# Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS

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## STARS OF THE

## WEEK

Kabe Ramsay Kaiyra Hutchinson Thomas Handyside Cora Cooper Myanna Jukes Joe Morrison Alfie Wehr

## **ATTENDANCE** LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 94.5%

Nursery (Seahorses) -93.4% Reception (Turtles) - 93.7% Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 99.0% Year 2 (Puffins) - 85.5% Year 3 (Sharks) - 96.1% Year 4 (Penguins) - 100.0%

> Well Done Penguins!

## 2021 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 7th June	School Reopens for Summer
Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd June	Year 3 Parents Evenings
Mon 28th, Tues 29th, Weds 30th June	Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2, Y4 Parents Evenings
Monday 12th July & Tuesday 13th July	5pm—Year 4 Leavers' Performances
Wednesday 14th July	3.45pm—Year 4 Leaver's Awards
Friday 16th July	School closes for Summer Holiday

After a guest appearance last week we're looking forward to welcoming Miss Lightley back from maternity leave after half term. For the first 3 weeks of the half term Miss Lightley will be working closely with Mrs Lockey to ensure a smooth transition of teachers for our Turtles class. Mrs Lockey will then be moving into our Y3 Sharks class for 2 weeks as Mrs Smith has been called for jury service which, unfortunately is unavoidable. We're delighted that we've been able to keep Mrs Lockey with us here at Amble Links much longer into the summer term than expected. We're also very pleased for Mrs Lockey who, this week, has been appointed to her first permanent teaching post in Alnwick from September so hopefully we'll still see her if she calls in to visit us. Well done Mrs Lockey!

#### RELATIONSHIPS SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION

We recently asked parents to respond to a consultation about our policy for delivering RSHE in school and directed you to our webpage that explains this in more detail. You can view the webpage here. A very small number of parents responded and the policy has now been adopted. During next half term the children's Jigsaw lessons are from a unit entitled 'Changing Me' and will address a range of issues (specific to each group) including puberty, differences between girls' and boys' bodies and how babies grow. Teachers will be using the correct terminology for different body parts and discussing things that they may not have discussed openly before. This learning is considered to be vital in helping children understand how to have safe and healthy relationships as they grow up. Please click on the link above to find out more. The video by Jane, our school nurse, helps to explain in more detail and explain some of content that will be covered.

#### WELCOMING BACK MISS LIGHTLEY

## WORDS OF THE **WEEK**

Y1 -exhausted (Cody) Y2 - iconic (Billy) Y3-gasp (Eva) Y4- hesitate (Oliver)

Our words of the week really support the children in developing their vocabulary! PLEASE ENCOURAGE THE CHILDREN TO LOOK AND LISTEN OUT FOR WORDS THAT ARE NEW TO THEM AND FIND OUT THEIR MEANING!

### COUNTY LINES INFORMATION

With this newsletter we have also sent parents an information leaflet about 'County Lines'. County Lines is considered to be a growing threat to young people and vulnerable adults throughout the country. Criminal gangs are known to recruit children to deliver drugs and money leaving them open to other forms of exploitation. Please take the time to read the leaflet to ensure that you are aware of the signs of criminal exploitation and what to do if you suspect it is taking place. This is not just an issue linked to large cities. The leaflet can also be viewed on the school website.

#### SPORTS DAYS

We are hoping to run some kind of 'Mini Sports Days' nearer the end of term at which we hope to invite parents to in limited numbers. The plan at the moment would be that each class's Sports Day would be held on a different day and the children in that class would take part in their usual races. We would only expect the events to last about half an hour each. We hope that these events will be able to go ahead at the start of July but this will, of course, be governed by the most up to date Covid situation and guidance. We'll try to get provisional dates to parents as quickly as possible after half term.

#### ADDITIONAL CRICKET COACHING

The children in Y2 and Y4 will be taking part in additional cricket coaching sessions during next half term. These sessions will take place on Wednesday mornings. Our Y4 children will already be coming to school in joggers and trainers but Y2 should also wear joggers and trainer on Wednesdays during next half term as well as on their usual PE Day.

#### CYBERSPRINTERS: ONLINE SAFETY GAME

The National Cyber Security Centre has recently released a new online game to help teach children about cyber security from an early age. The game is designed to make learning about cyber security fun and interactive



as children begin to seek more independence online. The game helps children to learn about a range of issues creating strong passwords to being vigilant

about receiving messages from unknown senders. CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO TRY THE GAME.

We know that many of our pupils are involved in playing online games with friends. It is important that parents monitor this very closely as we also hear about strangers joining games and the use of inappropriate language whilst these games are being played.

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