



LINKS NEWS

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Attendance for Last Week in December

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK WE ACHIEVED 99.5%

Class percentages for **LAST WEEK** :

Nursery (Seahorses) -94.6%

Reception (Turtles) - 99.2%

Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 100%

Year 2 (Puffins) - 99.4%

Year 3 (Sharks) - 100%

Year 4 (Penguins) - 99.2%

Well done Jellyfish and Sharks!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Amelia Knowles
Eva Henderson
Kyle Nyberg
Daisy Boutflour
Theo-Jay Barclay
Shauntae Henderson

BUY SCHOOL UNIFORM AT
alfs.schoole.com

2018 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 23rd January	3.15pm - Meeting for Y3 Parents : Robinwood 2018
Thursday 8th February	9am- Jellyfish Class assembly
Friday 9th February	9.30am - Parents invited to classrooms after assembly
Friday 9th February	3.15pm -School Closes for Half Term
Monday 19th February	School Reopens for Spring Term 2
Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st March	3.30pm—Parents' Evenings
Thursday 29th March	2pm—School Closes for Easter Holiday
NEW Monday 16th April	School Re-opens for Summer Term

SCHOOL PUNCTUALITY TARGET

We have set ourselves a challenging punctuality target for this half term of no more than 55 'lates' for the whole half term. With only 3 weeks of the half term to go, we already have 30 lates recorded—at that rate we will not hit our target! We record children as being late to school if they come in through the main entrance after their usual entrance doors have been closed. Doors open at 8.45am each day and children should be ready to come into school at that time.



Parents are asked to help us achieve this target by ensuring children arrive at school on time every day.

PRINTING MATHLETICS CERTIFICATES

We are really impressed with how many of the children in school are achieving Mathletics certificates every week and are finding ourselves printing hundreds of coloured certificates every month. In order to help us cut printing costs we have decided that we will only routinely print Mathletics certificates for the child in each class with the highest points total and any gold awards from now on. Children are still able to view all of their certificates in the 'My Certificates' section of Mathletics and these can also be downloaded and printed at home. The Mathletics website also allows children to see how many certificates they earned in previous years so they can set themselves challenges! We feel this is a much more efficient to store certificates but will, of course, be happy to print a certificate if a child asks.



ARE YOU AWARE OF WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE?

Keeping safe online is something we take very seriously and we regularly discuss this with the children.

Despite being a tremendous resource, the internet does have its risks including cyberbullying, grooming,

sexting and pornography. Parents are reminded that it is extremely important to always be aware of what children are accessing online and how they are behaving online. We have collected together a range of resources that can support you with this and placed them in the 'Keeping Safe' - E-Safety section of our school website. It is well worth having a look through these resources and taking some time to discuss their understanding of online safety with them.

Parents are also reminded that there are reporting tools available to the children on the school website and in their School360 accounts if they have any worries. The 'Report an Issue' link (below) is accessible on our website and this can be used by anyone to report concerns.

Hot topics



SWIMMING CONTRIBUTION REMINDER

We are really proud of the fact that nearly every one of our children is able to swim 25m by the time they leave Amble Links. We feel this is extremely important as we live so close to the river and the sea. Although we already subsidise them from the school budget, we are only able to provide swimming lessons for all children from half way through their Reception year with contributions towards lessons from parents..

Our children have a 1 hour swimming lesson every other week and we ask for a contribution of £4 per lesson (or £2 per lesson if the child is entitled to Pupil Premium). Please send contributions to the school office.

SWIMMING NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons for next week are for Year 2 on Thursday and Year 4 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.

REMINDER FOR YEAR 3 PARENTS!

Please don't forget to come along to the meeting for parents about next year's residential visit to Robinwood Activity Centre. We'll be giving more information about the visit and giving you an opportunity to ask any early questions.

Visit our website at: www.amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk

