



STARS OF THE WEEK

Parker Hall

Evie Gray

Alice Dunn

Maisie Spuhler

John McPeake

Lacey Lowery

Leyla Smith

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK: 95.5%

Nursery (Seahorses) -97.4%

Reception (Turtles) -

Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 98.5%

Year 2 (Puffins) - 92.0%

Year 3 (Sharks) -

Year 4 (Penguins) - 96.9%

Well Done Jellyfish!

2021 SCHOOL DIARY

Wednesday 14th July	3.45pm—Year 4 Leaver's Awards
Friday 16th July	2pm—School closes for Summer Holiday

ATTENDANCE

It has been a little challenging to get an accurate attendance figure in school during the last few weeks due to bubble closures, isolations and children being kept at home through parental choice. Covid absences are recorded in a different way to other absences such as illnesses or unauthorised absences so wouldn't be taken into account when calculating children's overall attendance for the year or leave of absence requests as we move into next year. With the recent government announcement about the end of whole bubble isolation for close contacts, we hope that we'll have a much better run at things and get attendance levels back up and beyond where they were prior to Covid!

COME ON ENGLAND!

Along with many other schools we have decided that we will allow children to arrive at school up to 10.30am on Monday as we know that many of them will be tired after having watched England hopefully win the football on Sunday Evening. Children arriving before 10.30am will not be marked as late.



WHAT A WEEK—OFSTED INSPECTION!

Since last week's newsletter lots has gone on at Amble Links. 2 class bubbles returned to school on Monday but, unfortunately, we then had to close our Y2 bubble. What more could happen to us? The phonecall that every headteacher dreads telling us that our school will be inspected by Ofsted and that they'd be coming on Wednesday and Thursday! Thanks to all of the parents who completed the Parentview form for Ofsted; we gather that these were overwhelmingly positive. We'd also like to thank the parents who took the time to speak with the Ofsted inspector at the school gate. Ofsted have now completed their inspection and will produce a letter to parents with a brief summary of their findings. The outcome of our inspection remains provisional and subject to quality assurance so we are unlikely to be able to share the outcome of our inspection until September.

FURTHER BUBBLE CLOSURE

As this newsletter was being written we have received notification that a child in nursery has tested positive for Covid on a PCR test. This now means that nursery staff and pupils have been asked to self-isolate for 10 days. Due to some of our Little Pebbles staff also working with the nursery children we will unfortunately now need to close Little Pebbles next week. We appreciate that these isolations are extremely disruptive for families as they are for staff members and hope that, as government guidelines change in the summer, the need for bubble isolations will reduce.

SCHOOL DINNERS BACK ON!

We can't thank parents enough for their support over the last 2 weeks in sending the children to school with a packed lunch. We are pleased to announce that our kitchen will be back up and running next week. Next week's menu should soon show on SchoolGrid -PLEASE ENSURE THAT DINNERS ARE ORDERED AT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Y1 -tenacious (Lola R) Y3 - regular (Amelia B)

Y4-tantalizing (Isla)

Our words of the week really support the children in developing their vocabulary!

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

After a tough battle we are able to announce that our Y1 Jellyfish are this year's attendance champions having won the most weekly trophies throughout this year. They'll receive a special treat for this during next week. Well done Jellyfish!



STAFFING UPDATE

Today we say a fond farewell to Mrs Lockey as she moves on to her first permanent teaching post since qualifying as a teacher. Next year she'll be working at St Michael's Primary School in Alnwick (somewhere that both Miss Lightley and Mr Heeley have previously worked!). Mrs Lockey has been with us at Amble Links since 2015, working in various classes and will be a real miss! GOOD LUCK MRS LOCKEY!

Today is also the last day that we'll see Mrs Smith, our Year 3 teacher, this year as she has been called for jury service during the last week of the school year. And the first week of her holiday. We'll look forward to seeing her back in September.

Over the last year, many of the children have also worked with Miss Bowden, either through tutoring or supply cover. Although we're sure we'll see her more next year, we'd like to also thank her for the role she's played with us at Amble Links throughout this year.

PARENTS MUST ENSURE THAT NEW ONLINE EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS FORMS ARE COMPLETED FOR EVERY CHILD