



Newsletter

I hope you've all had a great Easter and are ready for a super Summer term. We have lots planned this half term including Ford Castle for our year fours, topic parent 'drop ins' and a royal wedding celebration!

I would like to thank all parents and carers for continued support with our attendance policy- our overall total attendance is consistently at 96% which is in line with national figures and our number of persistent absentees has halved taking us below national figures. Thank you for continuing to phone and call into the office when your child is late or absent and for bringing in evidence of appointments. This makes our job much easier as we have to log and track this information carefully.

Finally, well done to Reception, year 3 and year 4 who all won our 'reach for the stars' class attendance competition for Spring. The tie breaker for the afternoon at the park is the attendance winner this Friday! Good luck!

Mrs Bruce ☺

Attendance awards ★



Our proud pupils with 100% attendance for the month of March are:



Reception: Sophie, Max, Cindy, Chelsea, George, Jenson, Maisie, Harley, Marcus, Evangeline, Charlie R, Arron, Logan, Lola, Dougie, Stefania, Isaac, Bret, Callum

Year One: Ellie, Fleur, Jude, Ben, Polly, Ebony, Olly, Aaron F, Ruby, Charlie, Aaron H, Tegan, Harriet, Ashton, Elliot, Samantha, Hallie, Millie, Zane, Ella-Jade, Ava



Year Two: Charlie, Liam, Finlay, Jake, Jack, Meghan, Ryley, Morgan, Jackson, Ebony, Luke, Ruby



Year Three: Ava, Phoebe, Isla, Billy, Charleigh, George, Caitlin, Jayden, James, Libby, Courtney, Leo, Lexie, Evan

Year Four: Megan, Lexi, Sian, Lily-Mae, Hannah G, Riley, Harrison, Jacob, Jay, Lily, Rees, Macy, Jessica, Olivia, Brooke, Harry, Grace, Hannah O, William, Lucy, Rhys, Ryan, Bailey, Oscar

Pupils with 100% attendance for whole Spring Term are:

Reception: Sophie, Chelsea, George, Jenson, Maisie, Marcus, Evangeline, Charlie R, Logan, Isaac, Bret, Callum

Year One: Ellie, Polly, Ebony, Olly, Aaron F, Tegan, Harriet, Elliot, Samantha, Hallie, Zane, Ava

Year Two: Charlie, Jake, Morgan, Jackson, Ebony, Luke



Year Three: Phoebe, Isla, Billy, Charleigh, George, Caitlin, Jayden, Courtney, Leo, Lexie, Evan

Year Four: Megan, Lexi, Sian, Lily-Mae, Hannah G, Jacob, Lily, Rees, Macy, Jessica, Olivia, Brooke, Grace, Hannah O, William, Rhys, Ryan, Bailey, Oscar



This is a great achievement. Wear your badge with pride! Can you complete the full year? Good luck.

The Puffin code



Thank you for all the entries to the Puffin code competition, a lot of thought and effort went into your ideas. Our class winners and a huge well done goes to Charlie in Nursery, Lola in Reception, Ethan in year one, Meghan in year two, Lexie in year three and Hannah G in year four. We combined the best words from each class winner and came up with:

Proud to be punctual

Understanding

Friendly and forgiving

Free to speak up

Inclusive

No to bullying

The children have decided that we need **Puffin patrollers** to ensure we uphold the Puffin code at all times by rewarding outstanding children! We are going to explore all six themes over the next six weeks of term during assemblies and our patrollers (2 children from each year group) will award puffin points for examples of excellence.

Dates for your diary



Parent Assemblies - Family and friends are all welcome to watch children celebrate and share their learning - always a **Monday afternoon at 2.45pm**.

