



November 2022 Newsletter

The amount covered in this newsletter brings home how busy this time of year is! As always, we have lots of things planned so please make sure you scroll all the way to the bottom so that you don't miss anything. We are very conscious, particularly this year about the huge rises in the cost of living and are very mindful of this when we plan activities or events. We are working hard to ensure that we continue to provide the same wide range of opportunities and experiences. In order to do this, we would like to continue with our fundraising activities however, we would ask that families only contribute if they are able.

Mrs Lizzie Jackson

PE Days

PE days for this half term are as follows:

Reception	Tues	Fri
Year 1	Tues	Fri
Year 2	Tues	Fri
Year 3	Thurs	Fri
Year 4	Wed	Fri (Swimming)

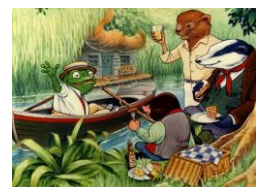
Please can you ensure that children do not wear earrings on PE days. If they are unable to take these out on their own, then they must be covered with tape.

Children in Need Day

Children in Need Day will be celebrated on **Friday 18th November**. Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform. We will not be collecting money in school this year, but if you would like to make a donation you can do so at <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Pantomime

We are very excited to be taking Years 1 to 4 to see Wind in the Willows at the Dovecote Centre on **Thursday 24th November**. Tickets are priced at £6 and can be paid for on Eduspot. Please ensure that this is done by Friday 18th November at the latest.



Parent governor

We are currently looking for new Parent Governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- an interest in the performance of the school.
- a desire to contribute to and represent the community.
- an open and enquiring mind.
- the ability to look at issues objectively.
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate.
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements.
- the ability to work well with others.
- time to spare.
- a child or children currently attending Amble First School.



If you are interested or would like to ask any questions about the role, please email or call the school for an informal chat.

Amble First School PTA

The PTA needs your help! In order to provide many of the opportunities and resources that we do in school, we rely on fundraising opportunities throughout the year. This is particularly important this year where budgets have been squeezed more than ever. The PTA does an invaluable job in planning and resourcing these events and they would really appreciate a few extra pairs of hands to help with this. There is no commitment to help at every event, help for even just one occasion is always welcome. If you would like further information, please check out the Amble First School PTA page on Facebook, get in touch with school or speak with Hannah Hay, one of our parents, who is currently doing amazing work to source prizes for our Christmas raffle.

Join the PTA!



Non-uniform days

In order to start collecting items for the Christmas Fair, we will be holding a number of non-uniform days over the next few weeks. All donations would be gratefully received.

Friday 25th November - toiletries

Friday 2nd December - bottles

Friday 9th December - chocolate/sweets



My Child's Art

As Christmas is fast approaching we thought that it would be nice for families to have the option to purchase some items designed by their child/ren. Before half term, every child created their own piece of Christmas artwork. We have now shared these with the My Child's Art company, who will turn these into a range of items such as Christmas cards, mugs, coasters, key rings and other gifts etc. You may recognise that this is the same company we used



earlier this year. Please look out for your leaflet which will contain the code that you need to access your child's artwork. All orders should be placed online with the company, as we are unable to do these from school.

Christmas Dinner Day

We will be having our Christmas dinner on **Tuesday 13th December**. If your child is usually on packed lunches but would like a dinner on that day, please email school office at: admin@amblefirst.northumberland.sch.uk and top up your child's dinner money account with £2.20 on Eduspot by Monday 6th December (children in Reception, years 1 and 2 are free). Thank you.



If your child is usually on school dinners you don't need to email school to book.

We will add dates for Christmas parties in the December newsletter.

Open afternoons

We would like to invite you to come and spend some time in your child's class. This will be an opportunity to see the kinds of activities that they take part in. I think that some of the teachers have Christmas crafts planned and I know that they will be very grateful for the many pairs of extra hands! Please come along and get involved.



Reception: Tuesday 13th December 2pm

Year 1: Monday 5th December 2pm

Year 2: Monday 12th December 2pm

Year 3: Thursday 8th December 2pm

Year 4: Wednesday 14th December 2pm

Christmas Performances

EYFS: Monday 19th December 10am in school.

Y1,2,3,4: Thursday 15th December 10am and 1:30pm at St. Cuthbert's Church.

All are welcome, please come and join us.



Online safety

Online Safety has an increased profile within the latest child protection and safeguarding children guidance. At Amble First, we recognise the importance of this and have our own separate policy which details our approach to keeping children safe online. However, we also rely on the support of our families in ensuring that children are protected from any potential dangers whilst using the Internet at home. Whilst we try to stay on top of what is happening with regards to any local and national issues, we are always grateful when families report to us anything that they are worried about. For this reason, we have set up an Online Safety Concern Form which can be accessed



below or through our website for you to share any information with us that you think we should be aware of. You can also use this to ask any questions or for advice. Reports can be made anonymously if you wish.

[Online Safety Concern Form](#)

Attendance

Attendance for each class at the end of October:

Rec	93%
Year 1	92.6%
Year 2	92.4%
Year 3	94.4%
Year 4	91.5%

Well done Year 3, your class has won an extra playtime for the best attendance this half term!

Key Dates (*New dates added)

November

- 7th KS1 Beach Day
- 10th KS2 Beach Day
- 18th Children in Need Day - non-uniform
- 24th Pantomime Visit
- 25th Non-uniform day - toiletries

December

- 2nd Non-uniform day - bottles
- 5th Year 1 Parent afternoon
- 8th Year 3 Parent afternoon
- 9th Non-uniform day - chocolate/sweets
- 13th Reception Parent afternoon
- 13th Christmas Dinner Day
- 14th Year 4 Parent afternoon
- 15th Christmas performances at St. Cuthbert's Church (Y1,2,3,4)
- 19th EYFS Christmas performance (at school)
- 19th Christmas Fair - afternoon
- 22nd Last day of term
- 23rd School closed for teacher training day

January 2023

- 9th Children return to school

