



STARS OF THE WEEK

Heidi Robertson
Noah Showler
Jack Dawson
Brooklyn Henderson
Willow Nyberg
Harry Davison
Alarna Beauchamp

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%
LAST WEEK: 93.9%

Nursery (Seahorses) - 95.0%
Reception (Turtles) - 92.3%
Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 91.8%
Year 2 (Puffins) - 100.0%
Year 3 (Sharks) - 94.8%
Year 4 (Penguins) - 92.5%

Well Done Puffins

2022 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 25th April	School reopens for Summer Term
NEW Thursday 28th April	Swimming Lessons for Reception children begin
NEW Monday 2nd May	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MAY BANK HOLIDAY
NEW Tuesday 3rd May	Y4 Hula Hooping Festival
NEW 16th -24th May	Y2 SATS
Friday 27th May	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 6th June	School Reopens for Summer Half Term 2
NEW Thursday 9th June	KS2 visit to Children's Countryside Show—Wooler
Friday 1st July	SCHOOL CLOSED in lieu of additional Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday

PTA EASTER RAFFLE

We've again been overwhelmed by the generosity from our school and local community in response to our call for donations for our PTA Easter raffle. Today we have raffled nearly 300 eggs and associated Easter treats. As well as all of the individual donations we've also received donations of eggs from Links Avenue Premier, Morrison's, Sainsbury's and Tesco; we've also received a number of ready made hampers from parents. Mrs Dellbridge and our PTA have been busy making up a few hampers and selling tickets as well as buying an Easter egg for every child and ensuring each child had their own raffle ticket. The draw was made after assembly today and prizes sent home with the children. We're pleased to announce that the Easter raffle has raised £610 for PTA funds. Thank you!

SWIMMING BADGES

We've been delighted to have all of the children in KS1 and KS2 back to swimming this half term. We're also very pleased that ALL of the children have been able to achieve a badge. We will send on email out to parents about how to purchase these badges after the Easter break. After nearly 2 years without swimming, many of the children have achieved badges that may be for shorter distances or lower levels than they may have had prior to Covid but, for many, it's almost been like starting again. After Easter, our Reception children will also begin swimming lessons every Thursday. Thanks to all parents who completed the forms to let us know about their child's current water confidence/swimming ability and to everyone making weekly contributions that ensure regular swimming lessons can continue.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

Although we will not authorise holidays during term time except in very exceptional circumstances, it is vital that parents complete a 'Leave of Absence Request Form' prior to any holiday being taken. The school response to your form will include your child's attendance figures for the previous year, current year and possible attendance for the remainder of this year. From after Easter we are also required to send home an additional letter along with our school response as advised by the Local Authority. Please read these carefully should you receive one.

IN TO WIN IS COMING BACK!

From next half term we will be restarting our In to Win reward to encourage children to have good attendance and punctuality. At the end of a half term all children who have achieved 100% attendance and no more than 1 late mark will be entered into a draw. The winner from each class (Reception to Y4) will enjoy an ice cream treat at Spurreli whilst our nursery winners will receive a slightly different treat. Good attendance and punctuality at school really does make a big difference to the children's learning.

JOBS OF EX-AMBLE LINKS PUPILS!

We've had some great responses from the local community for our request for photos and descriptions of the many different jobs that ex-pupils of Amble Links are now in. So far we've had photos including ones from the merchant navy, an author, fishermen, dental nurse, CEO of a holiday company, pharmacy team leader, teaching assistant and a solar astrophysicist at NASA to name but a few. We'd love to get some more photos to expand the range of jobs we've got so far so please chip in.....whatever your job is. Every job important!

IMPORTANT SUMMER ASSESSMENTS

During the summer term the children in most year groups complete important assessments that are used as measures of their performance and progress as they move through first school and on to middle and high school. Along with our own school assessments that all children are involved in, our Y4 children will be taking the Multiplication Tables Check, Y2 children will be taking SATS tests in reading and maths and our Y1 children will be completing their Phonics Screening. Good attendance at school throughout the summer term is vital to ensure the best possible outcomes for the children.

VISITS THIS WEEK

This week we've been pleased to have 2 classes out on visits as we are able to offer more opportunities to do so again. Our Reception (Turtles) children visited Amble Library whilst our Y4 children took part in a skipping festival in Ashington. Both classes did us proud with their behaviour as usual. Photos of these visits are available on our school Facebook page.