Amble Links First School

LINKS NEWS

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Attendance for Week 5

Our school target is 95 %

OVERALL LAST WEEK- 95%

Reception (Turtles) 92% Year 1 Jellyfish- 93% Year 2 Puffins - 96%

Year 3 Sharks- 96%

Year 4 Penguins -

Well Done Penguins!

STARS OF THE

WEEK

Adam Nyberg
Freya Todd
Ava Bremner
Ruby Charlton
Joe Goodfellow
Bailey Thompson

Adam Nyberg 2015 SCHOOL DT

2015 SCHOOL DIARY

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Monday 1st June	Return to school for Summer Half Term 2 NO TRAINING DAY
DATE CHANGE Friday 12th June	7pm—PTA Quiz Night
Wednesday 17th June	2pm—Meeting for parents of children joining Reception in September
Wednesday 24th June	PTA Summer Fair
Thursday 2nd July	Transition Day. Children visit new classes. Y4 to Middle School.
Monday 6th July	SPORTS DAY Am—Nursery Pm- Recep - Y4
Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th July	PARENTS EVENINGS
NEW Wednesday 15th July	Year 4 Leavers Awards
Thursday 16th July	12.30pm Family Picnic and Pea Hunt
Friday 17th July	2pm—School Closes for Summer Holiday

A TREAT FROM THE JELLYFISH

100%

Yesterday our Year 1 Jellyfish class treated us to a fantastic class assembly. They told us what they have been learning about Dinosaurs during this half term. We were really impressed with how well they had all learnt their words and how confident they were speaking in front of so many people. This topic grabbed the children's attention from the outset and it has been a pleasure to see them so engrossed and learning so much new vocabulary as well as being



palaeontologists and discovering a Mrheeleyosaurus!

AMERICAN THEME DAY



Our American theme day on Tuesday was a great success. Most of the children came to school in American themed costumes; we couldn't believe some of the great ideas you had for these. At lunchtime we welcomed just under 50 parents to join us for an American themed lunch that included a Quorn burger, fries, onion rings, pink coleslaw and beans. We were really grateful to welcome Jill from Quorn back to school - she supplied us with all of the burgers which went down a real treat with both children and parents.

Well done also to our kitchen staff who managed to cook and serve so many meals.

AWARDS CEREMONY—ADVANCED WARNING FOR Y3 AND Y4 PARENTS

This year we plan to hold a formal awards ceremony for our Year 4 Leavers on Wednesday 15th July at 3.30pm. We will be inviting the Y3 and Y4 children as well as parents of the Y4 children. We thought you'd appreciate the notice as we'd like children to come to the awards ceremony in formal dress!! More information will come out after half term.

SCHOOL SHOP BACK AFTER THE HOLIDAYS!

A new business is opening! Mrs Britton's Little Shop, now trading as 'Mrs Caven-Gomez's Little Shop', will be reopening on WEDNESDAYS after school next half term. Don't forget to come along and sample her amazing baking and help raise funds for the school!

SCHOOL DINNERS ARE CHANGING

Please see the back of this newsletter for more information about how we will be changing school dinners after the half term break. The changes will offer the children a little more choice in what they eat at school and hopefully give them more opportunity to try new foods. Menus are available on the school website. We will talk more about this with the children during the first week back at school. Please let us know if you'd like your child to move on to school dinners.

QUIZ NIGHT

Entries are coming in fast for Quiz Night which will now be held on Friday 12th June. Get your forms and money in quickly as places are limited!

WELL DONE to Grace Armstrong who had the highest Mathletics score (8068pts)

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



SCHOOL DINNERS ARE CHANGING!

In the second week back after the half term break we will be changing the way we operate our school dinner service in order to give the children **more choice**. Our current menu is agreed between the School Council, kitchen staff and school staff and runs on a 3 weekly cycle. The menus are available on our school website. At present the children only have one choice of meal.

In order to ensure that the children have greater choice we will begin offering the children a **'baked potato' option each day** as well as the normal menu option. Children choosing a baked potato will be given the option of having cheese, tuna or baked beans with their potato. We will continue to work with the children to encourage them to eat well and at least try the different meals that we provide.

Currently, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal as part of the government's Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme whilst, unless entitled to Free School Meals, children in nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 pay £10 per week for school meals. At Amble Links the vast majority of children have cooked school meals and we hope to increase this further with our new choices.

To help us ensure we have the correct meals prepared for children we will be asking parents to discuss with their child which meal choices they would like the following week.

Every FRIDAY you will be asked to send in a meal

choice order form for the following week. We will send out an order form each week and also have these available to download and print on the school website. We have also purchased a salad bar from which the children will be able to try a range of different vegetables and salad items that they may not be used to. Our aim is to encourage the children to try healthy foods that they may not have tried before! We hope that these new choices will be a real success and ask that parents spend a little time with their children each week selecting meals.

*If forms are not returned your child will automatically receive the normal school meals for that week.