



LINKS NEWS

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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK: 94.8%

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| 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

Niall Baxter
Tyler Stobbart
Annabel Paterson
Eden Handyside
Charlotte Whitfield
Stephen Addison
Joshua Nelson

2019 SCHOOL DIARY

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| 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 |
| ***NEW*** Monday 25th February | 8.45am—School Reopens |
| 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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VACANCY FOR A PARENT GOVERNOR

After many years of service, Carol Stevens' term of office as a parent governor has come to an end. We'd like to thank Carol for all of her hard work as a governor at Amble Links. We know that Carol will still be involved with our school and look forward to seeing her continue to join us for school events. This leaves a vacancy for a new parent governor. More detail about the role can be found here:

<https://goo.gl/9GnEyK>

If we have more than one parent wishing to become a governor an election would need to take place. Having read the relevant information, please let Mr Heeley know in writing by 12 noon on Friday 15th February if you are interested in joining our governing body.

PUNCTUALITY CHALLENGE

Unfortunately we failed our punctuality challenge for this half term a couple of weeks ago and did not achieve our whole school reward. We have written formally to parents of children who are late to school on 3 or more occasions in the hope that this will help improve punctuality. We will set a new target at the start of next half term and hopefully achieve a reward - something that has eluded us this year.

BUILDING WORK IN SCHOOL

During the half term break some building work will be taking place around school that will involve lintel and window replacements around many areas of our buildings. This building work will continue into next half term. We have worked closely with builders to develop plans that will hopefully minimise any disruption to learning. We will aim to notify parents by Facebook of any areas to avoid or diversions to access routes during next half term if these are necessary.

WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

Every day we're hearing the children telling us about new words they have found and learnt the meanings of. We're discussing these in class and the children are getting better at putting their words into context. It has been wonderful to hear children so enthusiastic about words. Thanks to all of the parents who are helping the children with this. This week's words of the week are:
 bank (Jacob W), empathy (Annie F), labyrinth (Alicia A) and surged (Lincoln D).

HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS

Parents are reminded that our whole school site is designated as being smoke-free. This includes the use of e-cigarettes and vapourisers. It would also support our promotion of healthy lifestyles if parents do not smoke directly outside the school gates when children are coming into or out of school meaning that others have to walk through this smoke.



For health and safety reasons, dogs are also not allowed on our school. Despite the obvious health and safety reasons, many children are also fearful of dogs. For this reason we also ask that dogs are not tied up directly outside school.



PARENTS INVITED TO CLASSROOMS

Parents are invited to come back to classrooms after assembly next Friday to look through their children's books with them. This is a great opportunity to see how much progress they have made in their work and talk with them about what they need to improve to make their work even better!

Y4 GYMNASTICS STARS

On Monday, Mrs Goodfellow took a group of 6 Year 4 gymnasts to take part in a School Games Level 2 gymnastics competition in Ashington. In total, 11 schools took part. The standard of the competition was very high but our children did exceptionally well coming 6th overall. They especially impressed with their team balance and teamwork skills which were commended by another school for an award. Well done to: Libby M, Millie, A, Neave S, Caitlin W, Jacob S, Theo-Jay B! You can see pictures on our Facebook Page.

SWIMMING—NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons 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. These contributions allow swimming to continue.

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