



LINKS NEWS

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Attendance for Last Year

Our School Target was 96%

WE ACHIEVED 96.4%-WELL DONE!

Class percentages for last year :

New Year 1 Jellyfish- 96.9%

Year 2 Puffins - 94.5%

Year 3 Sharks- 97.2%

Year 4 Penguins - 96.1%

OUR TARGET FOR THIS YEAR IS

97%

STARS OF THE

WEEK

Lillie Spuhler

Kyle Nyberg

Eden Handyside

Caleb Wake

Levi Forster

Kelsie Ramsay

Jazmin McNicoll

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2016 SCHOOL DIARY

NEW Friday 16th September	PTA 'Coffee and Chat' after assembly
NEW Monday 19th September	Parents' Meeting for KS1
NEW Tuesday 20th September	Parents' Meeting for KS2
NEW Friday 30th September	5pm-7pm PTA Movie Night for children in Y1-Y4
NEW Tuesday 4th October	Individual and Family Photographs
NEW Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th October	Parents Evenings
NEW Thursday 20th October	Bag2School Collection
NEW Thursday 20th October	Harvest Assembly and Food Bank Collection
NEW Friday 21st October	Parents invited to classrooms after assembly
NEW Friday 21st October	3.15pm-School Closes for Half Term Break

HOMEWORK FOR 2016/17

Following feedback from parents, and staff discussions we have decided to make some slight changes to homework this year. We hope that this will be a little less of a burden at home but continue to have a very positive impact on our pupils' achievements. The emphasis of the homework will be on **REGULAR READING WITH AN ADULT** as this has the biggest impact on how well children do at school.

Weekly homework in Years 1-4 will consist of: Reading with an adult **AT LEAST 4 times a week**, completing Mathletics homework tasks online and learning spellings. Children will also be set a project once per term based on the topic they are learning about-this will be open ended and will give parents and children the opportunity to work together on something creative that will enhance their knowledge and understanding of a topic. Rather than having a prize for our favourite project we will have a small exhibition of projects for parents to visit at the end of each half term. We will continue to have our 'Homework Hero' Awards as well as class and individual Mathletics Awards as we have seen huge improvements in the maths skills of children regularly using Mathletics. In Reception, homework will consist of daily reading where possible and a small termly project. Nursery children will receive a library book to read with an adult at home in the coming weeks.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are pleased to offer a range of before and after school clubs at Amble Links. Parents have been sent a letter this week giving details of all clubs available. We hope that most clubs will be up and running next week.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR ONLINE CLASS NEWSLETTERS ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

These give lots of information about what the children will be learning this half term.

PARENTS' WELCOME MEETINGS

We've already held a welcome meeting for Reception Parents and plan to hold further separate meetings for parents of children in KS1 and KS2. These will provide a good opportunity to meet your child's teachers, hear about expectations and routines of their year group and have a chance to ask any questions you may have. Please come along to classrooms after school on Monday 19th September (KS1) or Tuesday 20th September (KS2).

SWIMMING LESSONS

Due to our proximity to the coast and river we continue to provide swimming lesson for all of our children every week from half way through their reception year. Following a trial period last year we have decided that rather than the children having a half hour lesson every week, they will have an hour long lesson every other week. This allows us to make much better use of time in school too. In order for us to continue to provide swimming lessons we ask that parents continue to make the same contributions towards swimming lessons. This works out as either **£2 per week** (£1 for pupils entitled to Pupil Premium) or **£4 for each lesson** (£2 for those entitled to Pupil Premium). Please send this money into school with your child in a named bag or envelope.

We will aim to add a small section to the weekly newsletter about which classes are swimming the following week as a reminder.



SWIMMING NEXT WEEK

Thursday-Year 2 Friday-Year 4