



STARS OF THE WEEK

Oscar Stone
Zach Allan
Kabe Ramsay
Lilly Brown
Leo Burge
Poppy Willis
Harry Wintrip

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%
LAST WEEK: 95.9%

Nursery (Seahorses) - 96.7%
Reception (Turtles) - 97.0%
Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 96.0%
Year 2 (Puffins) - 96.4%
Year 3 (Sharks) - 98.0%
Year 4 (Penguins) - 92.9%

Well Done Sharks!

2021 SCHOOL DIARY

Tues 28th September	Individual and (siblings in school) photographs
Weds 20th October	Bag2School collection
Friday 22nd October	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM
Monday 1st November	School Reopens for Autumn 2
Mon 15th November—Weds 17th November	Year 4 Residential Visit to Robinwood
NEW Fri 19th November	Year 4 Bikeability training
NEW Weds 24th November	Y1-Y4 To Dovecote Theatre for Pantomime

PARENTS ARRIVING TOO EARLY AND TOO LATE

Our single timeslot for drop off and pick up seems to have worked generally well for the first 2 weeks back at school. Based on feedback from parents we have decided to continue this system which helps with social distancing, reduces behaviour incidents and makes that whole drop off/pick up process much smoother for parents (who should not now need to be waiting on the yard) and safer for children. Where the system is not as successful is when parents arrive outside out allocated times; this causes everything to slow down when paths are blocked.

Parents should arrive at school WITHIN our timeslots of 8.40am-8.50am and 3.10pm -3.20pm there is no need to arrive early!

We also ask that Y4 children who are walking to school without an adult are supported by parents in arriving within these timeslots. Children are not supervised by school staff prior to these times

Despite asking parents not to arrive early, we also ask them not to arrive late! Children begin their work as soon as they come into school. Any children arriving after 8.50am are recorded as late in registers. Next week we will be starting a new punctuality challenge with the children to help us get back into good routines.

VOLUNTEERS WITH WHEELBARROWS NEEDED!

We're on the look out for a small number of volunteers who would be willing to come and help us move sand and soil from 3 dumpy bags that we have had delivered to various areas around school. We had hoped that the team from Northumbrian Water who kindly helped us in the summer might get this done but were kept very busy with other jobs. We don't expect that the job will take too long if we can get a few volunteers together one weekend soon. Please let us know at the office if you might be able to help.

OUR OFSTED REPORT

We were delighted to receive the report for our July Ofsted inspection this week. A copy has been sent out to all parents by email but the report can also be accessed [HERE](#). We were judged to still be a **GOOD** school.

Here are a selection of sentences from our report:

'Pupils flourish at Amble Links First School.' 'They enjoy coming to school and feel safe.' 'They have strong relationships with staff.' 'Pupils are polite and confident.' 'Pupils are well behaved'. They have respect for one another in class and around school'.

Inspectors go on to praise our curriculum and the support we provided through Covid lockdowns as well as the firm foundations we provide, starting with Little Pebbles. Although the report is very short, we are very proud of how positive it is throughout—this reflects the hard work that all of our staff and governors put in to ensure that we are the best we possibly can be! Thanks to all parents who provided written or verbal feedback to Ofsted—this was also overwhelmingly positive.

INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT CHILDREN ARE LEARNING

One of the responses from our recent parental questionnaire that came out less strongly than others was about parents knowing what their children are learning at school. Each half term, teachers produce an online class newsletter that explains what they will be learning and gives links and suggestions that can be used at home to help. These online newsletters can be found [HERE](#).

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING—NEXT FRIDAY

We'd like to support Macmillan again with their annual Coffee Morning this year. We would like to ask parents to send in donations of cakes on Friday morning and send in 50p with each child to buy a cake at playtime. If we have any cakes left over we'll run a little cake shop for parents as they pass by when picking children up at the end of the day. THIS WILL RELY ON KIND DONATIONS OF CAKES FROM PARENTS AND STAFF and hopefully raise a good amount of money for us to donate to this very worthy cause.



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