



LINKS NEWS

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ATTENDANCE FIGURES WILL BE SHOWN HERE EACH WEEK.

Last year we achieved 96.9% - not far off our target of 97%

We strongly encourage good attendance and punctuality and reward children and classes for this. We do not authorise holiday during term time and will apply for penalty notices if holidays are taken if attendance in the 12 month period leading up to the holiday is less than 93%. Hopefully we will achieve our target of 97% attendance this year!

We have set a target of no more than 30 lates this half term. This week we have just 1 late, so a great start!

STARS OF THE WEEK

**Robyn Common
Hayden Moore
Sophie Ross
Holly Bell
Conner Roberts
Jacob Skinner**

CONTACT/MEDICAL FORMS

At the end of last year we sent out new emergency contact/medical information forms to all parents to complete. Most of these have been returned to us now. We sent further copies out this week to parents who are yet to return forms. Please ensure that these forms are returned as soon as possible. It is vital that we have the most up to date contact information for you in case of an emergency. These forms also give consent for school trips and photographs. Parents are invited to make any changes they wish to these forms by calling into the school office.

PUPIL INDEPENDENCE

As part of our School Improvement Plan for this year we will be focusing on how we can encourage our children to be more independent, both in their learning and in other aspects of their school lives. We'll keep you up to date with this but a good start is encouraging children to get everything they need for school ready for themselves and carry their own bags to and from school. The children amaze us every day with their ability to do things for themselves!

2018 SCHOOL DIARY

NEW Tuesday 11th September	3.30pm KS1 (Y1&2) Meeting for parents
NEW Thursday 13th September	3.30pm KS2 (Y3&4) Meeting for parents
NEW Tuesday 18th September	3.30pm Reception (Turtles) Meeting for parents
*** NEW*** Friday 28th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning (after assembly)
NEW Tuesday 2nd October	Individual and Family school photographs
NEW Weds 10th October	Year 2 visit to Alnwick Castle
NEW Thursday 18th October	9am—Harvest Assembly
NEW Tues 23rd & Weds 24th October	3.30 -6.00pm Parents' Evenings
NEW Friday 26th October	Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly
NEW Friday 26th October	Scarecrow Competition
NEW Friday 26th October	3.15pm - School closes for half term break

UPDATE ON LITTLE PEBBLES PROVISION

We have been pleased to welcome our first ever group of two year old children to Amble Links this week as Little Pebbles opened. The children have settled well with us and are already getting into some good routines. They've enjoyed being in our newly refurbished space and using the outdoor area which now looks much brighter and cheerful. We are now looking forward to welcoming our next new starters next week.

SCHOOL ALLOTMENT

At the end of the summer holiday we were very grateful to some of the employees from Northumbrian Water who spend a very tough 8 hours helping to clear our allotment and picnic area as part of their 'Give an Hour' initiative. The area is now ready for our new gardening club to get going! Any offers of help on our allotment would be much appreciated as it is a big job and extra hands (in or out of school time) would be much appreciated! Any parents that are able to offer any support in terms of time, seeds, plants, or gardening equipment should contact Mrs Rutherford. We hope that someone may help us make some raised beds!

MEETINGS WITH CLASS TEACHERS

We have arranged a series of brief meetings for parents next week to give you an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and find out a little more about life in their new class and key stage. Meetings will be held at 3.30pm in one of the classrooms in your child's key stage area. If you'd like to come along, please collect your child at the normal time and come back into their classroom where we will arrange for the children to join after school clubs whilst you are at the meeting. Meetings will be on Tuesday 11th for KS1 (Jellyfish and Puffins), Thursday 13th for Key Stage 2 (Sharks and Penguins) and Tuesday 18th for Reception (Turtles).

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We're pleased to offer a range of after school clubs to children in Years 1-4 alongside our daily after school provision. A separate letter was sent home on Thursday about what is available. These should be returned by Monday when places will be allocated.

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.