



### GOOD ATTENDANCE IS REALLY IMPORTANT!

#### Attendance for Last Week

*Our School Target is 97%*

**LAST WEEK WE ACHIEVED 99.2%**

*Class percentages for LAST YEAR :*

Nursery (Seahorses) -100%

Reception (Turtles) - 100%

Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 100%

Year 2 (Puffins) - 100%

Year 3 (Sharks) - 98.7%

Year 4 (Penguins) - 97.6%

*Well done Seahorses, Turtles, Jellyfish and Puffins!*

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Jack Taylor  
Erin Henderson  
Chloe Lavery  
Zak Wilson  
Megan Nyberg  
Kira Mole

### BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Our next Bag2School Collection is booked in for Thursday 28th September. Bags have been sent home for any unwanted clothing items—other bags such as black bin liners are also accepted. PLEASE DO NOT BRING THESE BACK TO SCHOOL UNTIL WEEK BEGINNING 25th SEPT as we have limited space.

### OUR NEW GAZEBO!

The children are now able to use our new gazebo at playtimes and lunchtimes. It has been great to see them sitting chatting with friends or reading in it. We have spoken with the children about some rules we have set for using the gazebo in order to ensure safety and ask that parents support us with these before and after school. We have asked that they do not run around inside it or walk/climb on the seats. Thanks for your support with this.

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### 2017 SCHOOL DIARY

Thurs 28th September	Bag2School Collection
Friday 29th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning after assembly
Tuesday 3rd October	Individual and Family School Photographs
Tuesday 10th October	Y2 Puffins visit to Alnwick Castle
Thursday 12th October	Y4 Visit to Beamish as evacuees
Tues 17th & Weds 18th October	3.30pm Parents Evenings
Wednesday 18th October	Y3 'Field to Fork' trip
Thursday 19th October	9am- Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 20th October	Pumpkin Competition
Friday 20th October	Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly
Friday 20th October	3.15pm—School Closes for half term break

### CHECKING FOR HEADLICE

Cases of headlice have already been brought to our attention during this week.

Unfortunately headlice spread easily in schools with so many children in close proximity to one another. When we spot these unwelcome visitors we ask parents to treat children immediately. To help avoid headlice we recommend that parents check children's hair regularly by wet brushing with a fine comb and lots of conditioner. If this is done regularly by all parents we will hopefully see very few headlice.

### PARENTS' MEETINGS

Thanks to all of the parents who attended this week's meetings for parents. We hope the information you received was useful.

As discussed at the meetings, the half termly class newsletters are now available in the 'newsletters' section of the school website; these give lots of ways that you can help support your child's learning during this half term.

### FACEBOOK QUESTIONS

We always want to ensure that parents are well informed and aim to achieve this through the school website, Facebook page and this weekly newsletter. Parents that have any further questions should ideally call into the school office with these queries. Unfortunately we are not always able to respond immediately to questions sent via Facebook, especially during evenings and weekends.

### SWIMMING NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons next week are for **Year 2 on Thursday** and **Year 4 on Friday**.

Please ensure children come to school with their swimming kit. We ask for a contribution of £4 per lesson (children have 1hr lessons every other week) or £2 if your child is entitled to Pupil Premium. These contributions help us continue to provide regular swimming lessons. Please note that swimming is part of our normal school physical education curriculum and is not optional.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 4 PARENTS

Parents of Y4 children can now register for a place at middle school for their child. **THIS IS NOT AUTOMATIC.** A separate letter has been sent out but the online portal is only open for a limited time.

### LIVE KITCHEN UPDATE

The vast majority of parents have now signed up for Live Kitchen accounts and many have already pre-ordered meals with their children at home. The system is working well at lunchtimes. A few parents have already set up direct debits on their accounts which means that any meals owed for will be paid for directly from their banks at certain times of the month. Where payments are overdue, parents will receive an email from Live Kitchen to inform them of this.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide dinners when more than £10 is owed and will ask parents to provide a packed lunch if this is the case. Parents will soon be able to set up card payments into Live Kitchen accounts and we are working on using the system to pay for trips/uniform etc soon.