

July Newsletter 2021

Dear families,

We've made it to the final week of what has been another very turbulent year! It's been a busy year with lots of changes. Thank you for supporting us, we know that it is frustrating when it feels like things are constantly changing and new things are being introduced. We really appreciate everything that you have done to support learning at home. We understand how difficult it is to juggle working from home, childcare, home learning and getting on with life in general!

Thank you to all of the staff; office, kitchen, cleaning, dinner ladies, teaching assistants and teachers who have continued to work hard all year round to ensure that your children are happy, safe, warm, learn and have fun. There are lots of people who continually give up their own time and go the extra mile for our pupils. For this, I am very grateful to be part of such a fantastic team.

Finally, thank you to all of the children who have demonstrated resilience, who have continued to work hard and have come to school each day with a smile on their face, ready for a new challenge. We really do have the best children at Amble First School!

Dawn Hunter

Year 4

We are sad to say goodbye to our Year 4 leavers. We are sorry that we haven't been able to invite families in to watch you perform one last time but we hope that you take away happy memories of the fun and learning that you've had at Amble First School. Details of how you can access your leavers' performance will be shared with you by your teachers.

Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Caroline Metcalfe will be joining our teaching team in September. She will be teaching in Year 4.

Class organisation 2021 - 2022

Reception - Mrs Donaldson

Year 1 - Mr Wonders

Year 2 - Mrs Graham

Year 3 - Mrs Hunter

Year 4 - Mrs Forsey / Mrs Metcalfe

Headteacher - Mrs Jackson

Autumn term

School opening and hometimes will remain staggered for the beginning of term.

Nursery and Reception 8.45 - 3.00pm

Key Stage 1 8.40am - 3.00pm

Key Stage 2 8.50am - 3.10pm

Regular handwashing, the use of sanitiser, respiratory hygiene, enhanced cleaning regimes and increased ventilation where appropriate will also remain in place.

After school clubs

We are really pleased that we have been able to reintroduce some after school clubs and trips this term. We are hopeful that we can continue to expand the range of clubs and visits in the autumn term. Please look out for further details.

Wraparound care

Thank you to the families who responded to our survey about wraparound care. We appreciate your views and have carefully tried to meet childcare demand and staffing requirements. Wraparound after school club will run **Monday to Thursday**, term time only.

The cost of each session is:

£4.00 until 4.15pm

£6.00 until 5.00pm (please note the reduction in timings and cost)

Places are limited to 15 per day and need to be pre-booked via eduspot.co.uk.

Please contact the office if you need new login details or a password reset.

Please note: places need to be booked by Friday for the following week

One million steps challenge

Thank you so much to everyone that donated sponsorship money. We have raised a staggering £1078.49 so far!!! This is incredible. We are going to put the money towards buying a cosy outdoor reading shed for the playground and stocking it with a range of exciting books for the children to enjoy.

Finally ...

We hope that we have taught your children many things this year. One thing that we'd really like them to remember is, in a world where you can be anything, Be Kind. Stay happy, stay safe, be kind and we look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 7th September**.

Best wishes,

The Amble First School Team