

WELCOME

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for a new and exciting year.

Welcome to all our children and their families. New children will be joining us over the following 3 weeks. Please look out for notices on the T4T's window and Parents Notice Board.

Letters and any additional information will be available at the end of sessions.

We have a fun filled year ahead of us with lots of exciting activities and play-based learning to take part in, please go to www.amblecote.dudley.sch.uk to see weekly overviews, policies, Newsletters and letters. Time for Two's comes under the drop down tab 'Information'.



OUTDOOR PLAY

Over the six weeks holiday our T4T's garden area has been revamped and we have managed to get brand new flooring from our lottery grant and Tesco funding. **Many thanks to those of you who voted for us.** We feel the flooring will enable the children to explore more freely in all weathers. We are now looking and ordering new resources and equipment for the outdoor area and are so excited to show the children and parents at our grand opening in October 2018. (details to follow)

In the meantime Children will be taking part in a variety of physical activities including opportunities to use bikes and scooters. We request that children have a change of clothes in their bag ready for each session ready for our messy play that is available daily.

Physical sessions are incorporated into our weekly planning; please see the parent's notice board for further information.

STAFF

Eve -T4T'S Manager and Red Groups Key Person

Chantelle -Level 2 Teaching Assistant and Blue Groups Key Person

Emma- Level 1 Teaching Assistant who works alongside both groups and will support interventions.

During each session your child will go into their Family group. They will sit for a short time with their Key Person and peers to talk about the day; they may take part in a small activity or listen to a story.

Mrs Eve Bradley is the "**Designated Safeguarding Lead**" and has responsibility for Safeguarding and Child Protection within the setting. She is also the **Special Educational Needs** coordinator for the setting.

Miss Chantelle Allen is Behavior management and Equal Opportunities, Cultural and Diversity coordinator.

Miss Emma Arnold is responsible for Health and Safety, risk assessments, first aid and displays.

PARENT NOTICE BOARD

We hope you find the parent's Notice Board informative. There will be a weekly activity sheet displayed on the T4T's window that will inform you of the proposed activities for the week; this will include any special events, home links and visitors etc. Diary dates are displayed at the end of each Newsletter to keep parents/carers up to date with events. There will be fortnightly planning accessible on the Parent's Notice Board along with a weekly focus plan.

We also write a daily evaluation of the session for parents to see on the whiteboard situated just outside the T4T's gate.

If parents/carers have any suggestions about what they would like to see on the Notice Board or any questions please see Eve.

Keeping in Touch-Please can all parents provide us with a secure e-mail address so that observations from the "2simple "Learning Journey app can be shared.

A sheet is available to put e-mail addresses on during the first few weeks of term. Please notify Eve of any changes to contact details.

Consent for Face Painting-Please give consent for your child to be face painted on occasions during imaginative play activities, storytelling opportunities or special celebrations. A consent sheet will be available to sign over the first few weeks of term.

EYFS Workshop

The children will be taking part in activities that are devised according to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). This is a document that all members of staff will work with to help guide and support your child's learning and development. Parents are invited along to an informal workshop on Tuesday 25th September at 9.05am in the Reception classroom; this will be led by Mrs Price.

TOPIC

Our planning of activities come from the children's current interests, we will also base activities this half term around Settling In, All about Me and Harvest celebrations.



T4T'S SNACK FUND

We ask for a weekly contribution of £1.00, this will provide fruit and vegetables for snack time along with cooking ingredients, resources and equipment for enhanced activities the children may access. Contributions of fruit and vegetables are also accepted. Can I please ask parents/carers to tick the weekly fund sheet when they pay their £1, this will be located on the register as you sign your child into T4T's.

WOW

If your child has progressed and made you go **WOW!** E.g. using colours, putting on their coat or sleeping well, we would love to hear about it. **WOW** cards will be available for you to write on and bring back to school where they will be celebrated and then put into your child's Learning Journeys. The Wow cards are available from the Noticeboard.



BILLY BEAR

We would like to introduce you to another member of T4T's, 'BILLY BEAR' the "Days out Bear". This bear would like to come on adventures with your family. Children can take 'BILLY' on an exciting day trip or a holiday; a photo can be

taken of the child and the bear. When the bear is returned to T4T's your child can talk about their adventure and the photo along with where you have visited will be displayed. A diary sheet will be available to write your adventures on. We also use 'BILLY' for activities within the session. Photos can be e-mailed to eb Bradley@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk.

SUITABLE CLOTHING

May we remind parents/carers that children access a wide variety of activities during the session and need to be dressed in suitable clothes, shoes and to bring a coat as the children access the outdoor area.

Children will need to come to T4T's dressed in **practical** outdoor clothing as they do spend some of their time outside. A waterproof coat and wellies are also advised as children will experience all types of weather during their time at T4T's. Wellies can be kept at T4T's in the Welly Box, so please make sure these are clearly labelled. Staff will inform parents if children have outgrown their wellies throughout the academic year.



PAYMENTS

For paying parents we now take childcare vouchers for your T4T's fees. Please see Eve if this is available to you through your employer. We also accept cash and cheque. Please can you ensure fees are paid at the start of your child's week, month or half term.

We do not charge for Inset days and school holidays but if your child is poorly or does not attend the session on their allocated day payment will be required. Please see the payment policy for further information. This is allocated within the Home Visit pack but is also available upon request from a member of staff.

FLU VACCINE

This year, the flu vaccine is being offered to children;

- Aged two, three and four years
- Children in school years 1, 2 and 3

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness in children causing fever, stuffy nose, dry cough, sore throat, aching muscles and joints, and extreme tiredness. This can often last several days. Some children can also get a very high fever, sometimes without the usual flu symptoms, and may need to go to hospital for treatment.

There is also some evidence which suggests that vaccinating children can have an impact on reducing absenteeism thereby improving the educational opportunities of children.

Annual immunisation will not only provide important protection to individual children but will also reduce the spread of flu to their families and the wider community, protecting younger siblings, grandparents and others who are at increased risk of becoming seriously ill from flu.

The majority of children will be given the vaccine as a nasal spray and not by injection.

The nasal vaccine contains viruses that have been weakened to prevent them from causing flu but will help children to build up their immunity, so that when a child comes into contact with the flu virus they are unlikely to get ill.

For more information on flu vaccine for children aged two, three and four years contact your GP Practice.

REMINDERS

- Children need to bring in a named water bottle with **water only**, a bag with a change of clothes, nappies and wipes if required.
- Can we ask that only **one** parent/carer comes into T4T's to sign in and out their child and older siblings remain outside so as to ensure the safety of T4T's children when we hand them over at the end of a session.
- A weekly activity sheet is displayed on the T4T'S window, that will inform you of the proposed activities for the week; this will include any special events, home links and special visitors
- We ask for a weekly contribution of **£1.00**, this will provide cooking ingredients, snacks and resources and equipment for enhanced activities the children access. **Alternatively we accept fruit and vegetables to serve at snack time.**

DIARY DATES

September 2018

10th–26th Children return to T4T's - Staggered entry

25th EYFS workshop 9:05am in Reception classroom

28th Macmillan coffee morning in the school hall from 8.30 am

October 2018

1st School Photographer

10th Kinetic Letters workshop for parents 9.05 am in Reception classroom

24th Harvest dress up and treasure hunt.

26th INSET- School closed for pupils

29th Oct - 5th Nov - Half term

5th Nov- All children return to T4T's

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE