



### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

**LAST WEEK: 96.5%**

Nursery (Seahorses)	-97.2%
Reception (Turtles)	- 97.3%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 92.1%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 97.3%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 99.1%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 97.5%

**Well Done Sharks!**

### STARS OF THE WEEK

**Savannah Cowie  
Olivia Million  
Frankie Richardson  
Jack Stephenson  
Nina Baxter  
David Armstrong  
Caleb Wake**

### 2019/20 SCHOOL DIARY

Thursday 30th January	3.15pm—Meeting for Y3 Parents for Y4 Robinwood Residential
Friday 14th February	Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly
Friday 14th February	3.15pm - School Closes for Half Term
Monday 24th February	School reopens
Tues 17th & Wednesday 18th Weds 18th March	PARENTS' EVENINGS

### ONLINE CLASS NEWSLETTERS

This half term's class newsletters will soon be live on the 'newsletters' section of the school website. These online newsletters give details about what the children will be learning during this half term and also contain lots of useful links, videos and resources that can be used to support the children's learning.

### NEW READING BOOKS

This week, all of the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who take part in Read Write Inc lessons have been given an additional reading book to bring home with them. This book has been specifically chosen for your child to match their phonic knowledge to develop the pace and fluency of their reading. It is important that they read it at least 3 times before it is changed the following week -we hope that this practise, alongside their usual reading, will really speed the progress of your child's reading. We really appreciate your support with this!

### KEY STAGE 1 READING CRITTERS

In order to encourage more children to read on a regular basis at home with an adult we will now be presenting any 'Reading Critters' that the children achieve in our Friday assemblies. The children love earning these crazy little creatures and some are beginning to build up a small collection of them. To achieve a critter children need to have read with an adult for 4 days in a week for 3 weeks. Parents must record reads in their child's reading record for us to give the relevant reward!

### SUMDOG MATHS

Another challenge that our children really enjoy taking part in is their weekly Sumdog homework. Sumdog quickly learns the ability of the children and sets personalised questions at an appropriate level for them and then adjusts these as the children begin answering more questions correctly. We have seen a few instances recently where Sumdog has been giving questions that far exceed the ability of the child - this has usually been when parents have helped the children a little too much with their questions! Thankfully we have been able to reset these accounts. Although children may need a little support logging in to Sumdog, they should be able to attempt answering the questions independently.

### WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

We will continue our 'Word of the Week' Challenge ' this year as most of the children are really enjoying finding out new words and are even beginning to use some of these to help their reading and writing. We ask that as part of your child's homework they find a word that they do not know the meaning of and then find out the meaning of the word so that they are able to explain it. We choose 5 favourite words in each class each week as well as class words of the week for our Friday assembly. It is important that the children really know and understand the word that they bring in—these do not need to be long or complicated words, just a word that your child now knows the meaning of!

### PTA MEETING—NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Our Parent Teacher Association is a small, friendly group of parents and staff who work together to help raise funds for school. Our PTA raises thousand of pounds each year that allow us to provide the children with additional opportunities and resources that our normal school budget may not be able to provide. New Members are always welcome to come along with new ideas or just a willingness to be involved. If you're interested in joining please come along to the next informal PTA meeting after assembly next Friday. Or call in and have a word with Mrs Dellbridge. It is really appreciated even if you can give up a small amount of time to help organise or run events.

### IN TO WIN LUCKY WINNERS

This week we drew the lucky winners of last half term's 'In to Win' competition. All children who had 100% attendance and no more than 1 late mark were in the draw for an ice cream treat at Spurrelli. The winners are: Lola R, Leo B, Cassie R, Lacey L, Faith E, and Corey F. With good attendance and punctuality there is a fresh chance to be in this draw every half term!

### PUNCTUALITY TARGETS

Unfortunately we failed to achieve our punctuality target last half term again. We have set the new target for this week of less than 32 late marks across the school for the whole half term. Let's hope that we can finally achieve our treat. We will continue to write to parents of pupils who are persistently late for school. **Unfortunately we have already had 9 late marks this week (5 of which were on Friday) —not a great start!**

**WE EXPECT THE CHILDREN TO BE READY TO COME INTO SCHOOL PROMPTLY WHEN THE DOORS OPEN AT 8.45am. This gives them a settled start to the day.**

### SWIMMING—NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons next week are for Y2 on Thursday and Y4 on Friday. Please ensure that children bring their swimming kits and contributions to school on the morning of their lessons.