



STARS OF THE WEEK

Zane Ramsay
Jaxon Morrison
Autumn Stanford
Alfie Purvis
Faith Douglas
Olly Nelson
Poppy Willis

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK: 85.7%

Nursery (Seahorses) - 91.0%
 Reception (Turtles) - 82.5%
 Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 91.0%
 Year 2 (Puffins) - 85.9%
 Year 3 (Sharks) - 80.4%
 Year 4 (Penguins) - 88.9%

Well Done Jellyfish!

2022 SCHOOL DIARY

Thursday 20th October	Harvest (Donations for Amble Food Bank)
Friday 21st October	School Closes for Half Term
Tuesday 1st November	School Reopens for Autumn Half Term 2
Tuesday 1st November	Pumpkin Competition
Wednesday 2nd November	3.15pm—Final Robinwood Meeting for Y4 Parents
NEW Friday 4th November	NON UNIFORM DAY—RAINBOW RAFFLE PRIZES
Wednesday 9th November	Bag2School Collection
Monday 14th November	Y4 Residential visit to Robinwood
NEW Monday 28th November	3pm-5pm Year 1 PTA Movie Night
NEW Tuesday 29th November	3pm-5pm Year 2 PTA Movie Night
NEW Wednesday 30th November	3pm-5pm Year 3 PTA Movie Night
NEW Thursday 1st December	3pm-5pm Year 4 PTA Movie Night
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas Crafts/Christmas Fair
Thursday 8th December	9am—Christingle Assembly
Wednesday 21st December	1.30pm Nativity Service at St Cuthbert's Church
NEW Thursday 22nd December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

HARVEST ASSEMBLY DONATIONS

We'll be welcoming Rev John from St Cuthbert's Church to join us for our harvest assembly at 9am next Thursday (20th October). **Parents are also welcome to join us for this assembly.** As we have done very successfully for the last few years, we will be collecting donations for the Amble Food Bank which continues to help and support many people in the local area. We have attached a suggested items list on the email with this newsletter. Please feel free to begin sending donations into school from Monday.



PUMPKIN COMPETITION

As Halloween is before our first day back after our half term break we will be running our Pumpkin Competition on Tuesday 1st November, meaning that pumpkins will be in homes for Halloween itself. We didn't think pumpkins would last if we ran the competition before half term!

HALLOWEEN HAMPER COMPETITION

To help raise funds towards our Christmas activities, we have a fabulous Halloween themed family hamper (kindly donated by Laura Dawson) to give away. For a chance to win this we are running a Halloween colouring competition—all entries will give an entry into the draw. Colouring sheets are available from the school office at 50p each. The winner will be announced in next Friday's assembly.

NON-UNIFORM DAY—RAINBOW RAFFLE PRIZES

On Friday 4th November we are holding a non uniform day. In return we would like each child to bring in an item we can use in our Grand Christmas Raffle. Each class has been assigned a colour and we would like you to donate an item of that colour. Donations will then be used to make up coloured hampers which will become prizes in our Christmas raffle. **Please see the attached poster for more details as well as some examples of things you could donate.**

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT ALL CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO Y2 ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS!

ATTENDANCE CONCERNS

Last week, we had one of our lowest ever school attendance figures, much of which was down to unauthorised holidays taken during term time. So far this, children at Amble Links have lost over 100 days of learning due to these. We ask that parents carefully consider the wider consequences of taking holidays during term time - children miss important learning and/or additional interventions which form the foundations for future learning, often meaning that it can take many weeks for them to catch up with peers. We will continue to apply for penalty notices when previous or future possible attendances are low.

THINKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS!

As you will see from our calendar, Christmas dates are beginning to appear. On Thursday 22nd December we'll be having our Christmas Jumper Day and enjoying Christmas dinner with all the trimmings! In order to help cut costs for everyone we hope to be able to do something a little different with Christmas jumpers this year. We are asking parents to begin sending in any old/previously used Christmas jumpers - we will then have a stall at the Christmas Fair selling these jumpers for just £1 meaning that the children can have a different Christmas jumper whilst helping raise funds for our PTA. We hope this will be something that is very successful and can be done in future years. We'll be saving money and helping save the planet!

