# Amble Links First School

# LINKS NEWS

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# Attendance for Last Week

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK WE ACHIEVED 98.9%

Class percentages for last week:

Reception (Turtles) - 99.2%

Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 100.0%

Year 2 (Puffins) - 100.0%

Year 3 (Sharks) - 95.6% Year 4 (Penguins)

Well done Jellyfish, Puffins and Penguins

# STARS OF THE

# **WEEK**

Mason McKay Myanna Jukes Jacob Russell

Poppy Hall Ross Allan

Abbie Millican

Rylie Grey

#### Rainbow Plate Awards

- 100.0%

We've had some really positive feedback from parents about our Rainbow Plate awards and have already started to see lots of improvements in the meal choices that children are making. We've also been really impressed this week that fruit items have started to appear in more packed lunches than previously.

Parents are invited to try out the new free Be Food Smart App which is now available—this allows you to easily scan food items to find out more information about the amount of sugar, salt and fat in them. More details below.

A new campaign that highlights the surprising amount of sugar, saturated fat and salt found in everyday food and drink has been launched to encourage parents to 'Be Food Smart' and take control of their children's diet.

Without realising it, we are all eating too much sugar, saturated fat and salt. Over time this can lead to harmful changes on the inside and increases the risk of serious diseases in the future. Childhood obesity is a growing issue with figures showing that in England, more than 1 in 4 children aged 4-to 5-years-old and more than 1 in 3 children aged 10 and 11-years-old are overweight or obese.

The Be Food Smart campaign empowers families to take control of their diet by making healthier food and drink choices. The free app works by scanning the barcode of products, revealing the total sugar, saturated fat and salt inside and providing hints and tips adults plus fun food detectives activities for kids.



# Reading Army

We'd like to thank the small bunch of volunteers who came along to school on Tuesday to find out more about joining our 'Reading Army' and look forward to these volunteers coming into school on a regular basis to help us increase the number of opportunities children get to read with an adult. Please continue to read on a very regular basis at home with your child(ren) as this can help make a huge difference to how well they do at school.

Parents will also have seen the recent letter from Mrs Oliver about reading regularly at home and how we will be encouraging and rewarding this. Thank you for your support.

#### BRINGING BIKES TO SCHOOL

We're happy for children to bring bikes and scooters to school in the mornings but please note that these must be left in the bike shelter next to the KS2 entrance and NOT in the pram shelter outside the main door. The only exception to this rule is for children in nursery as the gates are locked when they arrive/depart. We're also pleased to see that an increasing number of children are wearing helmets when cycling; we continue to encourage this as part of educating the children about keeping safe in a range of situations.

# BUY SCHOOL UNIFORM AT alfs.schoople.com

# 2017 SCHOOL DIARY

***NEW*** Monday 16th January	Y1 to Hoola Hooping Festival at JCSC
Tuesday 17th January	3.15pm -Robinwood 2017 Meeting for Y3 Parents
Thursday 19th January	Swimming lessons restart (See below)
Thursday 16th February	9am - Y3 Sharks Class Assembly
Friday 17th February	Parents invited to classrooms after assembly
Friday 17th February	3.15pm- School closes for half term break.

# Y3 ROBINWOOD MEETING

Following November's Y4 successful residential visit to Robinwood we are already planning next year's adventure. We'd like to invite parents of our current Year 3 children to come along to a meeting straight after school on Tuesday 17th January to find out a little more. We strongly encourage parents to allow children to attend this visit which is a great opportunity and experience for the children.

#### Turtles Café Trip

A big thank you to Vicky Taylor and her staff who welcomed the Turtles to Taylor's Café earlier this week as part of their topic work. The children thoroughly enjoyed their hot chocolate and biscuits and are using their experiences to support their play in the classroom role play area!

# PE KITS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY!

Please ensure that your child has a PE Kit in school EVERY DAY! PE times can change at short notice. PE may also be outside if the weather permits.

# SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

If, in the unlikely situation, school needs to be closed due to bad weather information will be posted on the school website and Facebook page. Please avoid ringing school until you have checked these!



# SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming Restarts—Thursday 19th January for Y2 and Friday 20th for Y4

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

