# Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS

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# LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 92.2%

Nursery (Seahorses) -77.1% Reception (Turtles) - 92.6% Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 91.7% Year 2 (Puffins) - 91.6% Year 3 (Sharks) - 95.6% Year 4 (Penguins) - 89.5% Well Done Sharks!

WEEK Tyler Stobbart Roan Shepherd Carter Cramman John McPeake Lillie Spuhler Kate Smith

Skye Paterson

STARS OF THE

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

The children will be enjoying their Christmas dinner on Thursday 19th. If your child normally has a packed lunch and you would like them to have a dinner please bring payment of £2.20 to the school office by the end of Monday 16th December



THERE WILL BE NO BAKED POTATO OR PASTA OPTION ON THIS DAY.

#### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY IN SUPPORT OF EDUKAID



The children are also invited to come to school wearing Christmas jumpers! This has become a very popular event and we love to see the range of jumpers the children come in, including the homemade creations. As it can get quite warm in school, we ask that the children wear the majority of their school uniform and just replace their school jumper with a Christmas one so layers can be taken off if need be. As so many people ask us each year if we are doing this to raise money we have decided that we will ask for a donation of

£1 per child for wearing a Christmas Jumper - any money raised will be our Christmas present to our chosen charity, EdUKaid, who will use the money to support the children of Mgao Pre-Primary School in Tanzania.

### CHURCH NATIVITY—WEDNESDAY

Parents and friends are welcome to join us for our Christmas Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church at 1.30pm on Wednesday. Parents are invited to help us walk the children to the church and should arrive at school at 1pm and wait on the Key Stage 1 yard to meet the children as they come out of school. Parents will be able to take the children home directly from the church. All other children will be walked back to school and should be collected at 3.15pm.

## PARTY DAY ON FRIDAY!!

It is our last day before Christmas so it will be our party day! Children can come to school in party clothes (please ensure that they still have a coat and sensible shoes for cold and wet playtimes). At no charge, we will be providing pizza, chips and hot dogs at lunchtime for ALL children including those who normally have a packed lunch. Dinner money for next week is therefore only £8.80

#### PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our PTA Christmas Raffle is due to be drawn next Friday (20th December) after assembly. There are a range of great prizes on offer. Please try to get your tickets before the rush next Friday morning. They'll be on sale at next week's performances as well as being available at the school office.

#### WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

Our favourite words chosen this week are: Y1—equine (Annabel Paterson), Y2- forbidden (Skylar - Jay Cowie H) Y3- texture (Leyla S), Y4-chaos (Daisy B)

#### SWIMMING-NEXT WEEK

THERE WILL BE NO SWIMMING LESSONS NEXT WEEK

## 2019/20 SCHOOL DIARY

Sunday 15th December	12 noon—School Choir Singing at Harbour Village
Monday 16th December	2pm—Y2,3 & 4 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 17th December	9.30am -Y2,3 & 4 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18th December	1.30pm -Christmas Service at St Cuthbert's Church
Thursday 19th December	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY Christmas Dinner
Friday 20th December	PARTY DAY SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2pm
***NEW*** Tuesday 7th January 2020	SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SPRING TERM

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Our EY and KS1 children did us proud this week with 3 great Christmas Performances. A big 'Thank you' to the vast majority of people who only came to one performance as requested; although the hall was busy, we managed to get everyone who wanted to see the performance in. We begin our Y2, Y3 & Y4 Christmas performances next week (see diary for times). Doors will open 30 minutes before the start so please don't arrive too early. The PTA will be on hand selling raffle tickets and refreshments. Parents are asked to only come to ONE showing of the performance to ensure that everyone gets a fair chance to watch. The children will be able to go home with parents following the afternoon performance but please be patient in giving staff time to get them back into school uniforms

THERE ARE NO FURTHER AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS YEAR. BREAKFAST CLUB WILL RUN AS USUAL UNTIL THE END OF TERM

#### REPORTING ABSENCES TO SCHOOL

Parents have a responsibility to report pupils absences to school as soon as possible. If your child is not able to be at school please ring the school office and let us know why they are not in school. If we do not hear from parents and cannot get in touch by phone the absence will be marked as 'unauthorised'. Parents should also be aware that when we are aware that holidays have been taken during term time (requested or not), we will apply for penalty notices if the absences fall within the relevant criteria. Knowing reasons for absences is an important aspect of safeguarding

children

#### PUNCTUALITY CHALLENGE

Our target this half term is LESS THAN 35 LATES. Unfortunately we missed our target last half term. So far this term we have 37 lates.

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