



# Amble First School



## December 2023 Newsletter

### Non-uniform days

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

**Friday 1st December** - toiletries/cosmetics

**Friday 8th December** - chocolate/sweets

### Christmas Dinner Day

We will be having our Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 6th December**. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers on this day.

### Christmas Performances

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas performances which will take place at St. Cuthbert's Church on **Thursday 14th December**. There will be one performance in the morning at **10:00am** and one in the afternoon at **1:30pm**.

Reception and Nursery will be doing their performance in school on **Monday 18th December** at **9:30am**.

A polite reminder that any photos and videos taken of the performances should not be shared on social media. For a number of reasons (including safeguarding reasons), not all of our families wish their children to be shared online and therefore we ask that this is respected.

Children are invited to wear an outfit/costume for the performance. Please could children bring clothes to school to change into for the day of the performance.

**Nursery** - black trousers & white t-shirt

**Reception** - sorted by school

**Year 1** - Party clothes

**Year 2** - white t-shirts

**Year 3** - black trousers & white t-shirt

**Year 4** - different for each child (see slip sent home)

### Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place in school on **Friday 15th December from 2:00 pm**. You are welcome to collect your child/ren from their classrooms so that they can enjoy the stalls with you. If you are unable to attend, children will stay

with their class teachers and will help with the stalls. Please note that there will be no swimming or PE on this date.

### Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties will take place in school on the following days:

**Tuesday 19th December - EYFS** (Nursery&Reception)

**Wednesday 20th December - KS1** (Y1 &2)

**Tuesday 19th December - KS2** (Y3&4)

Children can come dressed in party clothes. If they would like to, they can bring a plate of food to be eaten during the party. Please send these in on the day of the party only please. Although the plates will not be shared, all food must be nut-free.

### School dinners

Please could we kindly request a week's notice if you are making changes to children's lunch choices. This will enable us to ensure that we order enough supplies in the kitchen. We do understand that sometimes things happen and this is not always possible, but would request that you please inform the office as soon as you are able.

### Attendance

The competition to be the class with the highest attendance continues!

Attendance so far this year for each class at the end of November:

<u>Rec</u>	94.3%
<u>Year 1</u>	96.3%
<u>Year 2</u>	93.9%
<u>Year 3</u>	95.1%
<u>Year 4</u>	94.8%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

School overall November: 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**

### **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) 10am and 1:30pm
- 15th Christmas Fair 2:00pm
- 18th EYFS Christmas performance in school
- 21st Last day of term
- 22nd School closed for teacher training day

### **January**

- 8th School reopens for pupils

# December Maths Challenge

Welcome to our December Maths Challenge. Have fun solving these problems and send them into school or send us a picture. We look forward to seeing how you get on!

## Reception

We love Christmas trees with their coloured lights and pretty baubles. Can you design a Christmas tree that has decorations made from different shapes? How about a square bauble, some triangle lights or that famous sparkly shape that sometimes goes on the top of the tree?



## Years 1 and 2

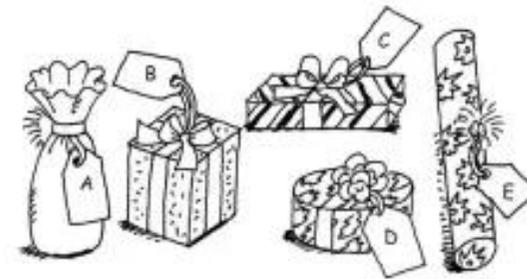
You have **£10** to spend on Christmas presents for your friends Maisie, Millie and Matt. Using items from the list, what could you buy each friend? How many different options can you find?

Remember you can only spend **£10**.

Board game	£5
Selection box	£2
Scooter	£8
Pencils	£1
Squishmallow	£6
Key ring	£2
Football	£7
Hat	£3
Jigsaw	£4

## Years 3 and 4

Ben paid **£21** for five presents.



For A and B he paid a total of **£6**.  
For B and C he paid a total of **£10**.  
For C and D he paid a total of **£7**.  
For D and E he paid a total of **£9**.  
How much did Ben pay for each present?

