# Amble Links First School

# LINKS NEWS

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#### Attendance for Week 1

Our school target is 95 %

# OVERALL LAST WEEK- 97%

Reception (Turtles) 90%
Year 1 Jellyfish- 93%
Year 2 Puffins - 97%
Year 3 Sharks- 96%
Year 4 Penquins - 100%

Well Done Penguins!



# STARS OF THE

### WEEK

Callum Straughan
Bonnie Durham
Layton Coxford
Cheyenne Mitchell
Millie Urwin
Emily Stevens

#### HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Further to the information we sent out during the Autumn term we would like to again clarify our position on leave of absence from school during term time. In line with all of the other schools in the Coquet Partnership, we do not authorise leave of absence during term time unless in very exceptional circumstances. Parents should always complete a leave of absence request form and return this to school before the holiday; this form details the criteria that we use to decide whether we will apply to the Education Welfare Officer to impose a fine. As with the other schools in the partnership this is done if the child's attendance for the 12 month period leading up to the holiday is lower than 90%. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about this policy.

A copy of the form is also now available in the 'School Information' section of the school website.

#### Parent Governors

We currently have two Parent Governors on our school's Governing Body (Carol Stevens and Ailsa Dellbridge). Carol's term of office is due to expire shortly but she is willing to continue in the role. If any other parents are interested in becoming a governor there would need to be an election for the post. Should you be interested in becoming a parent governor please let Mr Heeley know by midday on Friday 23rd January.

#### Home/School Agreements

This week we will be sticking new Home/School Agreements into the back of each child's homework book. These are informal agreements between children, parents and school about what we can all do to improve the education that our children receive. Please take some time to read it with your child and also sign up to the agreement yourself. We're sure you'll agree that the points included will all help the children become responsible, respectful and resilient learners.

#### Y2 Gymnastics Festival

On Wednesday the Y2 will be walking to JCSC for a gymnastics festival. Please send the children to school in sensible warm tracksuits, coats, hats and trainers that day.

# PTA MOVIE NIGHT

Our next PTA Movie Night is on FRIDAY 30th JANUARY from 5pm until 7pm for children in Years 1-4. The feature film will be 'Diary of A Wimpy Kid 3'. Cost will be £3 to include a hot dog, drink and some sweets.

# 2015 SCHOOL DIARY

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***NEW***	4.15pm Y3/4 Football
Tuesday 20th January	Tournament
	Letters sent out this week
***NEW***	Year 2 Gymnastics Festival
Wednesday 21st January	at JCSC.
***NEW***	PTA Movie Night for Y1-
Friday 30th January	У4
***NEW***	4.15 pm Y3/4 Netball
Tuesday 3rd February	Tournament
	Letters sent out this week
Friday 6th February	Parents invited to
·	classrooms after assembly
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#### Cut out Calendar!

Thanks to the parent who suggested the idea of the scissors and dashed line around the school calendar, Cut out this calendar each week and stick it to the fridge—you'll never miss a school date again!

#### Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Our PTA are on the lookout for new members. They are planning to hold their meetings at 4pm on Sundays at the Old Storehouse which we hope is a more convenient time for more people to attend (as well as being in more comfortable surroundings!) The next meeting is due to be held on Sunday 1st March at 4pm and everyone is welcome to come along! We hope to attract parents from across the school to join in and help with our fundraising efforts!

Last week's MATHLETICS WINNER was GRACE ARMSTRONG with 7077pts. See the hall wall for class winners too.

Visit our website at: www.amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk for lots more information!!

