



## LINKS NEWS

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### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

**LAST WEEK: 96.0%**

Nursery (Seahorses)	-94.7%
Reception (Turtles)	-95.0%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	-94.8%
Year 2 (Puffins)	-92.4%
Year 3 (Sharks)	-99.0%
Year 4 (Penguins)	-99.0%

**Well done Sharks and Penguins!**

### STARS OF THE WEEK

**Cody Chester**  
**Roan Shepherd**  
**Kayden Montgomery**  
**Shannay Uguw**  
**Oliver Wilson**  
**Callum Straughan**  
**Levi Forster**

### 2019 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 22nd January	Y2 Gymnastics Festival—Ashington
Thurs 31st January	3.20pm—Meeting for Y3 Parents—Robinwood 2019
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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#### HEADLICE

A number of cases of headlice in school have been reported to us. If you notice headlice or eggs in your child's hair please treat them as soon as possible. Regular wet combing with conditioner and a fine comb is an effective means of tackling the problem. Children should be treated and returned to school as quickly as possible. Parents are urged to check children's hair on a very regular basis to help reduce the spread of headlice.

#### LINKS ROAD CLOSURE

Due to the building work Links Road is due to be closed again for around 4 weeks from 28th January. Diversions will be in place but parents are urged to give themselves extra time to ensure children arrive at school on time. Please also be considerate of other drivers and local residents when parking at pick up and drop off times.

#### PUNCTUALITY CHALLENGE

In order to win a whole school treat we set our punctuality challenge target as no more than 28 lates for this half term. Although things have improved later in the week, we have recorded **9 lates this week** bringing our total so far to **14**. This accounts for nearly half of our target with only 2 out of 6 weeks of the half term passed. Parents are urged to ensure that children arrive in time to enter school through their normal door. We talk lots with the children about punctuality being an example of being responsible so it is extremely disappointing that a small number of children have prevented many others receiving a treat.

#### SCHOOL DINNER ORDERING

We urge parents to use the Live Kitchen system WITH their children to pre-order school meals. Although we really appreciate parents encouraging children to try different food options we have recently seen an increase in the number of children saying that they don't like what their parent has chosen for them. Although we do our best, we are not always in a position to provide an alternative option to what has been ordered.

#### SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

This week our Year 4 children took part in a workshop with Show Racism the Red Card. They discussed other cultures, religions and societies and identified what could be described as racism and what is not. The children learned about the importance of being tolerant and respectful of other cultures and religions. We were really impressed with the level of thoughtfulness and understanding that the children showed. They'll have a follow up workshop next week and will need PE kits on Monday.

#### WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

Last week we launched our new 'Word of the Week' homework challenge with children in Y1-Y4. Already we have heard that many children have learned new words and have proved to us that they really understand them by being able to use them in different contexts. We'd like to thank parents for helping the children to find these words and help explain them. Although dictionary definitions help, asking a child to explain a word in their own words and in a range of sentences really helps!

#### Online Resources

We offer a vast range of online resources which can be accessed through links on the school website. One resource, Curriculum Visions, offers access to a huge range of age appropriate books that the children can use to support their learning and may be especially useful for homework projects. Please take the time to have a look at some of these resources with your child, Information about what your child is learning can be found on the half termly online newsletters that teachers produce

#### 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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