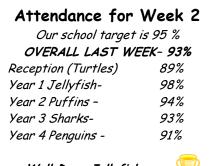
Amble Links First School

LINKS NEWS



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Well Done Jellyfish-Your first win!



HOMEWORK

We'd like to thank the six parents who came along to discuss homework this week. It was really helpful to hear their views, along with the views of the children on the School Council. We discussed homework as a staff on Wednesday and will begin to make some changes to homework quite quickly. The changes that you will notice first are that **homework will now**

be set on a FRIDAY and should be returned by a WEDNESDAY. This will give us more time to look at homework, discuss it with the children and decide on which piece of homework will be awarded our new HOMEWORK AWARDS at each Friday assembly. We'll soon let you know more about how we plan to use some great internet based resources for maths homework too. We're also going to begin putting the internet hyperlinks we give on our homework sheets directly onto the school website to save typing those in!!

An important aspect of setting homework is for parents to work with their children on what they are doing at school. Homework will often include finding out information before lessons but may also involve the children teaching parents how to do something they've learnt. This is one

of the best ways to help children learn! PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO COMMENT IN HOMEWORK BOOKS ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE TOGETHER OR HOW WELL YOUR CHILD HAS DONE WITH HOMEWORK.

Shortly, we'll write to KS2 parents separately about homework. We believe it is our duty to prepare the children for increasing levels of homework as they move to Middle School as well as the importance of completing the homework within deadlines. We already have some ideas about how we can improve this, particularly in KS2.

GREEN DAY WINNERS

Thanks to everyone who supported our 'Green Day'. We raised about £150 for the NSPCC. Children with our favourite costumes were: Tyler Jury, Shannon Taylor, Ebony Taylor, Finlay Evans, Alannah Mather and



CHINESE THEME DAY

To celebrate the Chinese New Year we're going to be having a Chinese themed day in school on Wednesday. We'll be having Chinese cookery demonstrations as well a Chinese themed school dinner. If you'd like your child to have a school dinner on Wednesday please let us know in the office by MONDAY-dinners cost £2 per day. Check the website to find out more about what we get up to!

| 2014 SCHOOL DIARY | |
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| ***NEW*** Wednesday 29th January | Chinese Theme Day |
| Friday 31st January | 5pm PTA Movie Night |
| Tuesday 11th February | 4pm and 5.15pm PTA Valentines Discos |
| Friday 14th February | 3.15pm Break up for Half Term |
| Friday 7th March | World Book Day (Book Character Costumes) |
| Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th March | Parents' Evenings |
| Friday 21st March | 5pm PTA Movie Night |
| Friday 4th April | PTA Chocolate Raffle after assembly |
| Friday 4th April | 2pm Break Up for Easter Holiday |

2014 SCHOOL DTADY

NETBALL WINNERS!

Well done to the KS2 children who went up to JCSC on Tuesday to take part in the Netball tournament against 3 other schools.

Our red team did really well and won their section, our yellow team were second and blue were fourth. We were really impressed with the children's behaviour and good sportsmanship which Mrs Goodfellow described as 'impeccable" we can't get much better than that!! Thanks to Mrs Goodfellow and Miss

Barnes for giving up their time to take the children to this event.



MOVIE NIGHT

Next Friday Night (31st January) is Movie Night! FOR ONLY £3 each children are invited to come back to school at 5pm to watch this half term's movie-Wreckit Ralph.

Children will also get a hot dog, pop corn and a drink. As usual they're welcome to bring duvets etc and come in pyjamas!

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

"Everyone succeeds at Amble Links."