

Attendance for Week 1

Our school target is 95 %

OVERALL LAST WEEK- 97%

Reception (Turtles)	96%
Year 1 Jellyfish-	98%
Year 2 Puffins -	99%
Year 3 Sharks-	97%
Year 4 Penguins -	94%

Well Done Puffins again!



STARS OF THE WEEK

**Eve Patterson
Alfie Armstrong
Jessica Waddell
Mollie Burge
Jasmyn Barclay
Chelsea Pattison**

2014 SCHOOL DIARY

NEW Tuesday 21st January	9am Informal meeting with parents about homework.
NEW Friday 31st January	5pm PTA Movie Night
NEW Tuesday 11th February	4pm and 5.15pm PTA Valentines Discos
Friday 14th February	3.15pm Break up for Half Term
NEW Friday 28th February	7pm PTA Quiz Night
Friday 7th March	World Book Day (Book Character Costumes)
Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th March	Parents' Evenings
NEW Friday 21st March	5pm PTA Movie Night
NEW Friday 4th April	PTA Chocolate Raffle after assembly
NEW Friday 4th April	2pm Break Up for Easter Holiday



This week, Lisa from the NSPCC has visited school to talk with us about the work that the NSPCC do. She talked with the children about making sure they always felt safe and what they should do if they do not feel safe. Lisa encouraged the children always tell someone they feel they can talk to if they ever have any worries about anything including bullying, people hurting them or people calling them names. She also told the children about Childline's free number that children can use: 0800 1111
We'll let you know next week how much our Green Day raised for the NSPCC

Homework

Meeting for Parents

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, staff will be discussing and reviewing our homework provision next week. We'd like to thank any parents who have already given us feedback about homework. We'd still be really interested to hear more parents' thoughts about how we can move forward in making homework more valuable and enjoyable.

We've arranged an informal meeting with Mr Heeley for any parents who would like to discuss this further 9am on Tuesday 21st January. We'd really like to hear your opinions about homework and ask that parents try to come along with suggestions to improve the experience of homework at Amble Links.

It would be really helpful if you could let us know at the office on Monday if you intend to come along.

PTA EVENTS

Our PTA held their first meeting of 2014 this week to plan some of their fundraising events for the early part of the year. There's lots going on as usual including Film Nights, Discos and Quiz. **Take a look at the events in the diary on the newsletter to find out more.**

PTA members will be out and about again selling Bonus Ball numbers each week so look out for them! The children are already making good use of the Ipads that the PTA bought for us last year. Please try to support these events!

What the children say.....

We love hearing some of the things that our children say to us each week! We were particularly impressed this week when, out of the blue following a PE lesson a child asked their teacher: "How can I make that even better for next week?"

A brilliant example of children wanting to improve their work!!

KS1 Fire Station Visit

As part of their topic work, the KS1 children have visited Amble Fire Station this week to find out more about the work that our Fire and Rescue Service do. The children had chance to see lots of



the specialist equipment that the firefighters use and even had a go at using the hoses themselves. You'll be pleased to hear that, as usual, the children did us proud with their excellent behaviour for these visits. Thanks to the firefighters at Amble Fire Station for having us!

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Our last collection raised £190 for PTA funds thank you. Our next collection is in May so start collecting now!!