# Amble Links First School

# LINKS NEWS

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### Attendance for Last Week

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Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK WE ACHIEVED 97%

Class percentages for last week:

Reception (Turtles) - 95%

Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 98%

Year 2 (Puffins) - 94%

*Year 3 (Sharks)* - 99%

Year 4 (Penguins) - 94%

Well done Sharks!

## STARS OF THE

#### **WEEK**

Nina Baxter Joe Morrison Isla Cook Alicia Allen

Jax Burns

Lee Nyberg

Cheyenne Mitchell

#### INAPPROPRIATE COMPUTER GAMES

It has come to our attention that a number of children are being exposed to very inappropriate computer games and watching Youtube videos about these games at home. Some of these children naturally talk about these with friends and begin role playing what they are seeing. Unfortunately, other parents and school staff are increasingly having to deal with children who are worried or scared about what they are hearing or seeing. There is a range of useful information on our school website about E-Safety (Keeping Safe Online) which parents are urged to make use of. We also ask that parents are very vigilant about what children are accessing online. Below is some information from commonsensemedia.org about 'Five Nights at Freddy's' which is one of the games that seems to be causing issues in school:

Parents need to know *Five Nights at Freddy's* is a horror game that uses tension and jump scares in place of blood and guts -- and, as a result, is a lot scarier than many other titles. The sense of being trapped and defenceless in a small office quickly becomes real -- and when the animatronic characters jump out at you, you'll jump (and maybe scream). This makes the game much too intense for younger kids -- and teens should know what they're getting into.

#### SCHOOL CAR PARK SAFETY AGAIN

Further to the information about using our school car park safely in last week's newsletter we'd also like to remind any parents using the car park at any time to ensure that they drive very slowly, park considerately and avoid using the disabled parking bay. We have had a number of recent complaints about vehicles not using the car park safely and considerately.

#### PTA Events

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Discos on Wednesday - over £280 was raised. The PTA also kindly funded our Early Years Chinese Dancing today—look out for photos soon!

#### WORLD BOOK DAY

As usual, we will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Friday 3rd March (the day after the official day!). We will be asking children to dress up as their favourite book characters and also running a 'Reading in Unusual Places' photo competition again. Look out for a letter from Mrs Oliver soon.

DON'T FORGET THAT OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.



Thursday—Year 2, Friday—Year 4
Please don't forget to send your contributions!

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#### 2017 SCHOOL DIARY

| Monday 13th February                       | Y2 Puffins—Around the World Cooking Day            |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 14th February                      | Y4 Penguins—Felt<br>Workshop                       |
| Thursday 16th February                     | 9am - Y3 Sharks Class<br>Assembly                  |
| Friday 17th February                       | Around the World Day                               |
| Friday 17th February                       | Parents invited to classrooms after assembly (     |
| Friday 17th February                       | 3.15pm- School closes for<br>half term break.      |
| Monday 27th February                       | School Reopens<br>NO TRAINING DAY                  |
| Monday 27th February                       | 9am EdUKaid Presentation and Coffee Morning        |
| ***NEW***<br>Monday 27th February          | Y3 Roman Mosaics<br>Workshop                       |
| ***NEW***<br>Friday 3rd March              | World Book Day - Dressing up and Photo Competition |
| Friday 17th March                          | PTA Movie Night Y1-Y4                              |
| Tuesday 28th March<br>Wednesday 29th March | Parents Evenings                                   |

#### INVITATIONS TO PARENTS

Parents are invited to come along to see our Year3 Sharks class assembly at **9am next Thursday** in the hall. This is a great opportunity to see what they have been learning about the Romans. Parents are also invited to come back to classrooms after assembly **next Friday** to look through the children's books with them.

AROUND THE WORLD DAY—NEXT FRIDAY
Don't forget that it's Around the World Day on
Friday 17th February. We're looking forward to
seeing the children come to school in a range of
costumes that represent different countries of the
world. We'll also be asking for a £1 donation
towards EdUKaid, the charity chosen by our School
Council. Look out for much more information on
last week's newsletter.

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

