

WELCOME

All children have been busy creating displays and we have started our Christmas art and crafts. Our Christmas shows are nearly upon us and the children have been practicing with enthusiasm! Class lists for Christmas cards have been given out and we have a post box in Pre-school for the children to post them.

Children wore "Mufti" to raise money for Children in Need, we made masks and painted spots on faces and made spotty biscuits. The school raised **nearly £500** for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who supported with a donation.

The sponsored treasure Hunt raised an amazing £176.00 from the Pre-school children which has gone towards new Home Corner resources, thank you for all your support.

We have ordered 20 packs of Kinetic Letters flashcards as some parents had expressed an interest in purchasing them. We will be selling them to parents/carers at the price we purchased them for which is **£6.99 plus VAT, postage and packing.**

JANUARY 2019 CHANGES

In January 2019 new children will be joining us across both sessions and we are trialing 4 x 30 hour places and 4 x rising 3's in our afternoon Pre-school , we are all very excited about these 2 new ventures !

A NOTE FROM MRS PERIGO

Starting in January 2019 I will not be in Pre-school on a Wednesday. Eve Bradley who manages our T4T's provision will be overseeing Pre-school for the day as Manager, this is on a permanent basis. Eve is an experienced Manager and knows many of the children and their parents/carers, she has covered staff in Pre-school on many occasions. Eve is very much looking forward to this new role, she will oversee Red Group on this day and I will liaise with Eve about the day's events.

If any parents have any questions please don't hesitate to speak to me.

We are also very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Mason as she retires in December, we would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for her help and support during her time as Head Teacher at Amblecote and wish her a very happy retirement!

Please remember to look at the school website to view main school's newsletters.

CHRISTMAS SHOWS

The Christmas shows will take place on Friday 14th December at 10.40am for morning children and 2pm for afternoon children, both shows are in the school hall so everyone welcome . We ask that all guests are prompt for the start of the performances as late arrivals cause disruption. If younger siblings do become upset then please take them out of the performance.

The PTA will be serving refreshments.

Photos and videos for family use only and of your own child and **must not** be placed on social networking sites. If any parents have any questions please see Mrs Perigo before these events. All costumes need to be in school by Tuesday 4th December for our dress rehearsals which all children need to attend on Thursday 6th December. If your child attends the morning session they will attend the morning session dress rehearsal and likewise for afternoon children who will attend the afternoon dress rehearsal. If your child does not attend on these days they are welcome for the whole of the session.

PRE-SCHOOL TRIP TO DUDLEY ZOO WINTER WONDERLAND

A letter outlining the details of this trip has already been sent out. It takes place on **Wednesday 19th December**, Pre-school will be closed that day for children who are not attending the trip. All trip money will need to be paid by **Monday 3rd December**.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our PTA are organising our Christmas Fair on Friday December 7th from 3.30pm. Please come along and enjoy and spend your money as well. All the profit goes back to the children. The PTA are saving to purchase a class set of Google Chrome Books for the children to use, which will cost just over £8000! So they need you all to spend. Santa will be there to meet and there will be stalls to buy presents, crafts, games to play and refreshments such as hot pork baps, mince pies, samosas, cake and much more. Come along!

CHRISTMAS CARD WORKSHOP

This takes place on Tuesday 18th December at 10.45am and 2.15pm, letters have already gone out, please return reply slips asap, thank you.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 20th December is Party Day in Pre-school. Children can wear their own party clothes or a Christmas jumper, **no dressing up clothes please**.

A food list will be available soon for parents to sign up to. Please remember we are not able to accept homemade or home cooked food. All foods need to be pre-packed shop brought and be in date.

Please ensure there are no nuts or traces of nuts. Thank you.

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019**

Information below taken from www.dudley.gov.uk

In Dudley children start primary school the September after their 4th birthday. The law states all children must start school by the beginning of the term after their 5th birthday.

Please note it is not first come, first served. Dudley Local Authority recommends that you apply online. Applying online means you will receive your decision via email after 2pm on the offer date.

If you are experiencing difficulties or prefer to make a paper application please contact the school admissions service. Paper applications will not be available until 1 October 2018. Please be aware that if you make a paper application, your decision will be posted 2nd class on the offer date.

