



Attendance for Last Week

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK WE ACHIEVED 96.3%

Class percentages for last week :

Nursery (am)	- 93.0%
Nursery (pm)	- 93.0%
Reception (Turtles)	- 99.1%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 95.0%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 95.0%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 97.5%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 94.8%

Well done Turtles !

ATTENDANCE TREAT

During this week our Year 1 Jellyfish class have enjoyed a treat for being the class that has had the best attendance for the most weeks. The children enjoyed a movie on the big screen as well as a hotdog and popcorn. We've been really impressed with their attendance this year as usually it is older classes that win this award.

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100% Attendance All Year and In To Win

All of the children in school who have achieved 100% attendance for the whole of this year enjoyed an ice cream treat at Spurreli this week. Having 100% attendance is no mean feat! This was achieved by: Freya Goodfellow, Mason Mitchell, Megan Nyberg, Harley Stanford, Jessica Waddell, Katie Waddell, Charlotte Whitfield. This half term's lucky 'In to Win Winners' are: Alec Douglas, Lola Paterson, Alicia Allen, Theo-Jay Barclay, Aiden Arries and Alex Hale.

Year 4 Leavers Performance and Awards

Our Year 4 children have done us proud this week. On Monday they performed 'Hansel and Gretel' brilliantly to a large audience; their speaking and singing was truly impressive! On Tuesday they were treated to a glitzy awards evening in which they received a special personalised award and a dictionary followed by a disco. Take a look at our Facebook page for some great photos of the evening. A big thank you to the PTA and school staff who helped make the evening happen. On Wednesday, they were treated to a visit to Spurreli for an ice cream in recognition of their good behaviour and hard work in the last few weeks of their time with us. They will also enjoy a small party on Friday.

We wish all of our Y4 Leavers the very best of luck as they move on to Middle School.

2017 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 4th September	Office Staff in School 10am - 12noon for sale of uniforms
Tuesday 5th September	School Reopens for Autumn Term

PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR

School Uniform

Parents are reminded that all children at Amble Links are expected to wear school uniform. Exact details of our uniform are available on the school website. Please note that children are also expected to wear black shoes as part of their uniform. School jumpers and cardigans can be purchased from the school office.

Earrings

Ideally children will not wear earrings for school. Due to the risk of injury earrings should also be removed for PE. If children are not able to remove these themselves we ask that they do not wear earrings to school on PE or swimming days. If you plan for your child to have their ears pierced during the holiday, it would be helpful to get this done at the start of the school holiday so that earrings are able to be removed for school.

Holidays During Term Time

Parents are asked to carefully consider before booking holidays during term time. We do not authorise holidays during term time except in very exceptional circumstances. Our curriculum is so tightly packed that children missing even a day of school potentially miss important parts of learning. For example, during the first few weeks of term the younger children in school learn a new letter sound every day. We often find that missing school at particular times of the year have greater impact than others. Missing school during September often causes children to not settle into their new class as quickly as they learn new routines and begin the new curriculum for their year group. Missing school in April, May or June often has negative impact as this is when important assessments take place. We continue to apply for penalty notices when holidays are taken and attendance rates are below 92% in the 12 months leading up to the holiday.

Although we appreciate that the cost of holidays is lower during term time and that other family members are limited to certain dates, we ask that you consider the impact this may have on children's learning.

AWARDS ALL ROUND

Well done to **Daniel Straughan** who was awarded the Brian Rennison Swimming Cup last week for the huge improvements that he has made with his swimming during his time at Amble Links. Well done also to **Evie Bell** who was a runner up in this year's Amble and Warkworth Young Citizen competition. A last week's presentation Evie received an amazing goodie bag of treats donated from local businesses in recognition of her achievements. We are also pleased to announce the winner of our Amble Town Council Shield; this is presented each year to a child in Year 3 who consistently demonstrates our 6Rs of being resourceful, resilient, reasoning, responsible, respectful and reflective. This year the award goes to **Ben Belisle**.

THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTS!

The staff of Amble Links would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and children who have given us gifts at the end of the year. We have been truly touched by your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity.

SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRES

We'd like to thank everyone who returned parental questionnaires to school. We carefully analyse these and will often speak with individual parents about their responses. We have been impressed with how positive the feedback about Amble Links has been. We have also received some useful suggestions that will help us continue to improve our school for the benefit of the children.