Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS

FIRST SCHOOL

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STARS OF THE

WEEK

Amiyah Barclay
Henry Kendall
Zane Ramsay
Zoe Lewis
Sophia Gair
Zakk Anderson
Frankie Richardson

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Many parents have already booked in to see class teachers for our Spring Parents' evenings next week. It is our aim for teachers to see parents of ALL children to share vital information about their attainment and progress and highlight any concerns we may have. If you haven't already booked, please get in touch with

Please ensure that you attend on the evening and at the time you have booked and be mindful that appointments are limited to 10 minutes as teachers have many parents to see.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our School Target is 97%

OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y4): 92.1%

| | Last Week | This Year | Lates this week |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| YN (Seahorses) | 90.2% | 91.4% | 0 |
| YR (Turtles) | 95.7% | 95.2% | 3 |
| Y1 (Jellyfish) | 91.7% | 94.5% | 3 |
| Y2 (Puffins) | 96.1% | 94.8% | 0 |
| Y3 (Sharks) | 86.7% | 94.0% | 4 |
| Y4 (Penguins) | 90.4% | 96.7% | 0 |

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EASTER RAFFLE—TICKETS ON SALE NOW DONATIONS STILL NEEDED!

Thanks to everyone who has already donated to our Easter Raffle. We've had a lot more eggs in today in return for our non-uniform day but hope that lots more will arrive before next week to make the raffle as grand as ever! Tickets are already on sale from the office at £1 per strip.

DECORATED EGG COMPETITION

As Easter approaches, we have decided to again run The Great Amble Links Decorated Egg Competition for the children. This competition has always been well-received and , over the years, have seen very many highly creative ideas from our families.

As usual, we will be offering a small prize for every entry into the competition as well as an Easter themed prize for our favourite

creation from each class.

It is important that all entries have your child's name and class name on them and are brought into school by 1pm on Wednesday 27th March BUT NOT BEFORE Tuesday 26th March. The entries will be displayed in the hall and judged on the afternoon of 27th March ready for us to announce the winners in our final assembly of the term on

THURSDAY 28th MARCH -the same day as our Easter Raffle.

ORDERING SCHOOL DINNERS

We have an increasing number of children who have not had a school dinner ordered at home for them. There is often not the opportunity to do this in school. When dinners have not been ordered in advance, children will be provided with the default main meal option for the day. To avoid waste, we try to prepare the correct number of meals based on what has been ordered meaning that there is often limited capacity to provide other options at the last minute.

Please order school dinners at home in advance WITH your child using School Grid. Where dinners have not been ordered, children will automatically be provided with the default main school meal option.

PLANS FOR BECOMING A PRIMARY SCHOOL

Plans for becoming a primary school in September 2024 are well underway. We have already have a teacher in place who will teach Y5 (and then Y6), our curriculum for Upper K52 is nearly ready and we have begun planning for purchase of additional resources. Over the next few months we will start to see work taking place to build the additional 2 classrooms that we will need. Work on site is due to begin in early May and be completed by the end of July. Some work, such as the removal of a tree at the gate to Burton Road, will begin as soon as this week. We will keep parents up to date with what is happening as soon as we know but wanted to warn you that there are likely to be some changes to necessary on some days as to how the children come in and out of school. Our first priority will always be the safety of the children on our school site so we ask that parents respect and follow any new directions as we let you know them. The situation will need to remain flexible and may mean a slightly longer walk at drop-off and pick up times but if everyone is 'on-board' things will work much more smoothly.

EASTER EXPERIENCE AT ST CUTHBERT'S

This week, our KS2 children have enjoyed a visit to St Cuthbert's church to take part in the 'Easter Experience'. They visited various stations around the church to find out more about the meaning of the Easter Story to Christians. We are very lucky to be provided with this experience by the kind group of volunteers from the church who are in role as people from Jesus's time.

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| 2024 SCHOOL DIARY | | | |
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| Monday 18th March | Y2 Visit to Hirsel Estate | | |
| Mon 18th & Tues 19th March | Parent's Evenings (Not Y3 on Monday 18th) | | |
| Wednesday 20th March | Y3 Parents' Evenings. | | |
| Thursday 28th March | 2PM- SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAY | | |
| Monday 15th April | School reopens for Summer Term | | |
| Thursday 18th April | Bag2School Collection | | |

ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2023-24 and 2024-25 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE HERE.

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