



Newsletter

Welcome back, I hope you've all had a great Easter. Thank you for a great Spring term! Pupil attendance was much better in the second half of the Spring Term- hopefully we've beaten those bugs. We are back to 96% attendance (just!) and would love to see it reach 96.5% in this final term! We are very proud of those pupils who received 100% attendance badges for the Spring Term. Wear them with pride. ★

Well done to our year four pupils who won the attendance rocket race for the second term running. Enjoy those park trips.

Well done to Einstein crew who gained the most points this half term. I hope you enjoyed your treat! ★

Our times table rock stars competition was great fun. Well done to all the winners pictured on our website!

So... we have challenged spelling and time tables. What is next?

This Summer Term we are going to encourage our health and wellbeing with a sponsored mile/ obstacle course in the first half term. Then in our final half term we would like to run **Amble's Got Talent** to showcase the many artistic, creative and musical abilities we know our pupils possess! ★



Mrs Bruce ☺



Dates for your diary

Amble's got talent - To celebrate the final term we would like to hold a showcase of pupil talent! Each class will be invited to put on a show and parents are invited. These will take place every **Monday afternoon at 2.00pm**.

Year Four - 10.6.19

Year Three - 17.6.19

Year Two - 24.6.19

Year One - 1.7.19

Reception - 8.7.19

Topic parent drop in sessions - This term we welcome you into your child's class to take part or observe your children in a topic 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- Mon 13th May Y1 Parent drop in @ 9am

Rec Topic/Science drop in - Thursday 9th May at 9am

Y4 Topic/ Science drop in - Thurs 23rd May Y4 Parent drop in @ 9am

Y3 Topic/Science drop in- Thurs 9th May parent drop in - @9am

Y2 Topic/ Science drop in - Monday 29th April Y2 drop in -2.30pm

Sponsored Obstacle/daily mile race



We have been busy over the Easter holidays putting new flooring in our Reception/Small hall area. We have painted it and added new display boards. We would now love to add some new furniture to make areas for small group work and our computer area. All funds raised will go towards supporting this.

Week beginning Monday 20th May, each class on their PE day will complete:

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 24th May**.



Year two SATs tests

All year two pupils will be taking Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar tests this half term. Test can be completed at any time in May so we spread them out to ensure the children are not bombarded and usually complete them in the morning so that pupils are fresh. Pupils are used to completing tests in this format and will not feel pressured in any way. Most pupils won't even know they have completed them!

What can you do to help? Make sure your children get a good sleep, eat breakfast and are in school on time, every day. Make sure they are continuing to complete their homework, including reading their book every night. Simple!

We thank you for your support so far. Following our parent meeting in September we have seen super progress with lots of pupils who have been completing suggested work at home. Keep it up!



Ford Castle

Year four are completing their residential at Ford Castle from Monday 29th April until Wednesday 1st May. Mr Wonders and Mrs Henderson will be accompanying the pupils and Mrs Hunter will support the year ones back in school. Have a great time!



Attendance challenge - EYFS

We are on a drive to improve the attendance of our youngest pupils as this is where our lowest rate of attendance lies! All the pupils in the Early years (Toucans, Nursery and Reception) are working towards a visit from the bubbleologist at the end of term. To be awarded the visit, all the children have to do is turn up to school, on time, everyday! For every full attendance week, the pupils can fill the display outside the nursery class with bubbles. When the picture is full- the bubbleologist will be sent for! The bubbleologist is a children's entertainer who has already been into year one. She does amazing bubble tricks, for example, she can put pupils and teacher inside giant bubbles! A super treat.



Retirement

Sadly for us, Mr Shanks, our caretaker for 23 years is retiring this term. Great news for Mr Shanks, of course! He is going to return to school on Thursday 23rd May for a celebration assembly with the staff, pupils and governors. If anyone parents want to leave a card or make a donation towards a retirement gift, please leave it with the school office.

Parent Survey

Please take the time to read and complete our parent survey attached. Your opinion of the school is of huge importance and we use your feedback to feed into our action planning.

Best wishes from,

The Amble First School Team



Sponsored obstacle course

Week beginning Monday May 20th, each class will complete as many laps of an assault course as they can in:

Reception: 10 minutes

Year One: 15 minutes

Year Two: 20 minutes

Year Three: 25 minutes

Year Four: 30 minutes

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Name	Address	Amount sponsored	✓ Collected

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