# Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS

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# STARS OF THE WEEK Harper Collins Bailey-Rae Sykes Ronnie Dodds Sophia Gair Lilly Brown Henry Stone

Amelia Knowles

# ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 96.5%

Little Pebbles -98.3%
Nursery (Seahorses) -97.0%
Reception (Turtles) - 94.7%
Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 93.3%
Year 2 (Puffins) - 97.9%
Year 3 (Sharks) - 99.1%
Year 4 (Penguins) - 97.8%

Well Done Sharks!

2023 SCHOOL DIARY	
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	PTA Chocolate Raffle
Friday 31st March	2pm—SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER BREAK
***NEW*** Monday 17th April	School Reopens for Summer Term

### WORLD BOOK DAY

Families made another brilliant effort today for our World Book Day celebrations. The children and staff came to school in wide range of costumes representing some of their favourite book characters. All children were all able to choose a new book as part of our book swap. All children have been sent home with a book



### PTA CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

Believe it or not, there are only 4 weeks left until the Easter holidays are upon us. As usual, our PTA will be running their Easter Chocolate Raffle which is always a very popular event and a great fundraiser. We' hope that children and families will again be willing to make donations of Easter Eggs for our raffle. Any

donations of chocolate or small Easter themed gifts will be very much welcomed. Any donations should be brought along to the school office. Thanks in anticipation of your usual kindness and generosity. We'll let you know when tickets are on sale.



### APPOINTMENTS WITH SCHOOL NURSE

We are very lucky to be able to offer the services of Jane, our school nurse, to children and families at Amble Links. Over the years, Jane has helped many families with a wide range of issues including anxiety, sleep issues, bedwetting, toilet training and other health issues. Jane offers a wealth of knowledge and experience and if she can't help she is usually able to signpost parents to other relevant services or put referrals in for additional support. Jane also works with many children in school to support with speech and language. Unfortunately, in recent weeks and months there have been multiple times when parents have booked appointments with Jane and then failed to attend. Jane's time is limited so please ensure that if you make an appointment you are able to keep it. This will help us to be able to allocate her time in school more effectively.

### IMPORTANT—TEACHERS STRIKE DATES

Parents should note that it is highly likely that SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL CLASSES EXCEPT LITTLE PEBBLES ON WEDNESDAY 15TH & THURSDAY 16TH MARCH due to the third of a series of strikes by

teachers.

Closing classes is never 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.

## HALF TERMLY PUPIL PROGRESS REPORTS

This week, parents of KS1 & KS2 children should have received their half termly progress reports detailing current teacher assessments, latest test results and how well they have engaged with homework. Please don't hesitate to get in touch should you have any queries about these reports.

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