

Welcome

Welcome to the April Newsletter as usual we have lots going on in T4T's, recently children took part in a fire drill they were all excellent and listened well to staff. Well Done Children.

We will be giving out a "Half term Snapshot" for you to complete with your child over Easter so that they can be shared in Key Group time after the Easter break.

Thank you to the PTA who organised the Easter Parade all proceeds go to supporting children needs in school. There were some beautiful hats, well done to all the children who took part and to parents and family members for helping with the hats.

Thank you to parents/carers that attended the Mother's day/Easter craft session. We had a lovely time and hope parents enjoyed their time too.

We currently have places available within the T4T's provision, if you would like any extra sessions, please see Eve as soon as possible.

Thank you so much for all donations from our Bring a Plant Week, our garden area is starting to look beautiful. We are watering our plants and busy planting seeds.

We urge all parents to contact the T4T's direct line when calling about an absence on the **first day of the child's absence** as messages from main school do not always get through to us and then results in a phone call being made to the parents/carers.

T4T's Direct telephone number is 01384 818372

Two year old funding

Parents that receive the 2 year old funding will be required to sign the Funding Forms on the week commencing Monday 8th April 2019, for your child's summer term funding. If you don't receive this funding but think you may be able to now, please come and see Eve to apply.

Two-year-olds are eligible for 15 hours of free early years provision if:

The parent(s) claim one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit - For places starting in the summer term of 2018 (on or after 1st April 2018), or any subsequent term, if a parent is entitled to Universal Credit they must have an annual net earned income equivalent to and not exceeding £15,400, assessed on up to three of the parent's most recent Universal Credit assessment periods.
- tax credits and they have an annual income of under £16,190 before tax
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

: The child has a statement of special educational needs made under section 324 of the Education Act 1996;

: The child has an Education, Health and Care plan prepared under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014;

: The child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance under section 71 of the Social Security and Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;

: They are looked after by a local authority (under section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) or by a local authority in Wales within the meaning given by section 74(1) of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

You can apply for a Time for Two's place for your child as soon as they have had their second birthday.

[Please complete the Time for Two's online application form](#)

Pre-school

We are currently in the process of organising September 2019 intake for Pre-School, Mrs Perigo is asking current children's parents/carers who will be attending Pre-School in September what their preferences are with regards to morning, afternoon or 30 hour places, if a member of staff have not asked you please make your preferences known to Eve as soon as possible.

Getting ready for pre-school -Please encourage your child to put on their own coat, have a go at their zips and put on own shoes. This will prepare them well in advance for Pre-School. Also encourage "please "and "thank you".

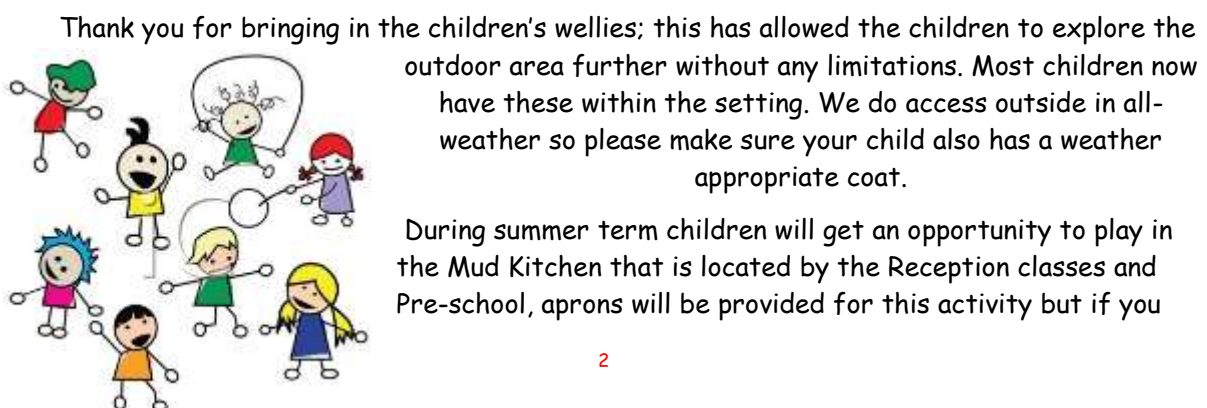
If your child is transferring to Amblecote Pre-School in September 2019 you will be receiving a letter about transition dates and meetings during the start of Summer Term. Visits to Pre-school will be arranged whilst children are in session supported by T4T's staff and also with parents/carers.

Hot Weather

Please apply sun cream before your child comes to T4T's and provide your child with a sunhat (labelled with child's name). We will now be encouraging children to drink plenty of water therefore we would like all children to bring in a water bottle daily. We ask parents to clean and replenish with fresh water only.



Outdoor play



Thank you for bringing in the children's wellies; this has allowed the children to explore the outdoor area further without any limitations. Most children now have these within the setting. We do access outside in all-weather so please make sure your child also has a weather appropriate coat.

During summer term children will get an opportunity to play in the Mud Kitchen that is located by the Reception classes and Pre-school, aprons will be provided for this activity but if you

would like to provide your child with their own waterproof suits they can be sent in the child's bag.

Safety

We have noticed that other adults may accompany parents when they are picking up at the end of the session, please advise the member of staff on the gate about additional adults that may be with you. We ask that you leave the school via the same gate and that you do not enter school building. This is to safeguard our children and other children located at Amblecote Primary school.

Can I also remind you the **main red gate** at the bottom of the school drive should remain **closed** at all times with only the pedestrian entrance open, if you do notice this is open can you please inform a member of staff or the main school office.

Reminders

- It is every parent's responsibility to check their child's hair on a weekly basis so that head lice can be spotted early, information can be found at www.nhs.uk
- Keep us up to date with changes to telephone numbers so that we can contact you with text alerts.
- A weekly activity sheet is displayed on the T4T's window and on the school website that will inform you of the proposed activities for the week; this will include any special events, home links and visitors.
- We ask for a weekly contribution of £1.00, this will provide cooking ingredients, Café snacks and resources and equipment for enhanced activities the children access.
- Billy Bear is available for days out. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to take Billy on a specific date.

DIARY DATES

Fri 12th April-Break up
Thurs 2nd May-school closed for Local Elections
Mon 6th May-Bank Holiday
Thursday 23rd May - Break up for half term
Fri 24th May-INSET

Main schools Newsletter can be accessed on Amblecote Primary school website.