



LINKS NEWS

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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK: 92.6%

Nursery (Seahorses)	-91.7%
Reception (Turtles)	-94.3%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	-99.6%
Year 2 (Puffins)	-88.1%
Year 3 (Sharks)	-91.7%
Year 4 (Penguins)	-96.8%

Well done Jellyfish!

STARS OF THE WEEK

**Cora Cooper
John McPeake
Will Douglas
Sophie Taylor
Liam Bailey
Caitlin Waddell**

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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Good attendance at school is a key factor in children doing well at school. As a school we are also judged by Ofsted on how good our attendance is. Over recent years we have achieved above national average attendance figures which is really positive. Unfortunately, our figures for this year so far are not as good for a number of reasons including the outbreak of chickenpox and the stomach bug before Christmas which were unavoidable. Holidays taken during term time have also added to this situation. Parents are reminded that if children are feeling slightly 'under the weather' they should still be sent to school—if they are genuinely ill we will quickly notice and send them home. Please note though that if children have sickness or diarrhoea they should be kept off school for 48 hours to prevent spread of these. **PARENTS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT CHILDREN WHO ARE OFF SCHOOL POORLY SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT TO FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES.** We hope that we can begin to achieve our weekly attendance stars again soon and have attendance figures closer to our target of 97%

PUNCTUALITY CHALLENGE

Unfortunately, over the last 2 half terms the children have not received their whole school treat for achieving our lateness targets. We have set this half term's target as **NO MORE THAN 28 LATES** for the whole term. We often talk to the children about being responsible and believe that being on time to school is an example of this. We hope that we can achieve our target this half term as it is very disappointing for the vast majority of children who are on time every day to miss out on this treat because others are late. So far this week we have recorded **5 LATES** (Children coming into school through the main door)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RESTART NEXT WEEK

After school clubs all restart next week. Please ensure that children come to school with the correct clothing for these. If your child would like to join a club that they are not already a member of, please call in at the office and we'll check availability.
Mon: Karate (6pm),
Mon: Y2,3, 4 Dance (3.15-4.30pm)
Tues: KS1 Multi-Sports (3.15pm-4.30pm)
Tues: KS2 Conservation (3.15pm-4.15pm)
Weds: Gardening (3.15pm-4.30pm)
Thurs: KS2 Football (3.15pm-4.15pm)
Please ensure children attend clubs they have places at regularly as places are limited.

WORD OF THE WEEK CHALLENGE

Look out in homework books for our new 'Word of the Week Challenge' for children in Y1-Y4. We hope that the children will start to find and learn the meanings of lots of new words as part of their homework; this will really help them understand what they are reading more. We will look forward to seeing some 'Homework Heroes' showing off their new word knowledge!

INTRODUCING SUMDOG

Please see more details on the back of this newsletter about the use of Sumdog as an addition to our homework. The children have all had chance to try it in school and have loved using it to help improve their maths.



QUESTIONS FOR SCHOOL

School newsletters are also available to download from the school website every week. Most information you need can be found on these, our website or Facebook page. Please telephone the school office between 7.45am and 4.15pm if you have any unanswered questions.

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. These contributions allow swimming to continue.

IN TO WIN WINNERS FOR AUTUMN HALF TERM 2

Well done to last half term's winners of our In To Win draw. To be in the draw children had to have 100% attendance and no more than 1 late mark. The lucky winners will enjoy and ice cream treat at Spurreli in the coming weeks!
Myanna Jukes, Shannay Ugwu, Sam Callaghan, Holly Bell, Ted Purvis, Neave Stone