Important dates for September 2019 Reception Intake

- Online application available - 1 October 2018

- Return date for paper application forms - 15 January 2019 by 5pm*
- Return date for online applications - 15 January 2019 by midnight*
- Decision emails to parents - 16 April 2019 after 2pm
- Decision letters to parents - 16 April 2019 by 2nd class post
- Appeals to be heard - June/July 2019

* Failure to return your form/apply by this date may affect the outcome of your application. Attendance at a nursery attached to a primary school will not guarantee admission to that particular primary school or give any advantage to the pupil in the admissions process.

WEATHER

Winter is upon us and the weather is getting colder. If we have snow and the Head Teacher feels it would be safer to close the school, she will put the closure on our Facebook page, our Website, the local radio and in a text to parents, so everyone should hear about a school closure. If we don't have your current mobile number you will not receive the text.

KEY PERSON MEETINGS IN JANUARY 2019

We will be sending out 2 simple Learning Journeys out on **Friday 21st Dec**, please check your e-mail and respond. Key Person Meetings will take place on:

Monday 14th January for Red Group (Mrs Perigo)
Tuesday 15th for Blue Group (Mrs Jukes)

Staff will give parents a brief overview of their child's learning as parents will have seen the Learning Journeys that will have been sent by e-mail in December.

Appointment times will be available next week .

REMINDERS

- Can we ask that only **one** parent/carer comes into Pre-school to sign out their child and **older** siblings who are in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 remain outside so as to ensure the safety of Pre-school children when we hand them over at the end of a session.
- If your child has made you go **WOW!** Through an achievement then we would love to hear about it. **WOW** cards are available from the basket outside the Pre-school door for you to write on and bring back to school where they will be celebrated and then put into your child's learning journeys.
- Book change day is a Thursday, if your child does not attend on this day please change the book on another day. May we remind parents/carers that these are books that you will share with your child and are not intended as a formal reading book?
- Remember to keep checking your children for nits and head lice.
- A weekly activity sheet is displayed on the Pre-school door that will inform you of the proposed activities for the week; this will include any special events, home links, visitors and the colour, shape and sound of the week.
- If you are paying additional fees to Pre-school can parents please be reminded to send correct monies or cheques payable to "Amblecote Primary School" in a sealed envelope with the child's name and the weeks you are

paying for. The fees need to be either paid for weekly or half termly. You will be issued with a receipt by the office.

- We DO NOT allow dogs on our premises, except Guide dogs. Not even tucked into your coat please! Some children are frightened of dogs and dogs can be spooked by loud, noisy children running around school.
- Only water please in water bottles, we have noticed some children having squash!

REQUESTS

Ribbon, buttons, small scraps of material cut up please

Donations of **fruit and vegetables** for Café and for our giant African snails.

DIARY DATES

Thurs 6th Dec - Pre-school Dress Rehearsal for the Reception classes- 9.15am and 1.30pm
(**am children attend the morning practice and pm children attend the afternoon practice**)

Fri 7th Dec-Christmas Fayre @ 3.30

Weds 12th Dec-Welly Weds

Thurs 13th Dec- Grandparents Christmas lunch-this is overseen by main school

Fri 14th Dec- Pre-school Christmas Play 10.40pm and 2pm in hall (all children to attend their relevant session)

Tues 18th Dec- Pre-school card workshop 10.45 and 2.15pm

Weds 19th Dec-Christmas trip to Dudley Zoo Winter Wonderland (no Pre-school on that day if your child does not attend)

Thurs 20th Dec-Late opening for afternoon Pre-sch at 1pm, morning as normal **AND PARTY DAY**

Fri 21st Dec- Break up

Mon 7th Jan- **INSET**

Tues 8th Jan- Children return

Mon 14th Jan-Red Group Parent Meetings

Tues 15th Jan -Blue Group Parents Meetings

Weds 16th Jan-Welly Weds

Thurs 17th Jan- Physical Development sessions with parents/carers 9am and 1.40pm

Tues 22nd Jan- Pre-school and T4T's Phase 1 Letters and Sounds workshop (in Pre-school 9.05am) this is repeated from Nov 2018

Thurs 24th Jan- Stories at Bedtime Event 4.45-5.30 or 5.45-6.30pm

Weds 30th Jan -Welly Weds

Tues 5th Feb- Chinese New Year

Weds 6th Feb -Pre-school Library visit to Stourbridge Library

Fri 8th Feb- EYFS Disco @ 3.15-4.15

Weds 13th Feb -Animal Art Stay and Play with parents/carers @ 9am and 2pm

Fri 15th Feb -Break up

