Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS



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START OF SCHOOL DAY

We were pleased to see so many KS1 & 2 parents at the meeting on Tuesday about the start of the school day. Parents were overwhelmingly positive about the changes we have made to the start of the school day and a letter was sent home earlier in the week giving more details.

Although we have already been practising this week the changes will be implemented fully on Monday 14th January. It is very important that children are in the school playground at 8.45am each morning as the doors will be closed as soon as the teachers have taken their classes into school. Any latecomers will need to enter through the main school door. We are still committed to being a very welcoming school and have agreed that each half term parents will be invited to visit classrooms after a Friday assembly to look through their children's books! We will continue to hold our Friday assemblies which are a great opportunity to see examples of the excellent work our children are doing on a weekly basis. Thank you for your support!

ICT IN SCHOOL

We're really lucky to have a set of IPads that have been loaned to us by the county council. We hope that all of the children will get a chance to use the IPads whilst we trial them in classrooms and in ICT lessons. We'll hopefully have some examples of the children's work on them to show you soon. We've already been amazed at how simple they are to use and how quickly the



children are able to create some really creative work using them.

During this half term in ICT lessons the children will be exploring the use of ICT in Sound and Music. Below is a really useful website you could visit with them to create and edit some very exciting sounds!

STARS OF THE WEEK Alfie Armstrong Emily Jane Gribbin Lyra Purvis Amber Lewins Kai Stewart Kye Heron

bit.ly/linksfsmusic

Attendance for Week 7 Our school target is 95 % attendance. OVERALL-95% Target Hit....just! Reception (Turtles) 95% Year 1 Puffins -97% Year 2 Puffins -91% Year 3 Starfish-91% Year 4 Starfish -100% Well Done Y4 Starfish

2013 SCHOOL DIARY

| ****NEW**** | New arrangements for |
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| Monday 14th January | start of the school day |
| , , , | to begin fully. |
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| ****NEW**** | Clubs restart for Y2-Y4 |
| Tues 15th January | |
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| ****NEW**** | School Closes for Half |
| Friday 15th February | Term 3.15pm |
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| ****NEW**** | 9.00am Puffins Class |
| Thursday 7th March | Assembly |
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| ****NEW**** | World Book Day—theme |
| Friday 8th March | day—more info to follow |
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| ****NEW**** | Red Nose Day |
| Friday 15th March | Non-Uniform Day |
| ****NEW**** | Open classrooms |
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| Friday 15th March | following assembly |
| ****NEW**** | Y4 Bikeability Training |
| Tuesday 19th March | , |
| ruesday is in March | |
| ****NEW**** | Parents Evenings |
| Tuesday 26th & | |
| , Wednesday 27th | |
| March | |
| ****NEW**** | BREAK UP FOR EASTER |
| Thursday 28th | HOLIDAY-2pm |
| March | |
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NEW STARTERS

This week we've welcomed 12 new starters into our nursery. We've been really impressed with how quickly the children have settled in to our busy Foundation Stage and how well the other children have been looking after them. We look forward to seeing them flourish with us.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs will start again next Tuesday 15th January. Children in Y2, Y3 and Y4 can come along and enjoy one of these clubs: ICT, Make and Do or Stacking Cups. Please return your child's choice of club form by Monday 14th January.

Visit our website at: www.amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk for lots more information!!

"Everyone succeeds at Amble Links."