

Pupils have made a great start to the new term. Our attendance is steadily rising after the Autumn Term bugs and viruses. Pupils have really enjoyed the healthy eating challenges and are thinking carefully about sugar swaps in their own lives. Fun little Foodies have been fabulous in showing the pupils how to make their own food from scratch and we have identified some budding chefs! The puffin patrollers have met with Mrs Hunter to organise a sugar swap fun day at the end of term. This month and over half term we are challenging the pupils to work on their mental health with the 30 day challenge and some lovely opportunities to join with our partnership schools. see #lets get our community talking. Lot's of positive things happening...

Mrs Bruce 😊



Spelling Bee

The trophies have been polished, the medals are ready...have you been learning your tricky words?

On February 10th, there will be a class spelling test on 10 (year One) and 20 (year 2, 3 and 4) of the tricky words from the mat. The top three spellers will then go on to a fun (!) final in the hall in Key Stages to find the top spellers in our school. Class teachers will also be awarding crew points for amazing efforts!



Times Table Rock Star

Advance warning!!! At the end of Spring Term 2 (30th March) we will hold our times table rock star competition.

Each class will be tested (in an age appropriate way!) in class on:

Reception: Doubling up to double 10

Year One: The 2, 5 and 10 times table

Year Two: The 2,3,5 and 10 times table

Year Three: The 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times table

Year four: All tables up to X 12!!



Top performers from all classes will be invited to key stage finals in the hall to determine who are the times table rock stars.

Teachers will also be rewarding pupils with times table rock star goodies for best improvements and best effort so give it your best shot!

Assembly

Family and friends are all welcome to watch children celebrate and share their learning - this term they will take place on a **Thursday morning at 9:05am**.

Year Group	Date
Reception	05.03.2020
Year One	12.03.2020
Year Two	26.03.2020
Year Three	19.03.2020
Year Four	27.02.2020

Drop-ins for Spring Term

Come and watch your pupils learning maths facts for life. Get ahead for the times table rock star challenge 2020 (Spring Term 2). **Time 9.00am - 10.00am (except for Reception)**.

Year Group	Date
Reception	27.02.2020 at 2pm
Year One	13.02.2020
Year Three	06.02.2020



Parking\ driving near school

Could everyone please respect the markings outside the school gates which say "SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR". No cars should be entering this space to drop pupils off or reverse into, especially during school drop off and pick up times. This is for the safety of your pupils and families.



Our Safeguarding Schools liaison officer, Karen Kirkbride, is coming to do a PSHE session with year three. This is part of our work with Northumberland police in partnership to safeguard pupils against future domestic abuse, with early intervention.

There will be a drop in session where parents can speak with Karen to seek advice regarding domestic abuse, request an onward referral to domestic abuse support services or alternatively make a report to the Police. This will take place at **8:30am on Thursday February 27th**. Please call in on that date at 8:30am - no appointment necessary or alternatively let Mrs Bruce know you would like to speak to Karen.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Family Challenge!

Let's get our Community Talking



What are we doing?

Schools and child-care settings across Amble, Widdrington and Warkworth are joining together and taking part in the # Let's get Britain Talking Campaign and we're challenging all families and pupils to join in too! On Monday 10th pupils will be given a mental health and wellbeing challenge board in assembly for you to complete with your family so we can get our community talking about mental health and wellbeing. We'd love to see what you've been up to so please let us know and send in any pictures you have! Amazing efforts will be rewarded.

As a partnership of schools we've also decided to extend this challenge further. Each school will also be offering a family fun event that is open to the whole community so pupils and families from all schools. We all want to get our community talking!

Please find below a list of events and times in date order:

Amble Links School - Family Sculpture Trail

Monday 10th February 3.30 - 4.30 pm we're offering all families the opportunity to attend a sculpture trail on the school field. It is an opportunity to spend some time with the family and get some fresh air- don't forget to wrap up!

