



ATTENDANCE

Each week, the previous week's attendance figure for each class will be shown her. Our overall school target is to achieve 97% attendance. The class with the best attendance each week receives a trophy on the hall wall and the class with the most trophies to the end of the year gets a special treat. Due to the negative impact they have on a child's education, we do not authorise holidays during term time and seek penalty notices if these are taken when previous attendance is low.

Daily Golden Mile

This week, the children in Y1-Y4 have started trialling a short 'Golden Mile' session each afternoon in which they are taken outside and encouraged to walk/run on one of our paths for 10 minutes. After some training this week, we hope to have a system in place quite soon that will allow us to record distances that the children are travelling. This will definitely lead to increased activity and fitness levels amongst the children who really seem to have enjoyed doing it!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Lucas Melvin
Henry Stone
Myanna Jukes
Lexi Arries
Hallie Stewart
Callum Straughan

Clothes For School

We've been really impressed with how smart the children have looked this week with their uniforms and black school shoes. Parents are reminded to ensure that children have a coat with them **every day** and should also leave their PE Kits in school at all times as PE session times can change.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Our 'Word of the Week' Challenge will be back as part of homework this year following its success last year. We hope that the children will find and learn many new words this year!

TOUR OF BRITAIN

On Monday afternoon we will be taking the children in Y1-Y4 to see the OVO Energy Tour of Britain bike race come through Amble. This is always a great spectacle for them. During this week they have been learning about the race and finding out about its route so will hopefully be quite knowledgeable about it. The race starts in Scotland on Saturday and there is TV coverage on ITV4 that the children might be interested in as well as the website at tourofbritain.co.uk. PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL WITH WARM AND WATERPROOF COATS. We should be returning to school before the end of the school day.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

This year we have welcomed some new staff members to school as well as some slight changes to roles. Rebecca Falkous has joined the school as Little Pebbles Leader and will be working to lead and develop our already very popular provision for 2 year olds. Kat Henderson has joined us as a teaching assistant across Early Years. Kathryn Angus will be now be working more regular hours in Y1 and Lindsey Hogg will also be working a few hours in Y1. They've already settled well into our team during our first week back.

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..

2019 SCHOOL DIARY

NEW Monday 9th September	Y1-Y4 to watch Tour of Britain come through Amble
Tues 24th & Weds 25th September	Parents' Evenings
NEW Friday 27th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
NEW Friday 25th October	Parents to classroom to look at books
NEW Friday 25th October	3.15pm—School Closes for Half Term
NEW Tuesday 5th November	School reopens for Autumn Half Term 2
NEW Mon 11th—Weds 13th November	Y4 Robinwood Residential

A NEW SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIST FOR 2019-2020 IS AVAILABLE IN THE 'SCHOOL INFO' SECTION OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We will aim to start additional after school clubs in week beginning September 16th. During next week we will send a letter out to parents explaining which clubs are available - this should be returned as soon as possible detailing the clubs your child would like to attend. Our aim is that every child is able to attend at least one club so we will let you know which clubs they have been allocated places at. Please check carefully which year groups each club is open to as most are age specific.

DAILY BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We continue to offer a daily Breakfast Club for children in Reception to Year 4. This is run in the Little Pebbles room and starts at 8am. For the small cost of £1 each day the children enjoy time with their friends as well as cereal, toast and a drink. After School Club runs daily from 3.15pm-5.15pm either in the hall or the computer room. On Mondays, the focus is helping children complete their homework tasks. The cost of this club is £2.50 up to 4.15pm, £3.50 up to 4.45pm and £5.00 up to 5.15pm. Payment should be made on the day. There is no charge for children entitled to Pupil Premium on Mondays and Thursdays. If possible, your child should be signed up for clubs as the children come into school each day or by calling the school office.

PUNCTUALITY CHALLENGE

We will be continuing to challenge the children to get to school on time as part of being responsible. We hope that parents will support us with this. Our target this half term is **LESS THAN 40 LATES**