



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

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Nursery (Seahorses)	-98.4%
Reception (Turtles)	-
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 97.0%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 98.9%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 98.0%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 98.6%

Well Done Puffins!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Annabelle Stephenson
Saskia Allerston
Brandon Goodwin
Einin Lewis
Cassie Robertson
Lexi Arries
Annie Falkous

2020/21 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th	Parents' Evening phonecalls (see below)
Friday 2nd October	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 23rd October	3.30pm—School Closes for Half Term
Saturday 31st October	Online portal for application for Middle School places closes
Monday 2nd November	School Reopens for Autumn Term 2
Monday 9th November- Wednesday 11th November	Y4 Robinwood Residential Visit (TBC)

BREAKFAST CLUB FULLY OPEN AGAIN!

Parents are reminded that Breakfast Club is now available to all children from Reception -Y4 each morning from 8am. For just £1 per session children enjoy cereal, toast and a drink as well as some time to play and chat before school. Please contact the school office to book in.

HOMEWORK ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM

We will soon be finalising details about how we will provide remote learning in the event of individuals or a whole class needing to self-isolate.

We expect that our offer will be very similar to the one we provided during lockdown. This week we asked parents to complete a short survey to let us know what kind of devices children have access to in their homes on which they can complete online learning. This information will help us direct support more appropriately.

From next week, teachers in Y2, Y3 and Y4 will be sending out homework through Google Classroom, which all of the children should know how to access through School360. We will also send homework out by email to parents. Much of the homework set can still be completed in the children's books but feedback from parents about completed tasks will be able to be completed online. We are doing this to ensure that the children are very familiar with Google Classroom for if they are required to complete daily work through this means if they are isolating. Y1 homework will initially be delivered by email. Another instruction sheet on how to access Google Classroom will be included in this week's newsletter email.

COVID-19 UPDATE

In light of the new restrictions placed on the North East last week we quickly relaunched our after school clubs in order to help parents avoid the need for household mixing wherever possible. The after school club runs until 5.15pm after school every evening on a paid basis costing (per child) £2.50 until 4.15pm, £3.50 until 4.45pm and £5.00 until 5.15pm. This represents excellent value. Over the next few weeks we'll monitor the viability of this provision based on how well it is used.

Along with this week's newsletter, we have also sent you copies of an NHS document, 'Covid-19: A quick guide for parents' that you may find useful as well as a letter to parents from Public Health England about using the Test and Trace system. Please take the time to read these documents.

This week, we have spoken with all of the children again about appropriate social distancing wherever possible. Although they are working closely together in their own class 'bubbles' they do not mix with other children in the school during the school day and are continuously reminded that they should not be playing games that involve touching one another. We've also asked the children to be really mindful about keeping appropriate distance from friends and other adults as they are dropped off and collected. We ask that parents also model and encourage the same behaviours..

This week we've been really impressed with the high levels of attendance we've had in school, we hope this continues for many weeks and months to come as it'll make a big difference for children catching up.

PARENTS' TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

These will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Teachers will phone you on the contact number we have for you at the timeslot you have booked. Please be prepared to answer a call from an unknown number at your appointment time.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the usual individual and family photos that we had planned in for next month. The practicalities of doing this safely would have meant that only individual photographs could have been taken and that there would have been much movement of children around the school; something that we are trying to avoid as much as possible. Hopefully we'll be able to consider this again later in the school year.

WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

Look out for new and unfamiliar words with the children, discuss them and let us know any good ones that you find as part of the children's weekly homework:

Y1: Barney - stratosphere, Y2: Aiden - morphed, Y3: Eden -distribute, Y4: David - treacherous

SCHOOL DINNER APOLOGIES

Apologies for the inconvenience and confusion caused for some parents this week regarding school dinners. Unfortunately we needed to make a late menu change which meant that everyone who had already chosen meals received an automatic email saying that the meal choice had been cancelled. We will do our best to avoid needing to make such short notice changes again.