



### Attendance for Week 3

Our school target is 95 %

**OVERALL LAST WEEK- 95%**

Reception (Turtles)	97%
Year 1 Jellyfish-	93%
Year 2 Puffins -	99%
Year 3 Sharks-	98%
Year 4 Penguins -	99%
<b>Well Done Puffins and Penguins!</b>	

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Lacey Lowery  
Scarlett Arries  
Felicity Barclay  
Libby Mitchell  
Ava Bremner  
Abbie-Jane Wilson  
Sophie Harker

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### 2016 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 9th February	PTA VALENTINES DISCOS 4-pm-5.p.m Nursery—Y1 5.15—6..15 Y2- Y4
Thursday 11th February	9am - Y4 Penguins Class Assembly
Friday 12th February	It's Okay Day
Friday 12th February	Parents invited to classrooms after assembly
Friday 12th February	3.15pm School closes for half term break.
Monday 22nd February	School re-opens
Wednesday 24th February	Reception swimming lessons begin
Friday 26th February	PTA QUIZ NIGHT
Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 18th March	PTA Movie Night 5pm-7pm
Thursday 24th March	PTA Easter Egg Raffle

### ATTENDANCE -THANK YOU!

As parents will already know, we consider good attendance and punctuality to school key factors in children making the best possible progress at school. We are very pleased that our current attendance for the school year is 96.6% which is better than last year's national average attendance for primary schools. We will continue to celebrate and reward good attendance but also challenge poor attendance; this includes the use of the Education Welfare Officer where necessary. Parents should be reassured that we will send children home from school who are genuinely ill. This term we are also beginning to offer a small treat for nursery children with over 96% attendance during each half term; although they are not of statutory school age we know that good attendance at nursery improves outcomes for the children as they move into main school.

Although we do not authorise holidays during term time it is vital that parents complete a 'Leave of Absence' form BEFORE any absence so we know the whereabouts of any child not in school. These forms also give details of our policy for applying for penalty notices.

Since January we have also been sending out letters to parents of children who are late to school on 3 occasions during the half term. This has resulted in fewer incidences of lateness to school. We will continue to run our half termly 'In to Win' draws for the chance of a trip to Spurreli for ice cream. To be included in this draw children require 100% attendance for the half term and have no more than 2 late marks. We would like to thank parents for their continued support in helping us to improve attendance and punctuality at Amble Links.

### IT'S OKAY DAY—FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12th

It's only 2 weeks until our 'It's Okay' Day when children are invited to come to school dressed up to help us understand and appreciate that all of us are different and that we live in a diverse society. The idea for this comes from a series of books by Todd Parr. The day will also help the children understand the importance of being tolerant of others. We are already hearing about some great ideas that the children (and parents) are already thinking about. We are asking that children bring a donation of at least £1 on the day which we will send to EdUKaid to support schools in Tanzania.



**THERE WILL BE NO SWIMMING FOR KS2 CHILDREN ON FEBRUARY 12th.**

**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK IN FOR QUIZ NIGHT ON FRIDAY 26th FEBRUARY. PLACES ARE LIMITED!**

**KARATE CLUB will be on as usual on Monday evening.**

### BREAKFAST CLUB CHANGES

Don't forget that we will be making a few small changes to Breakfast Club from after half term. These will include starting at 8am and a change of price to £1 per session per child.

**WELL DONE to Lily Bryson who achieved last week's highest Mathletics score of 5527 points. Keep up the good work!**