



# Year One



*What an action packed term it has been! Thank you to all our families - I know we have asked you for lots of donations this term which have helped us to fund the equipment we buy, the activities we run, the trips and the plays we organise and the causes we raise money for and you have supported us superbly. So thank you again and we will be mindful following Christmas of our requests for contributions.*

*Mrs Bruce ☺*

*What a brilliant term it has been in Year One. The children have made such progress in a short space of time. Huge thanks to those families able to take the time to support our Home reading and phonics activities, it makes such a difference to your child's development. Similarly, I'm really enjoying reading the children's Learning Log homework, I've never handed out as many Puffin Points and Prize box gifts for excellent work!*

*I look forward to rewarding the class with a Christmas party on the afternoon of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The children can come to school dressed in their party clothes (sensible shoes please!) and can bring a plate of party food for themselves. Please could this be labelled with their name to avoid confusion. Many thanks.*

*There are lots of things to look forward to next term. The Year One and Two children will start swimming lessons again (see below for details). They will also have a chance to have an after school sports club with the Alnwick Bears (letter to follow). On the topic of PE, many thanks to the children for following the new PE uniform of dark trousers and their school jumper. They look so smart! Please remember no earrings for the safety of your child.*

*The attendance of the Year One children has been brilliant this term, keep up the good work.*

*I wish every one of you a very merry Christmas.*

*Mr Wonders and the Year 1 team.*

## **Christmas Fair**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas fair such a success. We raised:

**£989**

The PTA are a fantastic group of parents who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to organise the stalls and events. The staff team and pupils worked hard to organise and run their class stalls and together it was a superbly run afternoon with some amazing prizes. Check out our facebook page for a list of winning raffle tickets. With PTA funds this year we have already supported:

Reception and Nursery with Smart televisions

Year One with a scientific visit from a bubbleologist!

Year Two with number squares and cupboards

Year Three with green scene equipment to make videos

Year Four with place value counters and new drawers

### **Crew news**

We start back on **Tuesday January 8th** with new Crews. All pupils will belong to a Crew and earn points for their team using our school 360 computer system. We hope to do lots of fun activities and competitions as crews to encourage our pupils to work together across the year groups.

We held a competition, in key stage two, for Crew names to inspire our five teams and the winners were chosen by the school council. Names will be announced next term.

Our year four crew leaders will be announced next term.

### **Assembly format**

We are going to try a new assembly format in the Spring Term. Year group assemblies will take place on a Thursday morning at 9am followed by tea\ coffee\ juice and biscuits for parents\ carers and pupils in that year group.

The dates for assemblies are:

### **Drop- ins for Spring Term**

Drop in on your child's numeracy lesson and get up to speed with the fancy maths language your children are using! Lots of ideas for games and activities to practice maths at home. Focus: multiplication\ times tables

14.1.19 Year 2 drop in 11am & 2.30pm

16.1.19 - R parent drop in @9am & 2:30pm

24.1.19 Y3 parent drop in 9.00am

25.2.19 Y4 parent drop in 9.00am

4.3.19 Y1 parent drop in 9.00am



## Spelling Bee

Start learning to spell your trick words over the Christmas holidays in preparation for the end of half term spelling competition (see attached information)



### Breakfast club cost increase

Over the last few years we have tried to cover the rising cost of food and staffing, however we can no longer subsidise the shortfall, leaving us with no other choice but to increase our breakfast club price to £1.50 per day as from January 2019.



### Swimming - Spring term, Years 1 and 2 only

Our swimming lessons will re-start on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January (providing the pool is open by then) for Years 1 and 2 only. Years 3 and 4 will not swim this term. The cost of swimming is £4 per week for 45 minutes lesson, which can be paid at the beginning of each week or for few weeks in advance.



### Nursery breakfast club

From January 2019, our popular breakfast club will be extended to our nursery pupils. The places are limited to 8 children per day and must be pre-booked in advance otherwise we are unable to guarantee a space on the day.

The club will run Monday to Friday, from 8.10am, at the cost of £3 per day. The higher price is due to staff to child ratio (1 to 8). The children get the choice of cereal, toasts or pastries and juice and water and can play with their friends until the start of the school day.

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year,

*The Amble First School Team*

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