Year 4 - 14th May

Reception - 11th June

Year 1 - 18th June

Year 3 - 25th June

Year 2 - 9th July

Topic parent drop in sessions - This term we welcome you to see your children working in a Literacy lesson. The sessions will be run during the school day either first thing in the morning or the last session of the day. Watch out for more information from your class teacher nearer the time. The dates are as following:

Y1 Topic/Science drop in- **Tuesday 24th April**

Rec Topic/Science drop in - **Thursday 3rd May**

Y4 Topic/ Science drop in - **Wednesday 9th May**

Y3 Topic/Science drop in- **Thursday 10th May**

Y2 Topic/ Science drop in - **Tuesday 22nd May**



EYFS fundraiser

We would like to give Reception class and the nursery a full makeover- fresh paint, new display boards, some new furniture and possibly new flooring in the nursery. To do this we need to raise some money! Following the success of our Sport Relief week, we would like to do a sponsored obstacle course. **On Friday 11th May**, each class will complete:

Nursery: 5 minutes- completing as many laps of the course as possible.

Reception: 10 minutes- completing as many laps of the course as possible.

Year One: 15 minutes- completing as many laps of the course as possible.

Year Two: 20 minutes - completing as many laps of the course as possible.

Year Three: 25 minutes - completing as many laps of the course as possible.

Year Four: 30 minutes - completing as many laps of the course as possible.

The children will be encouraged **NOT TO STOP** during this time but to keep moving- (slowing to a walk is fine) so you are sponsoring them to complete their time.

Don't forget their water bottle on the day and we will provide a nice cool ice pop for all classes on finishing.

Top Sportsman and top sportswoman medals will be given in each class for the most laps completed in the time and a second medal will be given to the best sporting attitude on the day.

Please return all sponsor money and sponsor forms by **Friday 11th May**.



Ford Castle

Year four are staying overnight at Ford Castle on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd of May, returning to school on Friday 4th May. Miss Gascoigne - Owens, Mrs Poulton and Mr Wonders will accompany the children for the duration of the stay. The activities look fantastic!



Year Three- school residential

Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Bruce are planning a school residential on **Friday 18th May** for year three! Come back to school on Friday at 5:30pm with your sleeping bags and pillow for outdoor challenges and games, hot chocolate supper, movie night, a midnight feast and sleep overnight in school! In the morning we will share breakfast and play a few games before collection at 10am. This will cost £10 per child- any money left over will be put towards our EYFS fundraiser.



Royal wedding

The wedding date of Prince Harry and Meghan is set for Saturday 19th May. On **Friday 18th May** we would like to celebrate with a street party (in the school yard!) Children are invited to come dressed in red, white and/or blue. In the afternoon we will play party games and all children are invited to bring a small plate of party snacks and a drink for a tea party. If the children can bring their own food on a named plate/ plastic box this is really helpful for the staff and children.



Walk to school

I have just received some fantastic new badges for the children to earn. All you have to do is walk to school at least once a week and you receive a badge at the end of each month. For those of you that have to get to work or drop off at breakfast club and need the car, 'park and stride' has been a popular way of still earning your badge. For this you just need to park the car a bit further away from school (5 mins) and enjoy the walk!



NSPCC assembly and non-uniform day

The NSPCC are visiting the school on **Thursday 26th April** to deliver age appropriate assemblies on how to "speak out, stay safe" to Reception and KS1 and KS2. The NSPCC - the National Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Children is a charity supporting children in need - see their website for more information. Speak out Stay safe is a programme that gives a generation of children the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. As this is also our mission at Amble First we are delighted to work in partnership with them. We would like to hold a non- uniform day this Friday 20th April to show our support and allow the NSPCC to continue their good works. Children are invited to wear their own choice of clothes in return to a voluntary donation to the NSPCC so that this charity can continue to support children in need.



Swimming

Our swimming lessons will re-start on Tuesday 24th April (providing the pool is open by then). The cost of swimming stays the same at £3 per week, which can be paid at the beginning of each week or for few weeks in advance (£15 until May half term). If you think you might be in credit, please see Miss Nowak to check it.

Year 4 will be finishing their lessons at the end of May and Reception will take over their place for the remaining few weeks (more details to follow from Mrs Donaldson).

School uniform

Please remember that orders for school uniform can be placed at any time via www.mapac.co.uk website. It's a busy time of the year, so to ensure you get your items by September, please order in plenty of time to avoid disappointment.

Best wishes from,

The Amble First School Team

