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STARS OF THE

WEEK

Ronnie Dodds
Shaun Shepherd
Lyla Lowery
Callum Berney
Jack Forsyth
Jacob Whenray
Alfie Wehr

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 96.8%

 Nursery (Seahorses)
 -98.7%

 Reception (Turtles)
 - 96.8%

 Year 1 (Jellyfish)
 - 97.2%

 Year 2 (Puffins)
 - 94.8%

 Year 3 (Sharks)
 - 96.7%

 Year 4 (Penguins)
 - 99.1%

Well Done Penguins!

2021 SCHOOL DIARY

| ***NEW*** Monday 14th June | 3.30pm Sex and Relationship Education Online Meeting (Y3 & Y4) |
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| Monday 12th July & Tuesday 13th July | 5pm—Year 4 Leavers' Performances (TO BE CONFIRMED) |
| Wednesday 14th July | 3.45pm—Year 4 Leaver's Awards |
| Friday 16th July | School closes for Summer Holiday |

POSITIVE COVID CASE IN SCHOOL

Unfortunately, we were informed late on Tuesday that one of our pupils in Reception had tested positive for Covid-19 on a lateral flow test—this has subsequently been confirmed by a follow up PCR test. You will be pleased to know that the child in question was fit and well and showing no symptoms. Due to this case, our Reception Class bubble, including the staff identified as close contacts, have been asked to self-isolate for a period of 10 days. Other pupils who have been identified as close contacts (out of school) have also been asked to self isolate. We are very aware of the disruption that this causes for families but would like to thank parents for their understanding and support in these circumstances. Covid cases in the area have risen in recent weeks and it is important that we continue to remain cautious, continue to follow government rules and aim to reduce the number of contacts that we have with others.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

We had hoped to have been able to hold face-to-face parents' evenings in the coming weeks. Due to the increasing number of cases in the area we have decided that it is now not appropriate to hold these. Instead teachers will be offering either telephone or video consultations with parents after the children reports have been received in July. Should you wish to contact your child's class teacher please do not hesitate to ring or email school, or email your child's teacher directly. As you are aware, we place a strong emphasis on having regular communication and involvement of parents in school events and sincerely hope that this will return as soon as possible.

SEX AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION MEETING

Mrs Oliver and Jane, our school nurse, have arranged a web meeting for Y3 and Y4 parents on Monday to give an opportunity to ask any questions about the upcoming sex and relationships education lessons that the children will be taking part in. An email has been sent with the link to the meeting. Our RSE lessons will be going into quite a lot of detail and are designed to ensure that the children are fully equipped with the knowledge and understanding to embark upon safe

and healthy relationships at appropriate times. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher if you'd like more information or support in answering questions that children may ask following these lessons.



UNIFORM FOR NEXT YEAR

All school uniform providers become very busy during the school summer holidays which can often lead to delays in receiving orders. It is well worth placing uniform orders as soon as possible through our online supplier HERE. Details of our uniform policy and expectations can be found on the school website.

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEXT WEDNESDAY

Due to whole staff child protection training we are unable to provide any after school club provision next Wednesday (16th June). We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

REQUEST FOR HELP

We hope that we are going to be able to run our Year 4 Leavers Awards outdoors during the last week of this academic year. Amble Development Trust have kindly agreed to lend us a small marquee for the event. As this is not something we have done before, and need to be certain of the dimensions of the marquee to get things just right we hope to have a 'trial run' to put it up. We're told that it requires about 6 people. We are on



the lookout for a small number of parents who would be willing to come along at 1.15pm on Friday 18th June to give us a hand. If you are able to come along and

help out please email Mr Heeley (paul.heeley@amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk) directly. Thanks in anticipation.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIME

As Covid cases are rising in the area again, it is more important than ever that we do everything we can to limit the number of contacts we have. Our staggered drop off and pick up timeslots are designed to prevent large numbers of people waiting to collect children at the end of the day. Despite many requests we are still getting increasing numbers of parents arriving before their 10 minute timeslot leading to them waiting for children to come out of school. We do our best to get the children out to parents promptly but can we please ask again that parents aim to arrive WITHIN their timeslot and not before.

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