



STARS OF THE WEEK

Amara Mavin
Shaun Shepherd
Scarlet Wilson
Faith Douglas
Henry Stone
Kayden Montgomery
Donovan Hall

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%
LAST WEEK: 91.7%

Nursery (Seahorses) - 91.7%
 Reception (Turtles) - 89.5%
 Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 97.8%
 Year 2 (Puffins) - 98.0%
 Year 3 (Sharks) - 85.6%
 Year 4 (Penguins) - 88.0%

Well Done Puffins!

2021 SCHOOL DIARY

Mon 11th, Tues 12th, Weds 13th October	PARENTS EVENINGS
Tues 19th October	Harvest Assembly (Pupils only) - Donations for Amble Food Bank
Weds 20th October	Bag2School collection
Friday 22nd October	It's OK Day
Friday 22nd October	SCHOOL CLOSING FOR HALF TERM
Monday 1st November	School Reopens for Autumn 2
Mon 15th November—Weds 17th November	Year 4 Residential Visit to Robinwood
Fri 19th November	Year 4 Bikeability training
Weds 24th November	Y1-Y4 To Dovecote Theatre for Pantomime

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and sibling photographs were taken in school this week and proofs of these sent home to parents. Orders for photographs should be made online through the website detailed with the proofs.

REPORTING ABSENCES

Parents are asked to contact school as soon as possible if their child will not be attending. Where we do not hear from parents and cannot get in touch with them this is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Although we will not authorise holiday absences except in very exceptional circumstances, it is also important that we are informed about these planned absences.

Please ensure we know if your child is absent due to holiday rather than illness. Where holidays have not been applied for and are known to have been taken (usually because the children tell us on their return or other children tell us!) this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence rather than a holiday.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

We plan to hold our harvest assembly on Tuesday 19th October. Unfortunately we cannot invite parents to attend again. We'll be collecting donations for the Amble Food Bank again prior to this assembly.

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Our next Bag2School Collection is on Wednesday 20th October. Please do not send in any bags of clothes before Monday 18th October as we have very limited storage space in school.

PARENTS EVENINGS 11th-13th October

As we'll be asking parents to wait outside for parents' evening appointments, Mrs Dellbridge has been contacting parents with more than one child in the school to arrange appointments that are close together. From Monday, all other parents will be able to sign up for appointment slots with classroom staff at the start or the end of the school day, or by calling the school office.

Meetings will need to be kept to very tight timescales to allow us to collect parents from outside so please don't be offended if teachers need to finish conversations mid-flow! As always, should parents need to speak to teachers at other times this can easily be arranged.

HOMEWORK

In response to parental feedback we've simplified homework this year with the main expectations being that the children regularly access Reading Buddy and Doodle Maths. We have been impressed with the number of children that now access these fun activities at home and continue to provide support in school for those that don't. We still have a number of laptops in school that we can loan to children in order for them to access their homework. Please let us know if you would like to borrow one to ensure that your child is able to complete their homework.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM—PLEASE CHECK AND APPLY

The Pupil Premium is extra funding that school can access for children who are entitled to Free School meals. This additional funding helps us keep high levels of support staff and also allows us to provide services such as our own school nurse. Unfortunately, children do not automatically qualify for benefits related free school meals and many parents do not know that they still need to apply for these as many of our younger children already receive a free meal as part of the government's Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme.

WE ASK THAT IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD MAY BE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS PLEASE [CHECK HERE](#) AND COMPLETE THE SIMPLE APPLICATION [HERE](#).

A big 'thank you' goes to parents who have already completed these forms as we have now been able to access additional funds for school over the coming years.

IT'S OK DAY

Don't forget that it's our It's OK Day on Friday 22nd October which is only 3 weeks away! We're looking forward to seeing lots of great costumes to promote help us promote tolerance of differences.

EARRINGS

It is our school policy that children should not wear earrings for PE and Sport activities including after school clubs. Please ensure that children come to school with earrings removed on PE days and days that they are at sports clubs.