



STARS OF THE WEEK

Freya Hopper
Harley Bingham
Lucas McMonagle
Paige Taylor
Charlie Nealon
Willow Nyberg
Kayden Montgomery

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK : 98.5%

Nursery (Seahorses) - 97.8%
 Reception (Turtles) - 98.6%
 Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 98.3%
 Year 2 (Puffins) - 97.9%
 Year 3 (Sharks) - 99.1%
 Year 4 (Penguins) - 98.5%

Well Done Sharks!

2023 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 31st January	Y1 PE Multiskills Festival—Ashington
Wednesday 1st February	TEACHERS STRIKE DATE SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL CLASSES EXCEPT LITTLE PEBBLES
Friday 10th February	Parents invited to classrooms to see books after assembly
NEW Monday 13th February	3.20pm—Robinwood meeting for Y3 Parents
Friday 17th February	Tanzania Day Coffee Morning after assembly in aid of EdUKaid
Friday 17th February	3.10pm School closes for half term break
Tuesday 28th February	School reopens for Spring Half Term 2
Tuesday 28th February	TEACHERS STRIKE DATE (TBC)
Wednesday 15th March & Thursday 16th March	TEACHERS STRIKE DATES (TBC)
Monday 20th March	Year 4 Skipping Festival - Ashington
Tues 21st & Weds 22nd March	PARENTS' EVENINGS
Thursday 30th March	Y2 Gymnastics Festival—Ashington
Friday 31st March	2pm—SCHOOL CLOSING FOR EASTER BREAK

IMPORTANT—TEACHERS STRIKE DATES

Parents should note that **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL CLASSES EXCEPT LITTLE PEBBLES ON WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY** due to the first of a series of strikes by teachers..

This has not been an easy decision for teachers or governors to make but it is felt that this is the most appropriate action for us to take in the circumstances. As with such action, there is always the possibility of last minute changes but this is the most up to date information we have. We will contact parents by email should there be any changes.

SUPPORTING OUR FRIENDS IN TANZANIA—COFFEE MORNING



As many of you will be aware, we have supported EdUKaid for a number of years now, building links with a Mgao Pre Primary school in Tanzania. On **Friday 17th February** Tim Varney, a Trustee of the charity who has been involved with EdUKaid

since it started in 2003 is coming to visit us at Amble Links and talk to the children about the work he has been involved in over in Tanzania. To welcome Tim back to Amble Links and as a way of promoting our children's understanding of how the work and fundraising we do in school supports children in Tanzania we are going to have a Tanzanian Day. As part of this we will be inviting the children to come to school dressed in non uniform wearing clothes that are the same colours as the Tanzanian flag (green, yellow, black, or blue) for a donation of £1. After our usual Friday assembly, which parents are invited to, we will also be hosting a coffee morning where parents can collect the children from their classrooms and enjoy a drink and some cake in the hall. All funds raised will be going to EdUKaid and supporting the children of Mgao Pre Primary school. We're aiming to raise £400 on the day which will pay the salary of the school's pre-primary teacher for approximately 6 months, providing an education for the 98 pre-primary children



PLANS FOR SCHOOLS IN THE COQUET PARTNERSHIP

On Wednesday, members of the local community were invited for a look at the proposed plans for the new high school to be built in Amble along with plans for the refurbishment of Amble Middle School to house Amble First School and a satellite of Barndale House Special School. More details of the plans can be found on the Northumberland County Council Website. We are still in discussion with council officers about the proposed plans for additional classrooms at Amble Links for when we become a primary school and keep our Year 5 children in September 2024. We are already in the process of making plans for how this will work and there will be much more information coming out to parents as we move towards this exciting change.



Thanks to a very generous donation from The Market Tavern, Alnwick and The Harbour Inn, Amble we have decided to run a Valentine's themed raffle. First prize is Sunday lunch for four people including a bottle of house wine to be taken at either location. We will have various other prizes including wine, flowers and chocolates. Tickets are £1 a strip and on sale now. **The winners will be drawn in assembly on Friday 10th February.**

NEW CHROMEBOOKS

This week we have taken delivery of 10 new Chromebook computers that the children will be using to support their learning in computing lessons and across the curriculum. These have been funded from the kind donations made at Christmas by followers of our naughty elves!