



STARS OF THE WEEK

Jess Taylor
 Ronnie Dodds
 Dolcie Stewart
 Lily McManus
 Georgia Crisp
 Bobby Johnson
 Issy Dunn

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%
LAST WEEK: 92.0%

Nursery (Seahorses)	-86.0%
Reception (Turtles)	-82.8%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	-90.9%
Year 2 (Puffins)	-94.5%
Year 3 (Sharks)	-94.4%
Year 4 (Penguins)	-96.1%

Well Done Penguins!

2021-22 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 29th November	3.10 - 5.00 Year 1 Movie Night
Tuesday 30th November	3.10 - 5.00 Year 2 Movie Night
Wednesday 1st December	3.10 - 5.00 Year 3 Movie Night
Thursday 2nd December	3.10 - 5.00 Year 4 Movie Night
Sunday 5th December	Choir children singing at Harbour Village
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 17th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 17th December	2pm—School Closes for Christmas Holiday
Wednesday 5th January	School reopens to pupils for Spring Term

MANAGING COVID IN SCHOOL

This half term we have so far been lucky not to have experienced the high numbers of Covid-19 cases that other schools around the country have been experiencing. That said, we have noticed that many children are coming to school with coughs. **IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT IF YOUR CHILD DEVELOPS A COUGH (OR IS UNWELL), THEY ARE TAKEN FOR A PCR TEST** to rule out Covid-19. When a test centre is used, results are returned very quickly indeed. Thank you to all parents who have already done this.

Although we are trying to keep things as normal as possible for the children, the nationally high number of daily cases means that we will not be running Christmas events that parents will be invited into school for. This is extremely disappointing but we would hate to be responsible for a spike in cases that ruins Christmas for many families following a school event.

Despite asking for parent's co-operation, we remain concerned about the increasingly large gathering of parents in the car park at home time each day. We are now seeing queues of parents who are arriving before 3pm as far as the school drive which leads to unavoidable mixing and lack of social distancing when the children come out of school. We have deliberately built in a 10 minute timeslot for collection so even if you arrive at 3.19pm and your child is the last one left, you are not late! There is no need to be queuing before 3.10pm! We hope that this situation will improve.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHTS

Christmas Movie Nights are next week (see diary) We've already had lots of bookings and hope that most of the children from each class will be able to come along. The cost is £2.50 per child which includes a drink, hotdog and some sweets. **Children should bring their £2.50 to school on the morning of their movie to ensure that we know you wish them to attend.**

On their Movie Night day, the children will be allowed to bring pyjamas/onesies to school with them as well as a blanket or sleeping bag and a pillow (no duvets please!) - these must be brought in ONE NAMED CARRIER BAG. At the end of the school day the children will be able to change into their pyjamas and go into the hall to watch their movie on the big screen with their friends. Children may also bring a small pack of sweets with them in their bags if they wish. Children will need to be collected from their usual doors between 4.55pm and 5.05pm. Parents will be expected to use our one way system and continue to ensure that social distancing is adhered to during this time. Please send money for movie night into school in a named envelope on the day.

PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our PTA are still on the lookout for donations of prizes for their Christmas Raffle. Please let Mrs Dellbridge know if you, or anyone you know, can help with a donation.

FUN EVENTS THIS WEEK

The children in KS1 and KS2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Dovecote Centre on Wednesday to watch Northumberland Theatre Company's production of Alice in Wonderland. While this was happening our Early Years children were treated to a Winter Wonderland themed music and movement morning with Tiddlywinks. Thanks to our PTA who funded both of these lovely activities.

GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a parent/grandparent governor to join our school's governing body. Governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. They enable their school to run as effectively as possible, working alongside senior leaders and supporting teachers to provide excellent education to children. Being a governor is a very rewarding role that allows you to work closely with other governors and school staff to support and challenge. Our governors enjoy regular visits to school and we've even got meetings very streamlined. If this is something you might be interested in considering, please contact Mr Heeley for more details.

UPDATE ON THE AMBLE LINKS ELVES

Many children, parents, members of the local community and people from further afield will remember the awful elves that plagued Mr Heeley during December last year. Despite the emergence of a new 'Free Moon Elf' Facebook group this week, Mr Heeley has been reassured by the police that Moon Elf remains safely locked up. The other elves remain frozen in the bottom of Mrs Christie's freezer, buried under countless Yorkshire puddings and fishfingers—truly a dark place. Let's hope this lasts!