Amble First School - Odd Socks Rock! Meet new friends through the power of socks!

Monday 2nd March 3:30pm - 4:30pm All children with an adult to bring a pair of socks, you'll then get to swap one with a new friend and make a sock puppet. If everyone can bring something recyclable such as buttons and wool to add to their sock puppet and then we can share resources and support our save the planet mission! This will be followed by sock chats, drama and games to bring our new friends together.

Warkworth C of E Primary - Family Park Run

Saturday 29th February 9 am. All families are welcome to join us for the Parkrun at Druridge Bay, Country Park, Red Row, Morpeth, NE61 5BX. It's a free event and it's a perfect opportunity to get outside with family and friends! To join us, please register using the following link: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/?section=form> There will be lots of people running and walking so everyone is welcome!

Grange View C of E First School- Litter Pick

27th March 2020 at 2pm- litter pick. We would welcome families to come to school and collect their child to walk around the village together cleaning up our local environment. The school will provide bin bags and gloves for adults. We hope that we can all chat on our mission to clean up Widdrington station and bring families together. All rubbish to returned to school for our Caretaker to dispose of.

Hartbeeps - Musical Adventures!

Hartbeeps are also offering two free sessions: one for babies and toddlers and then one for walkers to 5 years of age at St Lawrence's Church, Warkworth on:

7th February at 10 am (30 minutes) - walkers to 5 years of age.

11th February at 1.45 pm (40 minutes)- babies and toddlers.

<https://www.hartbeeps.com/morpeth-choppington-ashington-bedlington-newcastle-upon-tyne-se/classes>

Could you ask parents to ring the school office: (01665)711359 if they'd like to access the free sessions as there is a limit of 25 per session.

Why are we doing it?

There is clear evidence that building good relationships with family, friends and the wider community is positive for everyone's mental health and well-being. Did you know that anxiety and depression in children has risen by 48% since 2004? Did you also know that when children and young people are struggling with their mental health it can be particularly difficult for them to talk openly about how they're feeling? Our aim is to build up those good relationships within the community and between family and friends, and have some fun doing it!

Further support

If you or someone you know needs any further support or advice, please use the approved links below:

Britain Get Talking by Young Minds and Mind.

<https://www.itv.com/britaingettalking/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.headstogether.org.uk/partners/charity-partners/>

We'll try to keep families updated on events via Facebook

Have a lovely half term,

The Amble First School Team

Fridge page

February	What?	Who?
Thursday 6 th 9:05am	Year Three maths drop in	Year Three parents and carers invited
Thursday 6 th February 1:15pm - 3:00pm	Year Two Fun Little Foodies	
Monday 10 th	Spelling Bee	Year One to Year Four
Monday 10 th	Amble Links Family sculpture trail	Open to all pupils with their families
Thursday 13 th 9:05am	Year One maths drop in	Year One parents and carers invited
Thursday 13 th February 1:15pm - 3:00pm	Reception Fun Little Foodies	Reception class
Friday 14 th 3:15pm	School closes for half term	All pupils
Thursday 27 th , 9:05am	Year Four class assembly	Year 4 pupils, parents and carers
Thursday 27 th at 2pm	Reception maths drop in	Reception parents and carers invited
Saturday 29 th , 9am	Family Park Run, Druridge Bay	All pupils and their families
March		
Monday 2 nd	Odd Socks Rock- Amble First School 3:30-4:30pm	Open to all pupils and a parent \ carer
Thursday 5 th , 9:05am	Reception class assembly	Reception pupils, parents and carers
Thursday 12 th , 9:05am	Year One class assembly	Year One pupils, parents and carers
Thursday 19 th , 9:05am	Year Three class assembly	Year Three pupils, parents and carers
Thursday 26 th , 9:05am	Year Two class assembly	Year Two pupils, parents and carers
Monday 30 th	Times Table Rock Star s	Reception to Year Four

