



LINKS NEWS

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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

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Nursery (Seahorses)	-95.5%
Reception (Turtles)	- 90.7%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 99.3%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 98.1%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 99.5%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 100.0%

Well done Penguins!

STARS OF THE WEEK

**Frankie Richardson
Jack Stephenson
Alex Bremner
Scarlett Arries
Stephen Addison
Libby Mitchell**

2018 SCHOOL DIARY

Weds 10th October	Year 2 visit to Alnwick Castle
Thursday 11th October	Y3 Tag Rugby at Alnwick
Friday 12th October	It's Okay Day!
Friday 12th October	5pm-7pm MOVIE NIGHT for Y1-Y4 Children
Thursday 18th October	9am—Harvest Assembly
Tues 23rd & Weds 24th October	3.30 -6.00pm Parents' Evenings
Thursday 25th October	Bag2School Collection
Friday 26th October	Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly
Friday 26th October	Pumpkin Competition
Friday 26th October	3.15pm - School closes for half term break

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were taken earlier this week and proofs sent home on the same day. If you would like to buy photos please return your form with payment of the school office by Wednesday 10th October to avoid additional postage costs.

VISITING STORYTELLER/AUTHOR

This week we have welcomed Chip back to school to work with the children to improve their storytelling and writing. The children have thoroughly enjoyed working with him and have produced some excellent verbal and written work following on from their work with him. Chip started the week with a spooky song in assembly (see Facebook) page and joined us in our Friday assembly for another very entertaining performance!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning last Friday. We raised **£280** for this very good cause as well as enjoying lots of delicious cakes!

VISITS NEXT WEEK

It's a very busy week in school next week with children in Y1 visiting the beach on Monday, Y2 visiting Alnwick Castle on Wednesday and Y3 playing Tag Rugby at Alnwick on Thursday. Letters have been sent home about each of these events giving details of clothing needed etc.

FORTNITE ADVICE

Despite its 12+ rating, we are aware that many of our pupils are playing Fortnite and have already heard from parents about some issues linked to the game including exposure to abusive language, high levels of addictiveness and anger issues. There are also warnings from a number of agencies about children's exposure to strangers whilst playing the game which could put them at risk of online grooming. We have also heard reports of inappropriate and unkind language being used between our own pupils whilst playing the game. The following link offers further advice to parents about some of the risks involved in this game. The article states: 'whilst the PEGI rating for this game is 12 years old, it does not relate to the chat element of the game.'

<https://goo.gl/cg7Vtz>

MOVIE NIGHT _ NEXT WEEK

Our next PTA Movie Night is coming up on October 12th. This is open to children in Y1-Y4. For just £3 each the children can come back to school in pyjamas with duvets etc to watch a movie on the big screen and enjoy a drink, hot dog and sweets with their friends. Children must be collected promptly at 7pm. It will be a Halloween themed movie (but nothing too scary!)

IT'S OKAY DAY

It's our It's Okay Day next FRIDAY! We're already hearing about some great ideas that the children are having for the day that will help raise awareness of diversity and help the children appreciate that everyone is different but everyone is special. We'll also be raising some money on the day to support Edukaid to improve the education of children in Tanzania. We really hope you will support your children to think of their own 'It's Okay' idea. Take a look at this Youtube video of Todd Parr, the author of 'It's Okay to be Different' for some ideas!

<https://goo.gl/kHhbiR>

PUMPKIN COMPETITION

Back by popular demand, we'll be holding our second decorated pumpkin competition soon. Children are invited to bring in a decorated/carved pumpkin on **Thursday 25th October** for judging. We'll announce our favourite one from each class in our final assembly of the half term on Friday 26th.

When judging, we always look for items that the children have had a part in creating with parents and will be offering a small prize for every entry. We appreciate that this is a little earlier than Halloween itself but hopefully they'll just about survive until then!

We're really looking forward to seeing your creations and will hopefully be able to make our hall look particularly spooky for our final assembly!

SWIMMING—NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons for next week are for **Year 1 on Thursday** and **Year 3 on Friday**. Please ensure children come to school with their swimming kit. We ask for a contribution of £4 per lesson (children have 1hr lessons every other week) or £2 if your child is entitled to Pupil Premium.