



STARS OF THE WEEK

Emmie Rowell
Jack Dawson
Harlow Kielty
Barney Falkous
Cassie Robertson
Imogen Douglas-Matthewson
Ava Stewart

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%
LAST WEEK: 82.3%

Nursery (Seahorses)	-98.5%
Reception (Turtles)	- 65.9%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 78.5%
Year 2 (Puffins)	-
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 87.6%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 96.4%

Well Done Penguins!

2021 SCHOOL DIARY

NEW Tues 7th September	SCHOOL REOPENS FOR AUTUMN TERM
NEW Thurs 9th September	New nursery children start school

ONE WAY SYSTEM AND TIMES OF SCHOOL DAY

We'd like to thank parents who took the time to express an opinion about our one way system and pick up and drop off times. The responses were overwhelmingly in favour (over 85%) of keeping the one way system in place and using the 'the walk-through' system at pick up and drop off times. Many parents commented that these systems are far better for the children's safety and wellbeing. So, from September, **the one-way system will remain in place** but there will only be one drop-off/pick up timeslot.

Drop off will be from 8.40am-8.50am (children arriving after this time will be recorded as being late)

Pick up will be 3.10pm-3.20pm

PARENTS ARE REMINDED AGAIN THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO ARRIVE EARLY; THIS WILL HELP PREVENT QUEUING.

COVID RESTRICTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

There are still many unknowns about what restrictions/arrangements we'll have in school regarding Covid-19 in September. During the holidays we will digest any new guidance that arrives and communicate this to parents prior to returning to school on 7th September. We will be keeping a number of protective measures in place such as well ventilated classrooms, lots of handwashing and sanitising and enhanced cleaning. There are also more details about the one way system staying in place in a separate section.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Breakfast Club and After School club will restart on Tuesday 7th September. Due to staff ratios these are for children in Reception to Y4. Unfortunately, nursery pupils are not able to attend. Please let us know if you'd like to book your child in by phoning or emailing the school office. Breakfast Club is £1 per child per session and after school club prices range from £2.50-£5.00 per session depending on when your child is collected. All payments must be made through SchoolGrid

THANK YOU

We'd like to say a very big thank you to parents and children for all of the lovely gifts and kind words that you have given us at the end of this year- they are very much appreciated!

A big thank you must also go to our amazing school staff who have pulled together through thick and thin to keep school as normal as possible this year. By being with so many children each day they have been at a much higher risk of needing to isolate and many staff have had to do this, some multiple times. This impacts heavily on their own families lives too—thank you!

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Thanks to everyone who completed the parental questionnaire this year. Your responses really help us! The winner of the £20 voucher is Sara Ambler

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

It is strongly recommended that school uniform is ordered sooner rather than later as providers often get very busy at the end of the summer holidays leading to delays. We expect to see all children in smart school uniform with black shoes as we return in September. Uniform can be ordered at:
<https://totstoteams.com/schools/amble-links-first-school/>

PARENTS MUST ENSURE THAT NEW ONLINE EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS FORMS ARE COMPLETED FOR EVERY CHILD

ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

After 2 disrupted years it is critical that we take every opportunity to get the children back on track with their learning. Achieving good attendance at school is a vital part of this. From September we hope that bubble isolations will not impact us as much as they have this year. Holidays taken during term time will not be authorised and we will use penalty notices where necessary if prior attendance has been low.

We hope to have a disruption free 2021-22 academic year in which we're sure many of the children will soon catch up with any learning missed and hope parents will support us with this.

CLASS ORGANISATION

Next year there will be very little change to which classes our staff will be working in. All teachers are remaining in the year group they currently teach:

Nursery (Seahorses) - Miss Morton
 Reception (Turtles) - Miss Lightley
 Year 1 (Jellyfish) - Miss Warren
 Year 2 (Puffins) - Mrs Kelly
 Year 3 (Sharks) - Mrs Smith
 Year 4 (Penguins) - Mrs Oliver

Mrs Smith will continue to be our Special Needs/Disabilities Co-ordinator and Mr Heeley/Miss Lightley remain our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

We will continue to have a high level of support from teaching assistants across the school and also continue to employ the services of Jane Crudace our school nurse who will be available to support children and parents with a range of issues.