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Nursery (Seahorses)	-96.0%
Reception (Turtles)	- 97.3%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 99.1%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 94.3%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 98.2%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 99.1%

Well done Jellyfish and Penguins

THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

THIS WEEK: 95.9%

Nursery (Seahorses)	-92.4 %
Reception (Turtles)	- 97.4%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 95.5%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 96.1%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 90.4%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 99.0%

Well done Penguins!

OVERALL ATTENDANCE

Overall this year we have achieved **96.9%** attendance. This is above national averages—a big Well Done to everyone who has helped achieve this! - we just missed our target of 97% due to a few holidays taken in the last week of the year.

Children with good attendance usually make better progress than those with poor attendance. Good attendance also helps children prepare for the responsibilities of work that we will hope they will have as they grow up.

We will continue to push attendance and punctuality next year. From September we have changed the threshold for applying penalty notices for holidays taken during term time; we will apply for these notices for children who have attendance of less than 93% in the 12 months leading up to the holiday. The Education Welfare Officer is also used to support us with children who are classed as persistent absentees (below 90% attendance). Our Y2 Puffins also received their treat for winning the award for the class with the best attendance this year.

2018 SCHOOL DIARY

*** NEW *** Monday 3rd September	TRAINING DAY School closed to children. Office open between 10am and 12 noon for uniforms.
Tuesday 4th September	School Opens for Autumn Term

Y4 LEAVERS—AWARDS AND PERFORMANCE

Our Y4 children did us proud on Monday with their excellent performance of Sleeping Beauty to a large audience of family members. On Tuesday they were treated by our PTA to a Glitzy Awards evening and disco. The children have all been a real credit to our school and we wish them all the best as they move on to their next schools.

YOUNG CITIZENS AWARDS

On Friday we took Kelsie Ramsay to the Amble and Warkworth Young Citizens Awards Ceremony. Kelsie was one of the runners up for the award. The Town Council said that their choice of winner was very difficult this year due to the quality of each one of the nominees. We hope Kelsie enjoys the huge bag of prizes she received.

PICNIC AND POPCORN HUNT!

Due to an unexpected spike in the sale of peas in Amble last week the old lady with a hole in her bag ended up buying popcorn this year! We were really pleased that so many family members and friends were able to join us on Monday to help find the popcorn. We're already wondering what might be dropped next year! Thanks to everyone who came for their patience too; it was a little unfortunate that we had to picnic indoors.

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRES—WINNER

Thanks to everyone who returned questionnaires. The lucky winner of the £20 voucher was: **Harry Davison**

IN TO WIN WINNERS

Well done to all children who have achieved 100% attendance this term—the lucky winners for the In To Win draw were: Layton Coxford, Levi Forster, Maddie Curran, Stephen Addison, Imogen Biggs and Alex Bremner—all of these children enjoyed an ice-cream treat on Wednesday.

100% ATTENDANCE ALL YEAR

A number of children in KS1 and Reception have achieved 100% Attendance for the WHOLE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!! We also took those children to Spurreli on Wednesday. Well done to the following children for such a great achievement: Eva Henderson, Ollie Armstrong, Holly Bell, Kyle Nyberg, Faith Elliot, Craig Taylor, Skye Paterson, Jamila Saker, Seth Hale and Jack Ross.

PUNCTUALITY TARGET

Unfortunately we did not achieve our punctuality target of less than 20 lates for this half term although we were very close. This is still a huge improvement from the start of the year. Due to the impact this has had we will continue with these targets next year and work with the very small minority of families that continue to arrive at school after the doors are closed.

PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR

School Uniform

Parents are reminded that all children at Amble Links are expected to wear school uniform. Exact details of our uniform are available on the school website. Please note that children are also expected to wear **black shoes** as part of their uniform. School jumpers and cardigans can be purchased from the school office.

Earrings

Ideally children will not wear earrings for school. Due to the risk of injury earrings should also be removed for PE. If children are not able to remove these themselves we ask that they do not wear earrings to school on PE or swimming days. If you plan for your child to have their ears pierced during the holiday, it would be helpful to get this done at the start of the school holiday so that earrings are able to be removed for school. Please note that only simple stud earrings are allowed.