



# Ampertaine Primary School

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**  
**Latest Information**



Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support and commitment in these challenging circumstances. It is hard to believe how far we have come together on this remote learning journey and hopefully things are starting to change for the better.

## **PLAN FOR THE P1-P3 RETURN TO SCHOOL ON 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

- We are extremely pleased to see the return of full classes to school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March for P1-P3.
- The standard of work submitted via Seesaw since January has been excellent from all our pupils and that is testament to the continued support that you as parents/carers have given to your children.
- DON'T forget to read the recent information sent through email and also via the school text message service.
- If you require further information please check the website or alternative contact school directly.
- We have missed you all greatly and can't wait to see you all again.

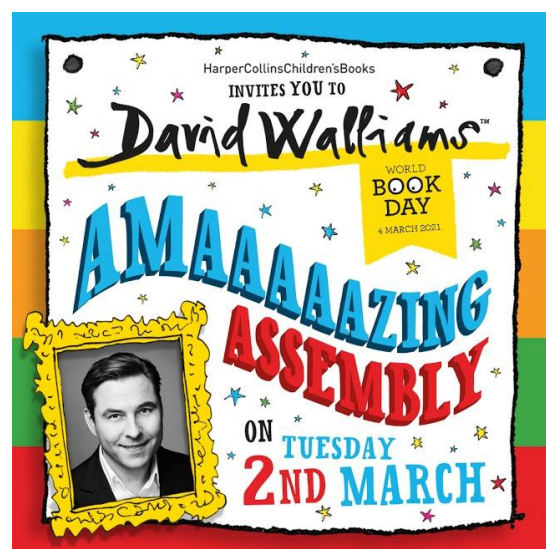


## **Remember to click on 'Learning' tab on the website**

- PLEASE make use of the links and shortcuts to apps which can be found on our website. You simply have to click on the 'Learning' tab and this will bring you to the page. The information found here ranges in appropriateness for the pupils. We would ask parents to explore for themselves first. The links range in subjects and offer an alternative avenue to gain more activities for those at home. Some of the links require a sign up process to access the free material. We hope you find the links helpful and beneficial.

## **P4-P7 Enjoyed David Walliams AMAAAAZING Assembly on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

- David Walliams was in conversation with Blue Peter presenter Lindsey Russell for an AMAAAAZING ASSEMBLY for World Book Day!
- Beamed straight into living rooms, everyone enjoyed this FREE event!
- It was held at 10:30am, with a catch-up screening at 4pm, so that as many people would be able to join in as possible.
- We hope you all enjoyed what was be a very special morning. The event lasted 30 minutes.



# World Book Day 2021



## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Can you believe it's almost World Book Day again? Last year we were all packed into the Assembly Hall in our pyjamas for a Big Bedtime Read.

This year we still have a fun day planned, but instead of YOU dressing up, you are going to dress a potato up!! Your World Book Day challenge is to make a 'booked potato' just like some of the ideas in the photos.

You can turn your potato into any storybook or novel character you wish. If you have brothers or sisters you can work together and make the characters from one book eg The three little pigs or Horrid Henry and Perfect Peter. The choice is yours... time to get thinking!

Also look out for a special World Book Day Quiz!! There are prizes to be won.

Please send a picture of your 'booked potato', along with your name, class and the name of your character to [info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk)

There will be prizes awarded for the best efforts in each class 🌟 🏆 🌟





# Ampertaine Stars



Reuben and Jacob enjoying a well-earned day at the beach. Boys it looks like you had a brilliant day out in the sea air, playing in the waves and sand. We hope you finished it off with a lovely big ice cream with lots of sprinkles and a large flake!



Harry Lennox, with his pet lambs. They look brilliant Harry and you certainly have an excellent way with them. Big question is..... What are their names?



Harry was 10 on last Friday. Here he is on his birthday present-a hoverkart. We hope you had a great day Harry and a belated Happy Birthday from all of us.

It has been brilliant to see all the different things you have all been up to. If you would like to send a picture to share with our school community email [info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk) and include a little sentence or two about the photo.

## ***P6 Transfer Preparation***

- Thank you to those who have registered an interest for your child to take part in this year's extra work.
- Information has been sent out explaining the processes involved and the long term direction ahead.
- Packs are available for collection on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 9am-3pm
- Further information will be placed in the E.M.C Google classroom.

## ***Work uploaded by pupils to Seesaw and Google classroom***

- We thank you for all of the work uploaded. This has been a steep learning curve for all dealing with new technologies and a new way of life.
- We understand the pressures at home and encourage a flexible approach with regards to the time frame to upload set work. It is not expected on the date it is set and can be uploaded at a suitable time to assist your needs at home and external pressures.
- Teachers marking also reflects the same time frame. We ask for patience and understanding.
- **Work should not be expected to be marked on the day returned by pupils.** All work is read through and will be marked in due course. This may mean a comment, sticker, actual markings on work etc.
- **We are all working hard and trying our best to manage and maintain a high standard.**
- Working remotely as you are all aware can bring external issues which are beyond our control. Internet with slow speeds, devices not playing ball and family life needs.
- Our staff are committed to our pupils and are managing a very difficult situation incredibly well and professionally.

## ***Seesaw and Google Classroom***

- Materials will be available from **9pm the evening before, read over all the instructions given by the teachers. These are very detailed with specific guidance for your children.**
- The Department of Education's guidance to all schools for this lockdown has changed. Each teacher must continue to record daily attendance. **Children who are not active in remote learning will be recorded as absent.**
- Each child should try to leave a message and upload work every day, where possible. **Uploaded work will demonstrate participation and the school can record that accordingly in our system for attendance.**
- If your child misses an activity or is unable to comment or upload work on the day it was set ..... that is okay! We understand! Remember your teachers are available online every day during normal teaching hours.
- If you are unable to do the work for any reason please contact the school through our info account and **we can grant an attendance mark.**

## ***Provision for children of Key Workers***

- While it is crucial that key workers are able to attend work, if there is a parent / guardian / elder sibling at home or other provision available to key workers, then you must use that provision. This is essential to avoid schools becoming overwhelmed and having to close completely on safety grounds. THE SAFEST PLACE FOR CHILDREN IS IN THEIR OWN HOME.
- In order to avoid mass lock-downs we ask anyone sending their children to school to be particularly vigilant. If a child shows any symptoms he / she should remain at home.
- Children will have their temperatures taken on arrival and will not be allowed entry should they be presenting with a high temperature.
- **Children should bring a packed lunch.**
- **Children should attend wearing their full school uniform.**
- **If learning activities are paper based, these should be printed and brought to school.**

***Anyone who feels they may be entitled to apply for key worker provision needs to email Mr Dillon on [mdillon539@c2ken.net](mailto:mdillon539@c2ken.net) no later than 2p.m on Friday. Please provide the following details:***

- parents names;
- a contact telephone number and email address;
- children's names, classes and teachers;
- parents' occupation that entitles you to key-worker provision; and
- which days you need your child to attend.

## ***Finally.....***

Our staff are preparing excitedly for our pupils and that 'face to face' interaction that we have sorely missed. We can't wait to welcome those pupils back and acknowledge how difficult it is for those who are not returning to school.

Remote learning will still continue for those classes and we hope announcements will be made sooner rather than later allowing us to have all back where we wish them to be. In school with their class mates.

We hope everyone has a brilliant World Book Day and enjoys a lovely weekend. As a school we will continue to keep you informed with the ever changing situation.

Keep persevering, Keep safe and keep trying your best.

From all at Ampertaine