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# LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 98.5%

 Nursery (Seahorses)
 -99.1%

 Reception (Turtles)
 - 100.0%

 Year 1 (Jellyfish)
 - 98.0%

 Year 2 (Puffins)
 - 100.0%

 Year 3 (Sharks)
 - 100.0%

 Year 4 (Penguins)
 - 94.4%

Well done Turtles, Puffins and Sharks!!

# VOLUNTEERS FOR CONSERVATION CLUB

We're hoping to restart our Conservation Club again soon for children in Y3 & 4 on Mondays after school. In order to do this we are seeking the help of a number of parent volunteers who would be willing to go on a rota to help out every few weeks alongside the staff members who will lead the club. The club will usually involve litter picking, some activities on the beach and some activities in school. Please speak with Mr Heeley if you'd be willing to help out every so often.

# STARS OF THE

## WEEK

Daisy Mallaburn
Brandon Goodwin
Cody Chester
Kayden Montgomery
Amelia Berney
Faith Elliot
Craig Taylor

#### PARENTS' EVENINGS

We're holding our Autumn term
Parent's Evenings on Tuesday 24th
and Wednesday 25th September.
These are earlier in the year than
usual so teachers will be able to
focus conversations on how well your
child has settled into their new class,
what the expectations and routines
of the class are and to identify any
ways that you can support your child
with any specific issues or learning.
Please book a slot with a member of
staff at the doors in the mornings or
call the school office.

#### ONLINE SAFETY MESSAGE

We place a great emphasis on keeping the children safe . This in turn will help keep them happy and ready to learn. Part of this agenda is helping the children how to stay safe when they are online, whether that be on computers, phones, tablets or gaming devices. During computing lessons we regularly talk about how to stay safe online and how to identify and deal with online situations that may worry or scare them. Our school website 'Keeping Safe' section has a large number or links and resources that you may wish to look at and discuss with your child.

### WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

The children are really enjoying finding the meanings of words that are new to them each week. As well as the overall word of the week, teachers also choose 5 words from the children's homework that are discussed in class throughout the week. Please try to discuss the meaning of words with the children as it really does help make a difference with their understanding in reading and in their writing.

Our favourite words chosen this week are: Y1—nocturnal (Hayden M), Y2-morphing (Jack M) Y3- teamwork (Kaidan R), Y4-courage (Mason C).

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Parents should have received notification yesterday of the after school clubs that children have been allocated. It is a big task to organise clubs so please ensure that children attend regularly, have the correct kit and are collected promptly.

#### 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 and contribution.

## 2019 SCHOOL DIARY

Tues 24th & Weds 25th September	Parents' Evenings
Friday 27th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
***NEW*** Tuesday 1st October	Individual and family group photos
***NEW*** Thursday 17th October	9am- Harvest Assembly
***NEW*** Thursday 24th October	Deadline day for entries to Pumpkin Competition
Friday 25th October	Parents to classroom to look at books
Friday 25th October	3.15pm—School Closes for Half Term
Tuesday 5th November	School reopens for Autumn Half Term 2
Mon 11th—Weds 13th November	Y4 Robinwood Residential

#### REQUEST FROM THE LITTLE PEBBLES

Little Pebbles are in the process of developing their outdoor area. if anyone has any pans, small/medium/large mixing bowls or kitchen utensils that you no longer use, we would be very grateful for these. Please drop any donations into the school office.

#### NURSERY AND LITTLE PEBBLES PLACES

Applications for places at Little Pebbles and our Nursery are coming in fast. If you have a younger child we recommend that you fill out an application form early in order not to miss our deadlines. These can be collected from the school office and detail our admissions criteria and deadline dates for application.

#### JOINING OUR PTA

At the end of last year , the children of many of our existing PTA members left us to go to middle school. Our PTA raise thousands of pounds each year for school that is used to support school trips and buy additional resources. They're a small and friendly group who are always keen to welcome new members. If you would be willing to give up a little time every so often to be part of this group, please speak with Mrs Dellbridge in the office. We'd be really keen to get more parents of our younger children on board and would love to try out any new fundraising ideas!

#### PUNCTUALITY CHALLENGE

So far this half term we have counted 7 LATES. Our target this half term is LESS THAN 40 LATES. If we achieve this the children earn a treat at the end of the half term.

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