# Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS



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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE Attendance for Last Week Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK WE ACHIEVED 97.6% Class percentages for LAST WEEK : Nursery (Seahorses) - 93.3% Reception (Turtles) - 97.7% Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 96.4% Year 2 (Puffins) - 98.2% Year 3 (Sharks) - 96.4%

Well done Penguins !

Year 4 (Penguins)



#### USING OUR NEW PATH

- 98.7%

We are really pleased to let parents know that the new path around the school field will soon be completed. This has been created with the support of a grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery Big Lottery Fund. We plan to use this in a number of ways during the school day. We hope to be able to allow children to use scooters on it during playtimes once a week as well as cycling once a week. We will let children know a set timetable for these activities but we <u>will only be</u> allowing the path for these activities if they are wearing a <u>suitable helmet</u>. We will be working with the children to make our own safety rules for using the path and will communicate these to parents. We hope to be encouraging families to complete a 'morning mile' on the path whenever possible too! We hope that many other opportunities and ideas will come up for using the path and would welcome suggestions from parents....watch this space. We hope to be able to organise an official opening for the path soon.

## SAFE USE OF BIKES AND SCOOTERS

As you will see from the above article, we want to encourage increased physical activity amongst our pupils. That said, we ask that no bikes or scooter are ridden by children (or adults) once inside the school gates at drop off and pick up times.

Bikes and scooters crashing into pedestrians (some very young) can be very painful and cause much damage. Parents are asked to support us with this by not allowing children to ride these in the school grounds. We also ask that parents do not allow children to ride bikes and scooters on the new path before or after school. At present this will be for pedestrian use at these times. These rules are designed to keep everyone as safe as possible at the busy start and end of the school day. Please note that persistent offenders will not be allowed to leave bikes or scooters at school.



#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding our Macmillan Coffee Morning after assembly next Friday. Parents are invited to stay after assembly and enjoy cake and coffee to help raise funds for this very worthy cause. DONATIONS OF

CAKES WILL BE VERY WELCOME. Any money raised from our PTA domino cards next week will also be donated to Macmillan.

#### SWIMMING NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons next week are for **Year 1 on Thursday** and **Year 3 on Friday**. Please ensure children come to school with their swimming kit. We ask for a contribution of £4 per lesson (children have 1hr lessons every other week) or £2 if your child is entitled to Pupil Premium.

2017 SCHOOL DIARY	
Thurs 28th September	Bag2School Collection
Friday 29th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning after assembly
Tuesday 3rd October	Individual and Family School Photographs
Tuesday 10th October	Y2 Puffins visit to Alnwick Castle
Thursday 12th October	Y4 Visit to Beamish as evacuees
Tues 17th & Weds 18th October	3.30pm Parents Evenings
Wednesday 18th October	Y3 'Field to Fork' trip
Thursday 19th October	9am- Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 20th October	Pumpkin Competition
Friday 20th October	Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly
Friday 20th October	3.15pm—School Closes for half term break

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### BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Our next Bag2School Collection is booked in for next Thursday (28th September). Bags have been sent home for any unwanted clothing items—other bags such as black bin



liners are also accepted. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR BAGS ARE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL BEFORE THURSDAY AS THE PICK UP FOR THEM IS OFTEN VERY EARLY! Thanks for your support with this fundraiser!

#### LIVE KITCHEN

The second week of using Live Kitchen has gone very well indeed. We have an increasing number of children who are pre-ordering online and many parents who have paid online or set up a direct debit. The vast majority of parents have now set up a Live Kitchen account and feedback about the system has been very positive. <u>Parents are reminded that it is</u> <u>really helpful to add any allergies your child may have to</u> <u>their details</u> in the 'Food' section once you have logged in.

Visit our website at: www.amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk for lots more information!!



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