



STARS OF THE WEEK

Minnie Henderson
Hunter Sykes
Daisy McCartney
Amara Mavin
Jack Dawson
Harlow Bowlt
Archie Wilson

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK : 95.0%

Nursery (Seahorses)	-94.4%
Reception (Turtles)	- 97.3%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 98.3%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 87.8%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 94.0%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 97.5%

Well Done Jellyfish!

2023/24 SCHOOL DIARY

NEW Wednesday 8th November	9am and 2.30pm Toileting Workshop with School Nurse
Thursday 9th November	Bags2School Collection
Mon 13th—Weds 15th November	Year 4 visit to Robinwood Activity Centre
Monday 13th November	3.15-5.00 Year 1 PTA Movie Night
Tuesday 14th November	3.15-5.00 Year 2 PTA Movie Night
Wednesday 15th November	3.15-5.00 Year 3 PTA Movie Night
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day—Spotty Theme
Wednesday 22nd November	3.15-5.00 Year 4 PTA Movie Night
Thursday 30th November	9.00am Christingle Assembly
Thursday 30th November	3.15pm Christmas Fair and Craft Night
Tuesday 5th December	R-Y4 Children—Christmas Carol Pantomime (in school)
NEW Friday 22nd December	2PM - School Closes for Christmas Break
ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2023-24 and 2024-25 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE HERE .	

HALLOWEEN COMPETITION WINNERS

It's been a very busy week for children and parents at Amble Links with many, many entries arriving at school for our Halloween colouring and pumpkin competitions.

We asked our much loved computer technician, John, to choose his favourite colouring entry from each class. Each class winner received a small prize in assembly. All entries also went into a draw for a Halloween Hamper.—this was won by Luna V (Year 4).

Class winners were: Little Pebbles-Adam L, Seahorses-Havana C, Turtles-Poppy B, Jellyfish-Evelyn R, Puffins-Billie-Jo S, Sharks-Thomas H and Penguins-Hildi W.

This competition raised £92 for our PTA.

We had nearly 120 entries into our Pumpkin Competition. Linda Williams, our Chair of Governors chose her favourites. Winners are: Little Pebbles-Reagan C, Seahorses-Millie B, Turtles-Laylah G, Jellyfish-Jonas TS, Puffins-Eliza S, Sharks-Bobbie-Jo H, Penguins-Robyn C. Everyone child who entered the competition received a small prize. Thanks again to Mrs Dellbridge and our PTA for arranging prizes

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION



It's nearly time for our first Bag2School Bags collection this year on **Thursday 9th November**. This is an ideal opportunity to have a clear out of any unused or unwanted clothes and help to raise some money for our PTA. **BAGS CAN BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL FROM MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER BUT MUST BE WITH US BY VERY FIRST THING ON THURSDAY 9TH.** Bags other than Bag2School bags may be used if necessary.

SWIMMING LESSONS Y1 & Y3

After half term it is the turn of our Y1 and Y3 children to have weekly swimming lessons. These lessons take place on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that children come to school with their swimming kits in a separate bag each Tuesday morning. It would be really helpful if parents of Y1 children could support children to practice getting undressed and into their swimming costumes independently. Y1 parents should also complete the short online questionnaire that Mrs Dellbridge has sent out to let us know how confident your child is in the water. Children are allowed to wear bottom half PE kits on swimming days if that will help them with changing. We ask for a contribution of £2 per swimming lesson (or £1 if your child is entitled to benefits related free school meals) - this can be paid through your School Grid account. Swimming lessons are part of the National Curriculum and are not optional for children unless there are exceptional circumstances. Our rule of thumb is that if children are well enough to be in school then they should be well enough to swim as supervising non-swimmers stretches the limited staff we have available.

TOILETING WORKSHOPS

Jane, our school nurse will be leading two toileting workshops in school on Wednesday 8th November (see calendar). These workshops are aimed at supporting parents with toilet training children in preparation for school. We have sent invitations out to some parents but any parents who are interested in coming along to get advice about younger children are more than welcome.

STAYING SAFE AT HALLOWEEN

In assembly this week, we have talked with the children about how to stay safe at Halloween, especially if they are out trick or treating. We know that many of the children are very excited about Halloween and that this heightened excitement can sometimes detract from dangers such as roads and strangers. We used some of the tips from BBC Newsround which can be found [HERE](#).

We also talked with the children briefly about the dangers of fireworks so don't be surprised if they give you advice about keeping safe around fireworks too! We focused especially on the hidden dangers presented by sparklers when they are live and when they have been extinguished. More advice can be found on ROSPAs Firework Safety Website that can be accessed [HERE](#).