



STARS OF THE WEEK

Lyle Hanley
William Armstrong
Paige Taylor
Zakk Anderson
Carter Cramman
Cali Patterson
Ollie Armstrong

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%
LAST WEEK: 95.0%

Nursery (Seahorses) - 93.2%
Reception (Turtles) - 95.7%
Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 95.6%
Year 2 (Puffins) - 99.0%
Year 3 (Sharks) - 98.3%
Year 4 (Penguins) - 88.7%

Well Done Puffins!

2021-22 SCHOOL DIARY

Sunday 5th December	Choir children singing at Harbour Village
Tuesday 7th December	Christingle Assembly with Revd John (children only)
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

CHRISTMAS AT AMBLE LINKS!

Today, we collected our Christmas Tree, which has again been kindly donated by Dobbies Garden Centre at Morpeth. We'll get a couple of expertly trained staff members to get it decorated ready in preparation for next week. We're extremely disappointed that parents won't be able to be involved in much of what we do again this Christmas and haven't taken this decision lightly. There continues to be a small number of Covid cases in school and we'd hate to do anything to increase spread of the virus amongst our families, especially over the Christmas period. We will continue to make Christmas in school as normal as possible for the children and will still have our Christingle Assembly, Christmas Crafts, Christmas Jumper Day and our Christmas Dinner (see diary) but all within the preventative measures we are taking in school. Each class will be recording a Christmas song that we will publish as videos through Facebook and our school website and our Early Years children will be dressing up to create nativity scenes. We'll get these out to parents nearer the end of the term. We know that this will be disappointing for parents but the safety of everyone in school must take priority.

CHRISTMAS SINGING AT THE HARBOUR VILLAGE

On Sunday, our choir will be singing a few Christmas Carols and songs at the Harbour Village at 11am. Parents of children in the choir are asked to bring the children to the Harbour Village at 10.50am where Miss Morton, Mrs Oliver or Mr Heeley will look out for them. Please ensure that the children are in school uniform (but have a coat on too) - we also hope that they will bring a Santa hat to wear. We expect the children to be there for no more than half an hour. We hope to see lots of families and friends of Amble Links there.



THE AMBLE LINKS ELVES!

Last year, the Amble Links elves caused quite a stir in the school and the wider community with their antics, especially the things that they did to Mr Heeley. Feedback from many people said that the elves made very many people smile and brightened their Christmas. Until today, the elves had been well contained but in the middle of assembly there was drama as police arrived with sirens and flashing lights to inform Mr Heeley that, overnight, Moon Elf had overpowered an officer and made his escape. Although this will undoubtedly please the children, Mr Heeley is now looking a little uncomfortable about what the following weeks will bring! Look out for updates on our school Facebook page.



PTA CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHTS

Thanks to everyone who supported our Movie Nights, especially the PTA members and staff that stayed to help out. The single class Movie Night format has worked really well for us and we've seen the vast majority of the children staying to watch a film with their classmates. Over the 4 nights we had nearly 100 children attend and raised a magnificent £225. THANK YOU!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are planning to run after school clubs as usual through the last 2 weeks of term. The only club that we are not currently able to run is our Book Club which we will hopefully get back after Christmas. There will be no after school clubs at all on Friday 17th as we close at 2pm

PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE—TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Tickets for the Grand PTA Christmas Raffle are now on sale. Tickets are £1 per strip and can be bought at the school office. Alternatively you can send money into school with your child in a named envelope.

We're still happy to take donations of prizes (there's a small treat at the office for children bringing these in)

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 16th December

PUNCTUALITY CHALLENGE

Each week in our Friday assembly we look at how many lates each class has had that week. The children love it when their class wins! Please try to get your child to school on time every day to help their class win! Children arriving late at school often miss out on things leading to an unsettled start to the day.

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. Please contact Mr Heeley for more details.