



STARS OF THE WEEK

Florence Roper
Reign Bowlt
Benji Bell
Savannah Cowie
Niall Baxter
Rogan Barclay
Harry Wintrip

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK: 93.4%

Nursery (Seahorses) - 87.5%
 Reception (Turtles) - 79.5%
 Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 99.3%
 Year 2 (Puffins) - 91.5%
 Year 3 (Sharks) - 97.2%
 Year 4 (Penguins) - 95.1%

Well Done Jellyfish!

2021-22 SCHOOL DIARY

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| Tuesday 9th November | 3.20pm Final Robinwood Parents Meeting (Y4) |
| ***NEW*** | Y2, Y3 & Y4 children to Amble Remembrance service |
| Weds 11th November | |
| Mon 15th November—Weds 17th November | Year 4 Residential Visit to Robinwood |
| Fri 19th November | Year 4 Bikeability training |
| Weds 24th November | Y1-Y4 To Dovecote Theatre for Pantomime |
| Monday 29th November | 3.10 - 5.00 Year 1 Movie Night |
| Tuesday 30th November | 3.10 - 5.00 Year 2 Movie Night |
| Wednesday 1st December | 3.10 - 5.00 Year 3 Movie Night |
| Thursday 2nd December | 3.10 - 5.00 Year 4 Movie Night |
| Sunday 5th December | Choir children singing at Harbour Village |
| Thursday 16th December | Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day |
| Friday 17th December | Christmas Party Day |
| Friday 17th December | 2pm—School Closes for Christmas Holiday |
| Wednesday 5th January | School reopens to pupils for Spring Term |

ADDITIONAL COVID MEASURES

Further to the email we sent out to parents last week regarding additional Covid control measures it is important that parents help us by keeping these measure in place to help us reduce the number of contacts that pupils and parents have. We already have measures in place in school to help us avoid unnecessary indoor mixing.

Our one way system remains in place which should help allow a smooth flow of parents through the school grounds at drop off and pick up time. Despite continually requesting that parents do not arrive before these timeslots we are seeing longer and longer queues of parents arriving well before the allocated pick up slot time which is between 3.10pm and 3.20pm. This leads to large numbers of parents arriving to collect children at classroom doors at the same time leading to delays and making it difficult for staff to pair children up with parents. **PLEASE HELP US BY ARRIVING AT ANY POINT WITHIN THE TIMESLOT.** School staff will always stay with children until they are collected.

PCR TESTING FOR HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS

The guidance recommends that household contacts of Covid-19 cases arrange to have a PCR test even if they don't have symptoms. Please book a test for all household members if a positive case is identified in your home.

VENTILATION IN CLASSROOMS

Good ventilation in classrooms is another important measure we have in place to reduce the spread of Covid-19. This means that doors and windows are open more than they normally would be leading to temperatures in school being lower. As colder weather approaches, parents may wish to send children into school wearing an extra layer of clothing (perhaps a vest or tshirt) under their school uniforms..

DANCE CLUB

Bethan is unable to attend Dance Club on Monday 8th November—this has been rescheduled to Friday 12th. Please ensure that children come to school with appropriate clothing to change into for this club.

SPARE WELLIES

We're always in need of spare wellies in Early Years. If you have wellies that your children have now grown out of we'll almost certainly be able to make use of them!



MUSICAL PARENTS OR FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

As Covid safety measures hopefully begin to reduce later in the school year we are hoping to be able to provide our pupils with the opportunity to watch and listen to some music being played live in school. We are hoping to gather a range of people who play different instruments (the more unusual the better) to come along and play their instrument for the children in an assembly for a few minutes. We love to hear from parents or other people in the local community who might be willing to bring their instrument along and play for us later in the year. Please contact the school office by email or phone if you might be willing to help us

SWIMMING UPDATE

We attended a very productive meeting at the Granary Leisure complex this week and have begun putting plans in place for swimming lessons for Y1-Y4 to restart in January. We are delighted to have made this progress and need to make the most of the opportunity to take children swimming locally again. We are likely to be arranging weekly 30 minute lessons for the children. As well as having a swimming teacher and lifeguards, we also hope to have school staff in the water with the children; this will increase the amount of time each child has in the water and help make the most effective use of the time available. When we have more details we'll update parents on timings. In order to keep swimming lessons going throughout the school year, we rely on parental contributions. To make things more straightforward we will be able to add a suggested swimming contribution amount to SchoolGrid accounts—although these are not compulsory they will support the ongoing swimming provision. Swimming is part of the school's PE curriculum so lessons provided are not optional.