



Newsletter, September 2018

Dear Parents and friends,

Welcome to all our new pupils and families and welcome back to all our returning pupils- I hope you are excited to start your new year groups! You may have noticed that work has been happening all summer at Amble First- we have had a rewire in the main school with new sockets and fancy lighting! We have also been busy spending your sponsor money on a beautiful new Nursery - see facebook and our website for photos. Our next project is the outdoors. We have put a bid in for a running track around the school and new playground markings. As the building has been out of bounds while the electricians have been in I have noticed the willow and weeds are taking over! Any parents willing to lend a hand with any school ground work would be much appreciated.

There are lots of activities happening this term. Please keep a note of the dates and we will also update the website and facebook.

Have a great term!

Mrs Bruce

Dates for your diary



Welcome meetings

All parents and carers are warmly invited to come to a welcome meeting hosted by your child's class teacher. It will be at the end of the school day for 15 minutes, starting at **3pm**. The **year two meeting starts at 2:30pm** as we are going to discuss SATs tests! The aim of this is to set out expectations for the year and answer any questions you may have. If you can't make the meeting the children will also come home with a class information booklet containing the same expectations.

Wednesday September 5th- Year 3

Thursday September 6th - Year 4

Friday September 7th - Year 1

Monday September 10th - Reception

Tuesday September 11th - Year 2



Parent Assemblies - Family and friends are all welcome to watch children celebrate and share their learning - always a Monday afternoon at 2.45pm.

October 15nd - Year 4

November 26th - Year 2

October 8th - Year 3

November 12th - Year 1

November 19th - Reception



Literacy parent drop in - This term we will be offering you a chance to come and see your children working in a Literacy lesson. The children are going to demonstrate strategies for spelling, grammar, punctuation and handwriting and the teachers will be showing you how to help at home. The sessions will be run during the school day either first thing in the morning or the last session of the day. The dates are as following:

October 2nd - Reception

November 29th - Year 4

September 18th - Year 3

September 24th - Year 1

September 25th - Year 2



Macmillan Coffee morning - September 28th - Get baking ready to support our charity event for a very worthy cause! We are inviting all parents and friends to bring in cakes or biscuits to sell on September 28th. All proceeds to Macmillan cancer support. More details to follow.

Year Two SATs parents meeting- This is a very important year for our year two pupils. All year two parents and carers are invited to hear more about their learning journey. We will share with you the expectations for the end of the year and explain the purpose of the end of year SATS (Standard Attainment Tests). We have extended the welcome meeting on September 11th to start from **2:30pm**. If you can't make this date we will consider running a second meeting or inviting you to speak with the class teacher individually.

Year One Phonics parents meeting- All year one parents are invited to our phonics meeting. We will share with you the work we are doing in school and lots of fun resources and activities that you can do with your children at home. This will take place as a parent drop on **September 24th** at 9am.



Swimming

We have decided to begin termly swim sessions for year groups in order to gain a longer lesson. The cost of swimming increased to £4 per week for 45 minutes lesson. Only two year groups will swim every week for one term on Wednesdays.

Year 3 and 4 will swim in the Autumn Term

Year 1 and 2 will swim in the Spring Term

Year 3 (half a term) and 4 and Reception (half a term) will swim in the summer term

Swimming starts again on **Wednesday 12th September** for years 3 and 4. Please ensure you have your swimming kit and swimming money (£4) in a named envelope. Thank you.

After school club

I have attached a program with this newsletter of the activities happening at our brand new after school club. Please follow the instructions if you would like your child to attend.

Attendance

Can I say a big thank you to all pupils and parents for a much better attendance rate in 2017-2018. We were just above the national average of 96%. This gives all of our children a much better learning opportunity- let's do even better this year!

Best wishes from,

The Amble First School Team

