



### GOOD ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS REALLY IMPORTANT!

#### Attendance for Last Year

*Our School Target is 97%*

**LAST YEAR WE ACHIEVED 95.9%**

*Class percentages for LAST YEAR :*

Nursery	- 90.6%
Reception (Turtles)	- 95.9%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 96.3%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 96.2%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 95.5%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 95.8%

*Well done Turtles !*

**OUR TARGET FOR THIS YEAR IS 97%. EACH WEEK WILL SHOW THE ATTENDANCE RATE FOR EACH CLASS FOR THE PREVIOUS WEEK. THE CLASS WITH THE MOST WEEKLY WINS RECEIVES A SPECIAL TREAT IN JULY!**

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Cali Patterson  
Lillie-Mae McNamara-Charlton  
Alfie Wehr  
Maddie Curran  
Caitlin Waddell  
Ben Belisle

### BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Our next Bag2School Collection is booked in for Thursday 28th September. Bags have been sent home for any unwanted clothing items—other bags such as black bin liners are also accepted. PLEASE DO NOT BRING THESE BACK TO SCHOOL UNTIL WEEK BEGINNING 25th SEPT as we have limited space.

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### 2017 SCHOOL DIARY

***NEW*** Thurs 28th September	Bag2School Collection
***NEW*** Friday 29th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning after assembly
***NEW*** Tuesday 3rd October	Individual and Family School Photographs
***NEW*** Tuesday 10th October	Y2 Puffins visit to Alnwick Castle
***NEW*** Thursday 12th October	Y4 Visit to Beamish as evacuees
***NEW*** Tues 17th & Weds 18th October	3.30pm Parents Evenings
***NEW*** Wednesday 18th October	Y3 'Field to Fork' trip
***NEW*** Thursday 19th October	9am- Year 4 Class Assembly
***NEW*** Friday 20th October	Pumpkin Competition
***NEW*** Friday 20th October	Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly
***NEW*** Friday 20th October	3.15pm—School Closes for half term break

### EXCITING ADDITIONS TO OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS

As you will see, we have started some work to improve our school grounds yet further with the installation of a gazebo very kindly paid for by our PTA from the fundraising efforts that so many parents contribute to.

We'll be able to make good use of this at playtimes and also during lesson times as we expect to be able to fit 2 classes inside it when completed!

Also, supported by a £10,000 grant from the National Lottery Big Lottery Fund, we have started the installation of a path around the outside to our school field. This will really open up the space we have, especially when the field is unusable in wet weather. In the near future we hope to be able to increase levels of activity with our pupils by using the path for scooting, cycling, running etc at breaktimes, after school and before school. We may also provide an opportunity for parents and children to complete a 'morning mile'! Watch this space for more information.

#### SAFETY NOTICE

We have already spoken to the children about this but parents are asked to ensure that children do not play in the vicinity of the path workings or the spoil heaps before or after school. These heaps will eventually be landscaped to form features but this will take a little time. We will let parents and children know when the path and gazebo are fully ready to use.



NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDED

### SWIMMING NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons next week are for Year 1 on Thursday and Year 3 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. These contributions help us continue to provide regular swimming lessons. Please note that swimming is part of our normal school physical education curriculum and is not optional.

### BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Parents are reminded that we provide a daily Breakfast Club from 8am every day. For £1 per day (Payable in advance or on the day) children are provided with breakfast and an opportunity to meet and play with friends before going to their classroom for the start of school—this is for children from Reception to Y4. Children should be brought to the crèche room door at 8am (not before please!)

We also offer daily after school club. This costs £2 if children are collected before 4.15pm, £3 before 4.45pm and £4 if collected before 5.15pm. After school clubs are free to children entitled to Pupil Premium on Mondays and Thursdays. During this time children have varying opportunities to use the computer room to complete homework (Mondays) or the hall to take part in a range of activities with friends. Parents should pay each day on collection of their child.

PARENTS SHOULD PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THESE CLUBS IF PAYMENTS ARE NOT UP TO DATE.