



Amble First School



November 2023 Newsletter

We need your help!

We love offering a range of celebrations and events across the year for children to take part in and we know how much they enjoy the discos, movie nights and fairs. These are also an invaluable source of income that funds trips, resources and other items in school. As we are sure you can appreciate, there is a huge amount of time and effort required to organise these events and without an active PTA, we are finding these increasingly difficult to offer. Therefore, we are reaching out to ask for your help. We are very grateful to have a couple of offers of support but we need more people to help us to both organise and deliver events. If anyone is able to offer any spare time to help us, we would be very grateful. There is no commitment to help at every event; help for even just one occasion is always welcome. Please see Mrs Jackson on the yard or email school and one of us would be happy to chat further. Many thanks.

Beach Days

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

KS1 Mon 13th Nov
KS2 Wed 15th Nov

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

Children in Need

Children in Need Day is **Friday 17th November**. The theme is 'Be Spotacular'. Children are welcome to come to school in spots or non-uniform and we will be collecting donations for the charity.

Pantomime

We are very excited to be taking Years 1 to 4 to see A Christmas Carol at the Dovecote Centre on **Thursday 30th November**. Tickets are priced at £7 and can be paid for on Eduspot. Please ensure that this is done by Friday 24th November at the latest.

Items in school

A reminder that children should not bring toys or other non-essential items into school. We have recently had issues with things going missing, particularly keyrings on book bags. Should children decide to personalise their book bags with keyrings or other items, please do not overload them and remind the children that they are brought in at their own risk.

Communication

Please ensure that you have provided the school with up to date phone numbers and email addresses. Newsletters and other information is emailed before being put on the website and the notice board. If you are not receiving emails from school, please contact the office to ensure that your details are correct.

Parent drop-in sessions

We would like to invite you to come and spend some time with 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	Monday 27th November
Year 2	Tuesday 28th November
Year 1	Wednesday 29th November
Year 3	Thursday 30th November
Year 4	Monday 4th December

Christmas Dinner Day

We will be having our Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 6th 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 £2.40 on Eduspot by Monday 27th November (children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are free). If your child is usually on school dinners you don't need to email the school to book. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers on this day.

Non-uniform days

In order to collect items for the Christmas Fair, we will be holding some non-uniform days. We would appreciate any of the following donations.

Friday 24th November - bottles

Friday 1st December - toiletries/cosmetics

Friday 8th December - chocolate/sweets

My Child's Art

As with previous years, we have worked with the children to create some Christmas designs. These have now been shared 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. Please look out for your leaflet which will contain the code that you need to access your child's artwork. They usually offer a 10% early order discount so look out for this. All orders should be placed online with the company, as we are unable to do these from school.

Attendance

Each week in our celebration assembly we award a star for the class with the highest attendance that week. At the end of each half term, the class with the most stars gets an extra break time. However, at the end of last half term, we had 3 classes tied for the attendance award. So we have decided to carry on the competition and will have an even bigger prize at the end of the term for the winning class!

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

<u>Rec</u>	95.4%
<u>Year 1</u>	97%
<u>Year 2</u>	95.5%
<u>Year 3</u>	95.5%
<u>Year 4</u>	96.3%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

School overall October: 95.94%

A reminder that our attendance policy and attendance letters can be found on the website at:
<http://www.amblefirst.northumberland.sch.uk/web/attendance/420380>

PE days - Autumn 2 2023

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

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kits. Earrings should be removed or covered for all PE sessions.

Key Dates

November

6th	School reopens for pupils School photographer (individual photos)
13th	KS1 Beach Day
15th	KS2 Beach Day
17th	Children in Need
24th	Non-uniform day - bottles
27th	Reception drop in session (2pm)
28th	Year 2 drop in session (2pm)
29th	Year 1 drop in session (2pm)
30th	Pantomime visit (Y1,2,3,4)
30th	Year 3 drop in session (2pm)

December

1st	Non-uniform day - toiletries/cosmetics
4th	Year 4 drop in session (2pm)
6th	Christmas Dinner Day
8th	Non-uniform day - chocolate/sweets
14th	Christmas Performances at St. Cuthbert's Church (Year 1-4)
15th	Christmas Fair
18th	EYFS Christmas performance in school
21st	Last day of term
22nd	School closed for teacher training day

January

9th	School reopens for pupils
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November Maths Challenge

Welcome to our November 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) to school by the end of the month and there will be a prize for a lucky Monthly Maths Challenge winner. Good luck!

Reception

Fireworks



We love fireworks and we would like you to design some fabulous fireworks for us! Choose 3 of your favourite colours.

How many different fireworks can you draw using only these 3 colours?

Can you design some with just one colour? How about 2 colours? What about 3?!

Can you show us what you have found on Tapestry?

Years 1 and 2

Fireworks Problem

We are going to use 3 fireworks for our display. We could get three the same or a combination of different fireworks.

What is the biggest number of stars in the sky?

What is the smallest number of stars in the sky?

What other amount of stars could we have?



Years 3 and 4

Fireworks Problem

We are having a fireworks display and there are 4 types of firework. We have 4 types of fireworks – each has a different number of stars. To make the best display for our party we want there to be 24 stars in the sky at once.

Which fireworks can I use?

