



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

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Nursery (Seahorses)	-91.2%
Reception (Turtles)	- 93.0%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 86.7%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 95.6%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 86.5%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 88.7%

Well Done Puffins!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Faith Douglas
Roan Shepherd
Oliver Wright
Paul Patterson
Oakley Dryden
David Armstrong
Felicity Simpson

2019 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 9th December	9.30am & 2pm Early Years & Y1 Christmas Performances
Tuesday 10th December	9.30am Early Years & Y1 Christmas Performance
NEW Friday 13th December	Parents invited to classrooms to look through children's
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 CLOSSES AT 2pm

PTA CHRISTMAS MARKET

Monday's Christmas Market was a huge success with a large number of visitors who came along to enjoy the atmosphere. A special thank you must go to Mrs Dellbridge and her team of kind volunteers and to everyone who donated prizes that helped make the evening such a success and raising over £1300. We are already thinking about plans for next year including making it more of an outdoor event and there is even talk about looking into the possibility of an ice rink next year!!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING

Our Christmas Craft Evening was also very well attended as usual. It was lovely to see so many parents working with their children to create lots of sparkly decorations to take away. Thanks must go to all of our staff members who helped make the evening so successful and to Mrs Caven-Gomez and her cleaning team who had the unenviable task of removing large amounts of glitter from many surfaces in the hall!

CHRISTINGLE ASSEMBLY

We were pleased to welcome St (?!), Elton (?!), Revd John to our Christingle Assembly yesterday to tell us about the meaning of Christingle. As usual, we had lots of family members who joined the children in classrooms afterwards to help each child make their own Christingle.

WINTER BUGS

This week we've had a number of children absent from school with stomach bugs. Parents are reminded that, following incidences of vomiting or diarrhoea, children should be kept off school for 48 hours following the last bout to prevent further spread of infection. There have been a number of occasions recently when children have been returned to school early and we have had to ask parents to take them back home. Parents are also reminded that if children are absent from school, they should not be brought to after school events.

EARLY YEARS/Y1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

We begin our Christmas performances next week with Nursery, Reception and Y1 (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 performances but please be patient in giving staff time to get them back into school uniforms.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE—PARENTAL CONTROLS

As Christmas holidays approach many children are likely to be spending an increased amount of time using electronic devices, whether these be Christmas gifts or ones they already have. Most of these devices allow children to go online. Despite the internet being a wonderful place to play and learn, it also has its risks including inappropriate content, contact with others, and adverts. Systems in school have powerful filters that protect the children but this is not always the case on home systems. We urge parents to install parental controls on children's device. More information can be found at: <https://bit.ly/384Xd0V>

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME BACK TO CLASSROOMS AFTER ASSEMBLY TO LOOK THROUGH BOOKS WITH CHILDREN NEXT FRIDAY AFTER ASSEMBLY

TEDDY WINNER

The lucky winner of the Giant Teddy from the Christmas Fair is Lacey Freestone, who chose the name 'Glitter'.

RECEPTION ELMER AUCTION

Thanks to everyone who bid for the Elmer models. We raised an extra £80 for St Oswald's Hospice.

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 31 lates.

WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

Our favourite words chosen this week are: Y1—conversation (Poppy W), Y2- colossal (Donovan H) Y3- continuously (Lola P), Y4-inventive (Daisy B). We ask the children to find a new word every week and learn it's meaning—they're really enjoying doing this and are showing an increased interest in vocabulary.

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 and contribution.