# Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS



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### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE Attendance for Last Week Our School Target is 97%



#### Health and Safety Inspection

We had a Health and Safety Inspection this week. Part of the focus of this was looking to the car park area at Breakfast Club drop off time. We will be looking to make some changes in the near future to make the area safer. In the meantime parents are asked to avoid driving into the school car park wherever possible, especially for Breakfast Club drop off time and after school club pick up time. Drivers are also asked to carefully consider their speed! We have recently erected a fence that we hope will direct pedestrians to use the footpaths into school rather than cutting across the car park; we hope parents will support us in encouraging children to use these.

#### HARVEST ASSEMBLY -THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER

Parents are invited to join us for our Harvest assembly on Thursday 5th October at 9am. We will be joined by the Rev John McDermott who will talk with us about the meaning of harvest celebrations and each class will make a short performance that they have been practising. As we have done over the last couple years, we would like to make another donation to Amble Food Bank. We would be really grateful if children could bring in any donations of appropriate items by Thursday morning. We have included a list on the back of this newsletter. We hope you can join us.

#### OPENING OF NEW PATH AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES

The children thoroughly enjoyed using our new path for the first time on Wednesday. The path is just over 400m long meaning that 4 laps of it total 1 mile. During Wednesday playtime over 50 children clocked up more than a mile! We will introducing a number of ways to encourage children to take more exercise in the coming weeks. Parents are welcome to use the path to walk/run on before and after school and we'll soon be looking to get a 'morning mile' going where we will be able to keep a log of children (and parents) completing a mile together before school—this is a great way to get 15 minutes of exercise in! We will be trialling the use of bikes (Mondays) and scooters (Fridays) on the path but will only allow children with helmets to be using it. PARENTS ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN DO NOT USE THE PATH FOR BIKES AND SCOOTERS BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL. We will keep you informed of how these trials go as safety and good organisation will be a priority.

#### SWIMMING NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons next week are for **Year 2 on Thursday** and **Year 4 on Friday**. Please ensure children come to school with their swimming kit. We ask for a contribution of £4 per lesson (children have 1hr lessons every other week) or £2 if your child is entitled to Pupil Premium. BUY SCHOOL UNIFORM AT alfs.schoople.com

#### 2017 SCHOOL DIARY Tuesday 3rd October Individual and Family School Photographs \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* 9am Harvest Assembly Thursday 5th October Tuesday 10th October Y2 Puffins visit to Alnwick Castle Thursday 12th October V4 Visit to Beamish as evacuees \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* 5pm -PTA Movie Night (Y1-Y4) Friday 13th October Tues 17th & Weds 18th 3.30pm Parents Evenings October Wednesday 18th Y3 'Field to Fork' trip October Thursday 19th October 9am- Year 4 Class Assembly Friday 20th October **Pumpkin Competition** Friday 20th October Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly 3.15pm—School Closes for Friday 20th October half term break \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* SCHOOL CLOSED Monday 30th October TEACHER TRAINING DAY \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Children return to school Tuesday 31st October

 \*\*\*NEW\*\*\*
 PTA Discos

 Tuesday 7th November
 PTA Discos

 \*\*\*NEW\*\*\*
 7pm PTA Quiz Night

 Friday 24th November
 PTA Discos

#### BAG2SCHOOL

We had a great response to our Bag2School collection. Thank you to everybody who brought in bags—over £160 was raised for PTA funds.



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## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We also had a great turn out for our coffee morning with



many people donating cakes and staying after assembly. Thanks again to everyone who supported this event.

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

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