

Thank you for your amazing generosity donating food to the Amble Food bank during the Harvest festival. The volunteers who came to collect it couldn't get over how much we had to offer them!

We also enjoyed a harvest festival video celebration with Reverend John. We were able to share songs, prayers and poems with the whole school via our video link and Reverend John shared a super story about being thankful and gave a blessing to the children and their families.

The pumpkin competition was enormous fun and the children were rightly rewarded on Friday with a Halloween party for a fantastic half term. In such an unsettling time we feel very lucky to be able to continue to teach and care for your children and they have been fantastic throughout.

As you know, we have now entered a national lockdown and I have shared the education guidance on our website and Facebook. Please get in touch if you have any concerns. We are working hard as a staff to continue to consider all the elements that support your children to fly at Amble First School including learning at home, reading routines, catch up, celebrations, active learning (including cultural capital) and parent contact. Read on to find what's happening this month!

Mrs Bruce 😊



### Remembrance Service

**This year we are still remembering this special day with activities in school and two minutes silence across the school on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am.**



Our Safeguarding Schools liaison officer, Karen Kirkbride, is coming to do an emotions and empathy PSHE sessions with year three and year four on Thursday 12th November.

This is part of our work with Northumberland police in partnership to safeguard pupils against future domestic abuse, with early intervention.

Safety First: Karen will work in one bubble and follow our visitor Covid rules.



Its' Children in Need on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.



All the children are invited to dress in Pudsey clothes, in Spotacular fashion or just have fun in non-uniform. Please bring a donation (suggestion £1) for the Children in Need cause. We will join Joe Wicks for the final 20 minutes of his 24 hour PE challenge so make sure you can still exercise in your chosen outfit!



**Anti-bullying week - Tuesday 17th November.**

Lots of dressing up this term! On Tuesday 17th November, as part of our anti-bullying week we would like all pupils to come into school with odd socks on! This is a nationally recognised campaign to remind pupils in a simple and fun way that we celebrate differences.

### Wraparound care

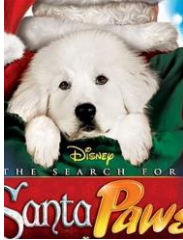
We are still able to offer our after school childcare club (Reception to Year 4).

Please book today if you would like a space using our cashless system. If you require a last minute space or the deadline has passed (every Friday for the following week), please phone the school office for availability. Next week activities are:

w/b 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Activity
Monday	<b>Computer club</b> 3:15-4.15 Computing, outdoor/indoor games. 4:15-5.15 Making and eating - wraps/sandwiches/toasties/pizza/soup. Chill out time.
Tuesday	<b>Bingo Night</b> 3.15-4.15 (£4 per session) 3:15-5.15 (£6 per session). Including selection of snacks and drinks. Prizes for bingo winners.
Wednesday	<b>Lego Club</b> 3:15-4.15 Lego building, outdoor (weather permitted)/indoor games. 4:15-5.15 Making and eating - wraps/sandwiches/toasties/pizza/soup. Chill out time.
Thursday	<b>Chill Club</b> 3:15-4.15 Outdoor (weather permitted)/indoor games, crafts, 4:15-5.15 Making and eating - wraps/sandwiches/toasties/pizza/soup. Chill out time.



**Breakfast club** is also running from 8am each morning and also needs to be booked in advance (by Friday for the following week) using our cashless system. The cost is £1.50 per session.



### Operation Santa Paws

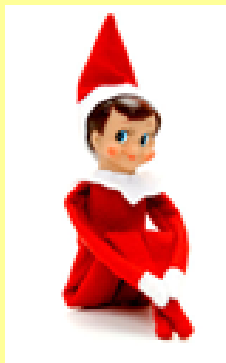
We are still collecting pet food, pet toys and blankets for PC Bakers operation Santa Paws. This will be delivered to the RSPCA for all the animals in their care over Christmas. The children are designing pet posters for the competition to win some great prizes including an Xbox. All PC Baker asks for to enter is a pet donation. These donations can be sent in at any time until 27.11.2020. See our Facebook page for PC Bakers video clip.



### Home Reading

We have tried hard to keep the home reading going without our reading records (we miss them!). Reading for 5-10 minutes at home every night or as many nights as possible, really helps children develop their fluency and gives a high importance to reading. Please continue to hear your children read regularly. To keep the profile of reading high, we are launching for December:

## #readingsELFie Christmas challenge Open on 1.12.2020



Children are invited to take a photograph reading with their elf and either post the photograph on Tapestry, Google Classroom or they can email it to their class teacher.

In Reception year one and year two we have the extra challenge of getting a sELFie playing a phonics game.

Children can send as many sELFies as they like.

Crew points for every photo.

Prizes for the most unusual place reading with your elf.

Prize for the class with the most children participating.  
All photos will be displayed in school on the sELFie hall of fame!

More about Christmas in our December newsletter.

**School photos**

The school photos will be sent home today. The deadline for orders is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**Toucans' places**

We still have a couple of places available for January 2021 in our Toucans group. The sessions are Monday to Friday, 12.30pm - 3.30pm, £10 per day or free for children entitled to 15 free hours. Please get in touch with the office if you need a place for your child.

Best wishes from,

*The Amble First School Team*