harbour Village |
| Monday 16th December | 2pm—Y2,3 & 4 Christmas Performance |
| Tuesday 17th December | 9.30am -Y2,3 & 4 Christmas Performance |
| Wednesday 18th December | 1.30pm -Christmas Service at St Cuthbert's Church |
| Thursday 19th December | CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY Christmas Dinner |
| Friday 20th December | PARTY DAY SCHOOL CLOSING AT 2pm |

A VIST FROM THE BOOK BUS

The Book People Book Bus is visiting Amble Links again on Monday 2nd December and will be staying for our Christmas Market too. Throughout the day each class will visit the bus with an opportunity to purchase a book of their choice. If you wish your child to purchase a book please send money into school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name (approx £5). Alternatively, you can visit the bus with your child during the Christmas market to purchase any books they may have chosen during their visit. 15% of all book sales will be donated to the school. Books from the Book People are usually very heavily discounted and great value for money, so come along and grab a bargain! This was hugely successful last year and a great opportunity to buy Christmas presents.



LOOKING AFTER YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH APP

This free NHS app for mobile phones allows parents and carers to access advice and information to help look after their children's health. The app is designed for parents and carers of children aged 0-5 years and is available for download on mobile phones on Google Play or Apple's App Store under 'NHS Child Health'. It offers easy to understand guidance on childhood illnesses, recognising when your child is unwell, and advice on when and where to seek further treatment.



Y4 CLASS ASSEMBLY AND WWII CLASS ASSEMBLY

Y4 thoroughly enjoyed their evacuation to Home Farm at Beamish. They found out about life as an evacuee on a farm and took part in a variety of tasks including blacking out the cottage windows and baking carrot cookies using the rations available. Nobody wanted to clean out the pigs though! Y4 also treated us to a WWII class assembly yesterday, including some great songs from the era as well as recall of lots of facts.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE PHOTOS

We use the school Facebook page to regularly keep parents up to date with what is going on in school. This often includes some photos of what is happening. We have noticed a few comments on the page recently questioning why particular children are not on some posts. Parents should note that many of our posts contain snapshots of events that are happening in school. We do not make a point of ticking off which children have or haven't been on posts. So there will be times when some children's photos are on more than others but we believe that, over time, this balances itself out. Parents should also be aware that there are often more photographs posted to the school website galleries.

WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

Our favourite words chosen this week are: Y1—enormous (Reece B), Y2- overwhelm (Kamil S) Y3- thoughtful (Isla C), Y4-encourage (Oilly I). We ask the children to find a new word every week and learn it's meaning—they're really enjoying doing this and are showing an increased interest in vocabulary.

SWIMMING—NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons next week are for Year 2 on Thursday and Year 4 on Friday . Please ensure children come to school with their swimming kit and contribution.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that 2 new members of staff will be joining us in January. Mrs Debbie Smith has been appointed as our new Year 3 teacher and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and will be taking over from Mrs Lockey who has done a wonderful job teaching Year 3 during the autumn term. We have also appointed Zoe Ramsay as a cleaner; she will replace Mrs Jones who will continue in her other role as a teaching assistant.

THE SNOW QUEEN AND TIDDLYWINKS

The children in KS1 & KS2 enjoyed going to watch the performance of the Snow Queen at the Dovecote Centre this week. It was a real joy to see the children's faces as the story unfolded! Whilst the older children were out, the younger children enjoyed a visit from Tiddlywinks for a Winter Wonderland session that involved lots of lovely costumes and fun activities! Thanks to the PTA who treated us to these activities!

PUNCTUALITY CHALLENGE

Our target this half term is **LESS THAN 35 LATES**. Unfortunately we missed our target last half term. So far this term we have 23 lates.