



Amble First School



February 2024 Newsletter

Parents' Consultations

By now you should have received an email and text invitation for the upcoming parents' consultations. These will take place in school during the week beginning 5th February. If you have any difficulty with the booking system or have not received an invitation, please contact the school.

E-scooters

We strongly encourage all children to walk, scoot or cycle to school. It is good for their health, fitness and mental wellbeing and it is especially beneficial to the environment. We are aware of the increased numbers of e-scooters in the local community and have sought advice from the County Council regarding their use.

'E-scooters are effectively illegal to use on public roads, pavements, in cycle lanes and in pedestrian-only areas and can only be used on private land. Therefore, travelling to school on them would also technically be illegal. We are advising that schools should not accept e-scooters onto the school site, including storing them in bike sheds etc.'

We will therefore be following this advice and will not be accepting e-scooters onto the school site. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this.

Beach Days

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

KS1 Mon 12th February

KS2 Wed 14th February

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

Valentine's Disco

You should have received a separate email advertising our Valentine's Disco. This will take place on **Wednesday 14th February**. Reception and Year 1 are invited to stay after school until 4pm, and Years 2,3,4 are invited to attend from 4:15pm - 5:15pm. Places must be booked on Eduspot.

Year 4 Residential Trip Meeting

A reminder that all final payments should be made for the Dukeshouse Wood residential trip. There will be a meeting for parents and children after school on **Thursday 29th February** straight after school. Any information shared at the meeting will also be emailed out to anyone who is unable to attend.

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.



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 January:

<u>Rec</u>	93.3%
<u>Year 1</u>	95.6%
<u>Year 2</u>	94.3%
<u>Year 3</u>	95.8%
<u>Year 4</u>	95.4%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.
School overall January: 94.9%

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>

Key Dates

Wb 5th Parents' evening appointments
5th Year 4 Bikeability
7th Year 3 Dance Festival (in school)
12th KS1 Beach morning
14th KS2 Beach morning
14th Valentine's Disco
16th Last day of half term
19th - 23rd School closed for half term
26th School reopens for all pupils
29th Dukeshouse Wood meeting for Year 4

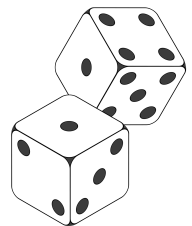
February Maths Challenge

Welcome to our February 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

Rolling and Counting

Find a dice (or 2 if you are feeling brave!). Roll the dice and then hunt around your house for that number of items. For example, if you roll a 4, can you find 4 bananas, 4 pieces of Lego or 4 socks? If you want a challenge, you can practise writing the number to put next to your group of items.



Years 1 and 2

Line of symmetry

You need:
some squared paper,
a red pen, a green pen and a blue pen.

Gopal had six squares: two red, two green, two blue.
He put them in a line.
The squares made a symmetrical pattern.

red	blue	green	green	blue	red
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Arrange six squares in a line.
Make two squares red, two green and two blue.
Make the line of squares symmetrical.

How many different lines can you make like this?

Years 3 and 4

Dan the detective

1. Dan the detective looked for a number.
He found a two-digit number less than 50.
The sum of its digits was 12.
Their difference was 4.
What number did Dan find?



2. Dan found a two-digit odd number.
One of its digits was half the other.
The number was greater than 50.
What number did Dan find?