# Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS

FIRST SCHOOL

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#### STARS OF THE

WEEK
Polly Cuthbertson
Bailey Sykes
Jaxon Morrison
Reign Bowlt
Tommy Patterson
Ellis Paterson

Lola Robertson

### REMINDER

LITTLE PEBBLES AND SEAHORSES WILL BE CLOSED TO PUPILS ON MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY FOR ESSENTIAL STAFF TRAINING

#### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our School Target is 97%

OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y4): 97.6%

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YN (Seahorses)	97.1%	91.6%	2
YR (Turtles)	99.3%	95.5%	1
Y1 (Jellyfish)	97.3%	94.7%	3
Y2 (Puffins)	99.6%	94.7%	1
Y3 (Sharks)	97.3%	94.7%	3
Y4 (Penguins)	94.6%	97.4%	1

#### WORLD BOOK DAY- FRIDAY MARCH 8th

This is an early reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. We know that the children love to dress up on this day so have decided not to change this and ask that the children come to school dressed as a character from one of their favourite books. We ask that, if possible, the children can also bring along the book that their character is from so that they can talk about it with staff and their friends. PLEASE DON'T GO OUT AND BUY A COSTUME ESPECIALLY-these can be kept really simple and the homemade costumes are often some of the best we see. Look out for more details nearer the time as other book related activities are likely to be taking place too.

On the day we'll get some of the children to get creative with Canva (which they can access through School360) linked to their costumes and books. The children will also receive a £1 Book Voucher to use. CLICK HERE

# HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY

## WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME DONATIONS

To help out with costumes for World Book Day we are asking for donations of any dressing up outfits that you may have no further use for at home. If these could be brought to school before Friday 1st March we will make them available to view and take after assembly on that day. These can then be used to help make your own book character costumes.

# WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION

We will also be running a World Book Day competition that will help us create a lovely display in our school library. We have done this in the past and had some great entries.

We would like parents to send in photographs of the children reading their favourite book—the more obscure the better! We will give a small prize for each entry and a prize for our favourite photo from each class. ENTRIES MUST BE EMAILED TO:

admin@amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk
PLEASE DO NOT SEND PHOTOS
THROUGH TAPESTRY OR FACEBOOK,

2024 SCHOOL DIARY			
Monday 26th February	School reopens for Spring 2 For RECEPTION to Y4		
Monday 26th February	Y3 & Y4 Raising Robots STEM Day in school		
Tuesday 27th February	School reopens for Little Pebbles and Nursery		
Thursday 7th March	Year 4 Bikeability Training		
Friday 8th March	World Book Day		
Monday 11th March	Y3 to Easter Experience at St Cuthbert's Church		
Thursday 14th March	Y4 to Easter Experience at St Cuthbert's Church		
Friday 15th March	Non Uniform Day in return for an Easter Egg!		
Monday 18th March	Y2 Visit to Hirsel Estate		
Mon 18th & Tues 19th March	Parent's Evenings (Not Y3 on Monday 18th)		
Wednesday 20th March	Y3 Parents' Evenings.		
Thursday 28th March	2PM- SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAY		
Monday 15th April	School reopens for Summer Term		
Thursday 18th April	Bag2School Collection		

ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2023-24 and 2024-25 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE  $\underline{\mathsf{HERE}}.$ 

WE ARE NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR PARENTS EVENINGS ON 18th (Not Y3), 19th AND 20th (Only Y3) MARCH.
Please phone or email the office to book.
This will save us calling you!

#### CHANGES TO GOVERNMENT CHILDCARE

As many of you may be aware there have been changes to what support the government are now providing for parents with childcare. To find out more and see what may be available to you <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

The government are also promoting a new scheme to support people who may wish to look into becoming a childminder The Childminder Start-up Grant Scheme is open for applications. This is a great opportunity for new childminders to get funding to help set up their own business. New childminders can get a grant of £600 if they register with Ofsted, and £1200 if they register with a childminder agency. To find out more visit CLICK HERE

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