# Amble Links First School

# LINKS NEWS

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#### Attendance for Last Week

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK WE ACHIEVED 96.5%

Class percentages for LAST WEEK:

Nursery (Seahorses) -93.8%

Reception (Turtles) - 96.6%

Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 91.0%

*Year 2 (Puffins)* - 97.3%

 Year 3 (Sharks)
 - 98.6%

 Year 4 (Penguins)
 - 98.1%

Well done Sharks!

## STARS OF THE

#### **WEEK**

Leo Burge
Lacey Lowery
Toby Dawson
Corey Freestone
Fraya Hogarth
Layton Coxford

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#### 2018 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 19th February	School Reopens for Spring Term 2
Tuesday 20th February	PTA Discos N-Y1: 4pm-5pm Y2-Y4: 5.15pm-6.15pm
Friday 2nd March	World Book Day- Dressing up
Friday 9th March	5pm-7pm—PTA Movie Night
Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st March	3.30pm—Parents' Evenings
Thursday 29th March	PTA Easter Egg Raffle
Thursday 29th March	2pm—School Closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 16th April	School Re-opens for Summer Term

#### SCHOOL PUNCTUALITY TARGET

WOW! We easily achieved our punctuality target!! A huge thank you to everyone who made an extra effort to help us achieve this! It makes such a difference to the children when they are at school and ready to start learning on time! Next half term's target will be even more challenging!!





WORLD BOOK DAY-ADVANCED WARNING FOR COSTUMES!

As usual we'll be celebrating World Book Day. We will again be asking the children to dress up as a favourite book character as this is something the children love to do. We'll be celebrating on Friday 2nd March . We'll let you know nearer the time about any other plans we have for the day.

#### KARATE COMPETITION

On Monday, our Karate Club held their first friendly competition in front of an audience of parents. The children donned protective gear and battled valiantly with each other whilst showing off the skills they have been learning whilst in the club. Sensei Shaun was very impressed with the level of confidence shown by all of the children involved.

#### YEAR 4 HENRI ROUSSEAU WORKSHOP

This week our Year 4 children have enjoyed working with a visiting artist to create their own felt hanging of an Amazon Rainforest scene in the style of French Artist, Henri Rousseau. Each child created their own creature to add to a larger scene whilst learning techniques to turn wool into felt. See photos on our Facebook page.

### YEAR 3 GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

We were proud to send a small group of Year 3 children to Ashington yesterday to take part in a gymnastics competition. The children did us proud and came away having achieved 4th place out of 12 teams! They took part in many activities including trampolining, using a springboard, balancing routines and ribbon twirling. The judges were so impressed with the children that they even talent spotted two of our young stars. Miss Patterson, who accompanied the children, was extremely impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of all of our children and children from other schools were also impressed with their determination.

#### SWIMMING NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons for the first week back are for Year 1 on Thursday and Year 3 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.

#### NEW E-SAFETY CONTENT ON SCHOOL WEBSITE

This week we have added 4 new videos to the school website that give valuable advice about helping to keep children safe in an online world. These can be accessed from the E-Safety page of the school website at https://goo.gl/GJyzmk



#### EY SWIMMING

Our Turtles class swimming lessons begin weekly on Wednesdays after half term. Parents are asked to remember to send contributions for these lessons in each week please—more information is available on Tapestry.

#### OUR NEW SCULPTURES

We're really pleased to have our new chainsaw sculptures installed around our path this week. These have been kindly funded through the Members Local Improvement Scheme of County Councillor Terry Clark. We hope that the sculptures will encourage even more children and their families to take part in increased physical activity as they walk the quarter of mile around our path to visit the sculptures. Our new additions include The Gruffalo's Child, Paddington, Winnie the Pooh, Noah's Ark and the Frog Prince! There are also some secret doors in the back of some of the sculptures! We hope that these sculptures bring much joy in the years to come.

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