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### WELCOME

Welcome to our February Newsletter, this half term we have been looking at 'Jungle, safari'.

Children have been interested in certain activities and through observations we have planned for their interests. This helps us to incorporate children's choice.

Activities this half term have included:-

- Painting (chopsticks, paper Mache animals, painting animal masks)
- Mega blocks and stickle bricks, children have enjoyed making constructions.
- Bikes, slides, see-saw and sand play (buckets and spades and cars)
- Musical instruments (jump and dance C.D, parachute, moving like animals)

We always display a copy of the weekly activities on the window of the mobile. This is just a few things the children have selected to use throughout the session. Please take time to look at the parent's board for more in-depth planning.

This week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year, children will experience noodles at snack time as well as exciting craft activities to participate in. It is also world book day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, children are invited to bring in their favorite story book to share at group time and dress up if they wish to do so.

**Movement and music sessions will be available for parents to attend from 11.30am next week, (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019) A form for parents to sign up to will be displayed this week. Please make sure you have signed up to one of the days available.**

### Places

We will have a few additional sessions to fill in T4T's, please remember if you receive the Time for Twos funding you will be eligible for five full sessions. Also some children will be able to claim the Three year old funding from April 2019. Please see [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) for more details. **If you are interested in your child attending for an extra session please speak to Eve to check availability**

### THANK-YOU

T4T's staff would like to thank you for your time and support during the "settling in" period for children. For some this has been a lengthy process, but I am happy to say all of the children are making great progress and enjoying their time together. May I also take this opportunity to say thank you for the contributions of spare clothes and toys made to T4T's.

### T4T'S FUND

We ask for a weekly contribution of £1.00, this will provide cooking ingredients, resources and equipment for enhanced activities the children access. Contributions of fruit and vegetables are also accepted.

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### **INFORMATION SHARING**

If you have given your child medication before school please notify a member of staff on entering T4T's; also if your child has had to have their blue inhaler please inform the staff.

If your child has sustained an injury prior to coming to school please tell staff as an "Incident out of School " form may need to be completed.

We also need to know of any changes to contact details and new medical conditions your child may have been diagnosed with.

You may also e-mail these changes to: [ebradley@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:ebradley@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk)

#### **Child's Absence**

**Please notify T4T's on the first day of your child's absence if you do not then a member of staff will contact you the day after.**

**You can call 01384 818372, email (see above) or by word of mouth from another parent.**

### **Wanted items**

Although we have had lots of things given to us we still are short on some things. We would much appreciate it if you have any of these things at home that you no longer use, could you please let us have them. Thank you in advance.

- Spare clothes, pants and socks ( girls and boys size 2-3 years)
- Outdoor toys (balls, tents, children's tools)
- Indoor toys (shape sorters, puzzles, books, materials)
- Old pots, pans, spoons etc.
- Paint, glue sticks and glitter.
- Rice, oats, soil, sand.

### **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.

### **LIBRARY RATTLE AND RHYME**

Children should have received a letter for our visit to the library on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, this will be the first week back after half term, so please see a member of staff if you would like to come but have not received a consent form. Please also note that parents will accompany the children to the library and no transport will be provided. T4T's will be closed at 10.15am on this day, all children will need to be collected at this time to come along to the library or to go home  
Thanks.

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### REMINDERS

- Can we ask that only **one** parent/carer comes into T4T's 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 T4T's 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 Parents board for you to write on and bring back to school where they will be celebrated and then put on the Wow Wall.
- Please use our book library that will be out every day at the end of session. Books are available to take home and share together. 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.
- 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, visitors and the rhyme and story of the week.
- **If you are paying additional fees to T4T's 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 need to sign a receipt at the setting.**
- Water only in bottles please

**Keep us up to date with changes to telephone numbers and e-mail addresses so that we can contact you with text alerts and 2Simple observations.**

### Diary Dates

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Feb- Chinese New Year

Mon 11<sup>th</sup>- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb- Music and movement session @11.30am

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb -Break up

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb- Children return to T4T's

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Feb- Rattle and Rhyme Library visit- T4T's closed @10.15am

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> March- Shrove Tuesday

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day (TBC)

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day craft session @10.30 (letter to follow)

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> April -Easter bonnet parade and craft (Letter to follow)

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April-Break up

**DATES CAN BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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