# Amble Links First School

# LINKS NEWS

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## LAST WEEK'S **ATTENDANCE**

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 97.5%

Nursery (Seahorses) -93.6% Reception (Turtles) - 97.3% Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 100.0% Year 2 (Puffins) - 92.4% Year 3 (Sharks) - 99.6% Year 4 (Penguins) - 96.7%

Well done again Jellyfish

# Macmillan Coffee Morning

Next Friday, after assembly we'll be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee morning. Parents are welcome to stay afterwards for a coffee and some cake to help raise some money for this very good cause. We would really welcome any donations of cakes for the morning. In previous years we have had lots of cakes left over when adults have left so if you'd like to send in a small donation (50p) with your child we will try to run a little cake stall for them at playtime to help raise a little more.. Anv

funds raised from the PTA Domino Card next week will



#### OUR SPORTING PROVISION AND ACHIEVMENTS RECOGNISED WITH AWARD

We're delighted to announce that we were yesterday awarded the GOLD School Games Mark in recognition of the very strong sports provision that we offer. We were particularly commended for the range of extra curricular sporting activities we offer, participation in



sporting events and the work of our Junior Play Leaders. A big well done especially to Mrs Goodfellow who has been instrumental in helping us achieve this award.

# STARS OF THE

### **WEEK**

Leo Burge Amelia Knowles AJ Chapman-Orr Isla Cook Alicia Allen \* Megan Nyberg

#### DANGEROUS TREES

After Wednesdays high winds we noticed some broken branches above our entrance path from Burton Road that are at risk of falling. Due to this we have had to keep the gate beneath them locked until the branches are dealt with.

The council have already been informed and will hopefully arrange for these to be removed shortly. In the meantime, the only access to school for pupils is through the main gate. Parents are again asked to be considerate in how they are parking on Links Avenue which will inevitably become busier. We'd like

to thank everyone for their patience and understanding with this situation—we'd rather be safe than sorry!

#### CONSERVATION CLUB

Next week we will be starting our Conservation Club. Supported by funding from the Northumberland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as well Coast Care and Jewsons we have a small group of children who are going to become involved in regular litter picking on the beach and dunes as well as learning more about how we can protect our environment. Look out for our Hi Viz Heroes on the beach soon!

#### SWIMMING-NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons for next week are for Year 1 on Thursday and Year 3 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.

#### 2018 SCHOOL DIARY

Friday 28th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning (after assembly)
Tuesday 2nd October	Individual and Family school photographs
Weds 10th October	Year 2 visit to Alnwick Castle
Friday 12th October	It's Okay Day!
Thursday 18th October	9am—Harvest Assembly
Tues 23rd & Weds 24th October	3.30 -6.00pm Parents' Evenings
Friday 26th October	Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly
Friday 26th October	Scarecrow Competition
Friday 26th October	3.15pm - School closes for half term break

#### IT'S OKAY DAY AND A NEW SCHOOL SONG

On Friday 12th October we planning to hold our 3rd 'It's Okay' Day. The children will spend the day learning about how we can all be more tolerant of others no matter where they are from, what they look like, how they may speak etc etc. The children can come to school dressed/made up in any way they wish but should be able to say "It's Okay....." in relation to what they are wearing, for example: "It's Okay to wear pink clothes" or "It's Okay to wear huge glasses" or "It's Okay to have blue spots". The possibilities are endless! During the day each class will read the 'It's Okay Book', and create linked pictures, they will discuss discrimination and what we can do to tackle it. The children will also learn that we should value how everyone is different and that we all have different skills and talents that we should appreciate. This should be a really fun day. We'd appreciate it if you could help your child choose what they will wear or how they will look on the day and help them understand their own It's OK to costume! Parents will be welcome to join us for assembly as usual, although it will be slightly

different.....but that's okay! We will hopefully be joined again by local musician, Brian English who will play the new song that he has written for our school. The last video we made with the children singing with Brian has already been viewed over 3600 times on Facebook!



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