

Can I take this opportunity to wish all our families a Happy New Year! As ever, we have an action packed term. This newsletter also goes on our website alongside our notices and calendar of events and we put notices on Facebook, particularly if something has been rearranged or it is a short term notice. We are also going to trial Parentmail, an email and text service- more details to follow.

Mrs Bruce ☺

Attendance awards ★



Our first 100% attendance badges were handed out on the last day of term. These should be worn with pride every single day as it was a long term. Well done to all those who made it!



PTA- Chinese New Year



The Staff and the PTA are coming together for a Chinese New Year celebration! All pupils in Reception up to year four are invited to stay at school until 4:30pm on **Wednesday February 6th**. We are going to have a whole school procession, followed by a party with a chance to try some Chinese food. A permission slip will be sent out nearer the time.



Crews (Cruise!!) around the world



All of our children are now in one of the following crews:

Grace Darling

Roald Dahl

Albert Einstein

Leonardo Da Vinci

Amelia Earhart

The year fours nominated these inspirational figures to lead the crews and pupils have been shared out equally amongst them, with family members in the same crew. Every pupil is now working towards points for their crew. These can be gained for being:

- ★ a punctual puffin (always ready to learn, homework in on time)
- ★ a perfect puffin (always trying their best, keeping school rules)
- ★ a playground hero (being a good friend)
- ★ Flying high (working to their highest standard)

Points are collected by all teachers on our School360 system and at the end of every week the crew who receive the most points get a passport stamp on our display in the hall.

The crew with the most points at the end of each half term get to celebrate with a special treat together!

Ask you child which crew they are in and for an extra puffin point bring some facts about your inspirational Crew leader in for your teacher!



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:

31.1.19- Year Three

7.2.19- Year One

14.2.19- Year Four

7.3.19- Year Two

21.3.19- Reception

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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 9am & 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



Swimming - Spring term, Years 1 and 2 only

Our swimming lessons will re-start on Wednesday 23rd January 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 (£40 for the entire term).



Spelling Bee reminder

I hope you have begun to learn your tricky words for the end of term spelling bee (11.2.19). The medals and trophies have been ordered and I'm looking forward to seeing who has worked hard to learn those tricky words. Please see a class teacher if you need a reminder of the words.



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 (£1.50 for children in Reception to Year 4). 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.

Best wishes from,

The Amble First School Team

