



Amble First School

March 2024 Newsletter

School Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform and the uniform policy reflects our commitment to ensuring that it is affordable and accessible for families. Recently, we have noticed increasing numbers of children wearing items that are not part of the agreed school uniform. We allow children to come to school on PE days wearing joggers/leggings and suitable shoes for sports, however normal uniform must be worn on all other days. Where a jumper or cardigan is required due to the weather, this must be a school jumper/cardigan or one of the same colour. School jumpers/cardigans must be worn on all school trips unless otherwise stated. Our uniform information can be found on the website at:

http://www.amblefirst.northumberland.sch.uk/web/school_uniform/346997

We do hold a number of pieces of second hand school uniform in school. Please speak to a member of staff should you need any help.

Staffing

We are sad to announce that Ms Gilbert will be leaving Amble First School at the end of the Spring term. We would like to thank Ms Gilbert for everything that she has done for the school, particularly with organising our PE and developing our sports leaders. We wish her all the best in her new school.

Mrs Laura Balding will be joining us in Year 2 and the children will get to meet her before the holidays. Mrs Balding is an experienced teacher who is very excited to join us and we hope that you will help us to make her feel welcome.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. We know that many of our children enjoy dressing up on this day but we are increasingly aware of the cost that this brings for many families. This year we have decided to create a theme for the day and every class will be doing some work based on a specific book. We will be keeping the name of the book a secret for now but should children wish to dress up, they are

encouraged to come dressed in their favourite colour.

We will also be hosting a WBD competition. Children are invited to decorate a wooden spoon as their favourite story character. Please send these in on the day.



PE Days Spring 2

Nursery	Wednesday	
Reception	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday	Friday
Year 3	Wednesday	Friday (Swimming)
Year 4	Tuesday	Friday

Dance Club

Dance Club will continue for Years 1 - 4 on Friday nights until the Easter holidays. Children who currently attend are guaranteed a space. Please let school know if you no longer require this space. We will be changing this offer in the summer term so please look out for letters in the coming weeks.

Beach Days

Weather permitting, we have planned the following mornings for our Beach trips this half term.

KS1	Mon 11th March
KS2	Wed 13th March

Children should come to school suitably dressed for the weather. They may also bring a labelled bucket and spade to use.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is being celebrated on **Friday 15th March**. Children are welcome to come in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1.

Drop in Sessions

Please come and join us for our drop in sessions where you can take part in activities with your child/ren. These will take place in the school hall from 2pm on the following days:

Year 4	18th March
Year 3	19th March
Year 1	20th March
Year 2	21st March
Reception	25th March

Attendance

A reminder that parents must make contact with school on the first day of absence. If no one is available to answer the phone, please leave a message or send an email stating the reason for absence. School starts at 8:45am and any arrivals after this time are recorded as being late. It is very important that children arrive in school on time each day. There are many activities that the children take part in as soon as school starts such as reading with an adult, writing activities and times tables practice. Children who are frequently late miss out on these opportunities. Being just 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days of lost learning over the year!

Attendance so far for each class at the end of February:

<u>Rec</u>	93.48%
<u>Year 1</u>	95.07%
<u>Year 2</u>	94.30%
<u>Year 3</u>	95.74%
<u>Year 4</u>	95.18%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

School overall February: 94.73%

A reminder that our attendance policy and attendance letters can be found on the website at:

<http://www.ablefirst.northumberland.sch.uk/web/attendance/420380>

Key Dates

March

6th	Reception Vision Screening
7th	World Book Day
11th	KS1 Beach morning
13th	KS2 Beach morning
14th	Year 1 Movement Festival (in school)
15th	Red Nose Day
18th	Year 4 Drop in session 2pm
19th	Year 3 Drop in session 2pm
20th	Year 1 Drop in session 2pm
21st	Year 2 Drop in session 2pm
25th	Reception Drop in session
25th-27th	Year 4 residential trip to Dukeshouse Wood
28th	Last day of term
29th	School closed for Easter holidays



April

15th Children return to school

March Maths Challenge

Welcome to our March Maths Challenge. We want to encourage our children to use everything they have learnt in their maths lessons to solve a wide range of problems and puzzles. Choose from one of the challenges below and have a go! Send in your responses (with a name and class on the back) or send us a picture by the end of the month.

Reception

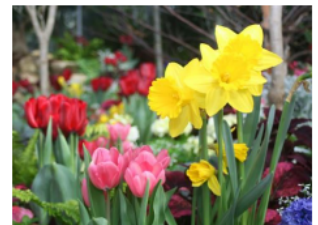
Hide eggs around your home and design a map to hunt for the eggs. Can you label your map using positional language e.g. under, over, in between, on top, next to/beside? Can you give the map to your grown up to follow?



Years 1 and 2

Spring flower investigation

For your one exercise a day, go for a walk to your nearest green space or use your imagination or draw a picture. Count how many different coloured flowers you can find. Maybe even take some photos. You could record your flower collection like this:



Blue flowers	Yellow flowers	White flowers	Pink
2	10	3	0

When you get home see how many different number stories you can make with your findings.

For instance:

There were 10 yellow flowers on the common. Some naughty children picked 7. How many were left?

$$10-7=3$$

Or

There were 2 groups of 6 white flowers. 2 sixes are 12.

$$2 \times 6 = 12$$

Years 3 and 4

Bunnyhop village is famous for their over the top Easter Egg Hunt which runs every year. But disaster has struck! Someone has eaten all the eggs! Using the clues below, can you work out who is the culprit of this terrible crime?

Find the missing numbers to crack the clue.

<u>Who did it?</u>	$231 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$	$427 + 154 = \underline{\quad}$	$\underline{\quad} \times 4 = 12$
$88 \div \underline{\quad} = 8$	$\underline{\quad} \div 3 = 50$	$33 \times \underline{\quad} = 99$	$60 - \underline{\quad} = 25$

3 = the
4 = police chief
150 = culprit
695 = teachers
924 = is
765 = are
581 = mayor
35 = Bunnytown
11 = of

Clue: Re-arrange the words to find out who is the criminal.
