



## LINKS NEWS

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### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

**LAST WEEK: 94.8%**

Nursery (Seahorses)	-96.3%
Reception (Turtles)	-95.6%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	-94.5%
Year 2 (Puffins)	-95.6%
Year 3 (Sharks)	-88.3%
Year 4 (Penguins)	-100.0%

**Well done Penguins!**

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Jay Quoc Vo  
Callan Thorburn  
Bobby Johnson  
Jay Roper  
Kaidan Ramsay  
Zak Wilson  
Fraya Hogarth

### 2019 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 12th February	Y1 Hula Hooping Festival, Alnwick
Friday 15th February	Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly
Friday 15th February	3.15pm—School Closes for Half Term
Thursday 28th March	9am—Year 3 Sharks Class Assembly
Thursday 4th April	9am—Year 2 Puffins Class Assembly
Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th March	PARENTS' EVENINGS

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### ADDITIONAL SERVICE TO SUPPORT OUR PUPILS

For the rest of the Spring Term we will be trialling an additional service to support pupils in our school. For one morning each week we will have a fully qualified and experienced school nurse on site. The nurse, Jane Crudace, will be available to work with children and families to support with a range of issues and help signpost to other relevant services where necessary. We also plan to use Jane to make observations, advise staff and families on how best to support children to ensure they achieve the best they possibly can at school. We will hopefully identify some common themes that Jane can offer workshops on, these may include: behaviour issues, diet and picky eating, toilet training, anxiety, self esteem and sleeping issues. She may also be asked to offer support where school attendance is particularly low due to regular absence through illness. Jane will be working closely with Miss Black, Our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCO) who will take a lead role in co-ordinating her work. We hope that this service will really help add to the range of services that we already offer.

### PUNCTUALITY CHALLENGE

Unfortunately, we have already failed to achieve our whole school punctuality target for this half term so the children will miss out on a whole school treat again. This is a shame, especially for the majority of children who arrive at school on time every day. As part of our 6 'R's that we use to help children understand how to become good citizens we often discuss the importance of being on time as part of being responsible. We will continue to write to parents of children who are persistently late to school in the hope that we can reach the new target that we will set for next half term.

### WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

We've been very pleased about how well the children have taken to our word of the week challenge and are showing a real enthusiasm for finding out the meaning of words that are new to them and using these in context. In classrooms the children have enjoyed trying to use the 'Fab Five' words selected from homework books by their teachers. Within lessons, we are having a very strong push on helping children understand the key vocabulary that will support their learning. We'd like to thank parents for their support with this initiative! The whole school words of the week we have chosen this week are: 'pattern' (Alex B), 'endangered' (Alec D), 'trampled' (Ted P) and 'cautiously' (Tyler J)

### SUPPORT FOR OUR P.T.A.

This week, we sent out a letter asking parents for any support they could offer by joining our PTA and helping to raise additional funds for school. A larger number of members will really help spread the work. Please get in touch with Mrs Dellbridge in the school office if you are interested in getting involved. Just a small amount of time on a regular basis would be a big help!

### SUMDOG MATHS HOMEWORK

Children in Years 1-4 have weekly homework sent home on a Friday—this includes tasks using 'Sumdog', an online resource in which the children become more fluent in their maths through game based activities.. We are able to analyse how the children have done with this homework, seeing correct, and incorrect answers as well as where questions have been skipped. Please support the children to access Sumdog and complete this homework as we are already seeing very positive improvements in many of the children. We also provide a weekly session for each class in the computer room where they are supported to complete their homework if they have been unable to do it at home. After school club on a Monday is another opportunity for children to access Sumdog using school computers.



### SCHOOL UNIFORM

We've already started to see some children in uniform purchased through our new online provider. We hope parents that have used this service have been pleased with the speed and quality of the service. Parents are reminded that our school uniform includes BLACK SHOES - please do not send children to school in trainers.

### SWIMMING—NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons for next week are for **Year 2 on Thursday** and **Year 4 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. These contributions allow swimming to continue.

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