



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

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Nursery (Seahorses)	-95.2%
Reception (Turtles)	- 97.6%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 94.6%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 99.0%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 97.8%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 98.2%

Well Done Puffins!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Lacey Hunter
Benji Bell
Amelia-Rose Macnamara-Charlton
Jack Taylor
Mason McKay
Lola Paterson
Ted Purvis

2020 SCHOOL DIARY

Tues 17th & Weds 18th March	PARENTS' EVENINGS
Monday 23rd March	Bag2School Collection
NEW Friday 27th March	Non-Uniform Day in return for an Easter Egg for Raffle
NEW Monday 30th March	9am KS1 & 2 Singing Performance in hall
Tuesday 31st March	5pm—Dance Club Dance Showcase at JCSC
Thursday 2nd April	9am—Year 1 Class Assembly
NEW Thursday 2nd April	Easter Hat Competition
NEW Friday 3rd April	PTA Easter Raffle draw after assembly
Friday 3rd April	2pm—SCHOOL CLOSING FOR EASTER BREAK
NEW Thursday 18th June	3pm -PTA Summer Fair

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We receive daily updates about the Coronavirus situation and will act upon government advice as required. We continue to encourage very regular and good quality handwashing amongst the children. We will inform parents as soon as necessary of anything that may impact us in school. The information below comes from the Director of Public Health at Northumberland County Council: Parents will be aware of national and international concerns about COVID-19, an illness caused by a novel coronavirus.

Children should attend school as normal, unless they are contacted by Public Health England and advised otherwise. Anybody who is identified as a contact of a case in the UK and who needs to take action will be contacted directly by Public Health England and given individual advice.

Remember - prevention is always better than cure so, as with the flu virus, the most effective way to protect yourself from Covid-19 is to adopt good respiratory and hand hygiene to prevent the risk of infection and a 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to coughs and sneezes.

Hand washing is the most important lesson a child can learn and acquiring it is an essential lifelong skill. Children can be taught from as early as 2 years of age about handwashing so now is a really good time to reinforce that learning. Fun ways and activities to teach children how to wash hands effectively are available at <http://mrsaactionuk.net/kidshandwashing.html>

It's important that we all keep up to date with the latest government advice which can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

PTA INFORMATION-EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

As usual, our PTA will be holding a Giant Chocolate Raffle on Friday 3rd April. As Easter Eggs are now on sale in shops we're keen to accept donations from now on. There will be a small treat in the office for children bringing an egg in. We're also going to be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 27th March in return

for an Easter Egg towards the raffle. This is usually a great fundraiser for our PTA so please give generously to help out.

Tickets for the Raffle will be on sale at the office and around classrooms from Monday.

The PTA are also starting to plan for their Summer Fair on Thursday 18th June to make it even bigger and better. If you would like to be involved or have any ideas please speak to Mrs Dellbridge in the school office.



EASTER HAT COMPETITION

Following on from previous years we are going to run our Easter Hat competition again this year. Entries need to be brought into school on Thursday 2nd April for us to hold our hat parade that day before announcing our favourites in assembly on Friday 3rd April.



SCHOOL CLOSURE—CONTINUING LEARNING

Staff have been discussing how best to support children to continue their learning in the event that the school is required to close for an extended period.—this will be based on government guidance. Most of what we would offer will be through online systems that the children can already access through School360. Children in KS1 & 2 will be set up on Google Classroom to allow teachers to set work. Continuing reading daily and learning tables would also be valuable.

IN TO WIN TREAT

This week Mr Heeley took the lucky winners of last half term's In To Win competition for an ice cream treat at Spurreli. Remember, to get an entry into this half termly draw children need 100% attendance and no more than 1 late

WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

Our favourite words chosen this week are: Y1—ample (Bobby J), Y2—flourishing (Harrison G) Y3—transformation (Charlie F), Y4—summarise (Ted P) We ask the children to find a new word every week and learn it's meaning—they're really enjoying doing this and are showing an increased interest in vocabulary.

Parents' Evenings (17th/18th March)

Don't forget to sign up for Parents' Evenings with staff before and after school

SWIMMING—NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons next week are for Y2 on Thursday and Y4 on Friday. Reception will continue their weekly swimming lessons each Wednesday. Please ensure that children bring their swimming kits and contributions to school on the morning of their lessons.