



Another year is over and done, and I am sure that like me you are asking yourself where has the time gone? I hope that you enjoyed reading your child's report and have celebrated in their achievements. It is clear to see that they have not only tried hard and improved in academic areas, but most importantly, they have matured and grown as young people. We are so proud of the children at Amblecote, as I am sure, you are.

We now look forward to September and a new start, with a new class teacher, in a new classroom. Please encourage your child to read over the holidays, use doodle maths (if you have purchased a subscription) or use TT Rock stars so we can keep those skills sharp and ready to meet the expectations of a new year group.

I would like to thank all of the staff for working so hard with their classes this year - bringing the learning to life in so many interesting ways and for all the numerous opportunities both in and out of school that they planned so brilliantly for the children.

Thank you also to you as parents, for all of your continued support throughout this year and for all the thoughtful cards, kind words and messages of support that we have received recently. Amblecote Primary is a very special place, and it would not be the school it is without everyone working together. All that is left to say is from myself and all of the staff, is that we hope you have a wonderful and restful summer break, and we will see you all on **Tuesday 3rd September**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Below is a list of key dates for next half term.
More dates will be added as the term progresses.

02.09.19	INSET DAY – School closed to children
03.09.19	Start of the Autumn Term
10.09.19	Circus skills day
23.09.19	Year 6 to Astley Burf
30.09.19	PTA film night (straight after school)
04.10.19	Macmillan & Mary Stevens Hospice Coffee Morning
07.10.19	School Photographs
14.10.19	Parents' Evening – 6P ONLY 3:30pm–5pm
16.10.19	Parents' Evening - 3:30pm–5pm
17.10.19	Parents' Evening - 3:30pm–7:30pm
23.10.19	Harvest Coffee afternoon for Grandparents
24.10.19	Disco KS1 3:15- 4:30pm KS2 4:45 – 6pm
24.10.19	BREAK UP for half term
25.10.19	INSET DAY – School closed to children
4.11.19	Back to school

ADVANCED WARNING

May Bank Holiday Moved

from Monday May 4th to Friday May 8th

Next year's early May bank holiday in the UK will be moved back by four days to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. This is only the second time that the May Day Bank Holiday has been moved and this was to mark the 50th anniversary. The Friday will be the start of a three day weekend of events.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR

95.74%

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

It is the end of era for our Year 6 pupils and we just wanted to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of them. Not only did they achieve wonderful SATs results, as a result of their hard work and sustained effort, but also we saw last week what wonderful performers they are.

The Year 6 production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' was absolutely brilliant and had the audience in stitches! The confidence and self-belief, along with amazing singing and dancing talent and comedy timing was a joy to watch!

As they move on to the next chapter in their school life we want to wish them all the best and hope that they will remember their time at Amblecote Primary School as fondly as we will remember them.

Goodbye and good luck Year 6 - we will miss you!

GOODBYE TO MITCH

For many years now Amblecote has worked closely with 'PURE SPORT' and Mitch, who has worked with nearly all of our children, is leaving the company. We would like to thank him for all that he has done for our school and to wish him all the best for his future.

MATHS SUPPORT

www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk

This is a great website with lots of activities, hints and tips for parents in helping your children using current teaching methods!

Maybe give it a try over the summer holidays.

PTA

The PTA have worked tirelessly for our children all year, but the spectacular Summer Fayre was simply the icing on the fundraising cake. That wonderful event raised almost £3000! This is an unbelievable amount of money and I just have to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved and to everyone that came to support the school and spend money!

The PTA have raised enough money this year, to purchase a set of Google Chrome Books, which the children will be using next term! The PTA are already planning events for next term!

SCHOOL MEALS & NEW MENU

Just another reminder that from 1st September, we have been informed, that the cost of a school lunch will rise to **£2.40**.

Also in an attempt to reduce plastic waste, the kitchen will no longer be selling drink cartons. Instead children will be able to have water, milk or fruit juice in a cup, included in the price.

READING CHAMPIONS

What an amazing day was had by all our Reading Champion Gold Award Winners last Friday!! A full day on our school field, with face painting, karaoke, maypole dancing, penalty shoot-outs hula-sise, cheer leading, a photo booth, pond dipping in the wildlife area, volleyball, a visit from an ice cream van and much more!! I especially loved their gold reading champions wrist bands that the children wore all day!!

A huge thank you to all of the staff who helped make the day so special, but especially to Miss Skirving and Mrs Marsh who have worked so hard throughout the year to make Reading Champions a huge success!

SPORTING SUPERSTARS

A huge congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 children that represented our school at the Dell last Wednesday. As usual their behaviour was outstanding and we were so proud of them as the Year 5 and 6 girls and the Year 5 boys came first in the completion, making Amblecote the overall winners!

What an amazing achievement. Also I would like to say a massive thank you to Miss Dowler, Mr Kendrick and Mrs Ellis for preparing the children so well, organising the event and accompanying the children on the day!

GAMBIA

As part of our Project Gambia campaign at school, we held a 'Buy-a-Brick' fundraiser earlier in the year to help build a new classroom at the Madiana School in Gambia. Amblecote are very proud to say that we contributed £375 towards this, an incredible 1500 bricks! Here is a photograph of the finished building, complete with our school logo painted on the side. Well done children, you have made a huge difference! We will be holding more events to support Project Gambia in the next school year. Thank you to Miss Judd and her Globetrotters, who have organised these wonderful events this year.



SAFEGUARDING AT AMBLECOTE

As part of our duty to keep children safe in school, it is vital that children who require inhalers and epi-pens in school, bring their medication with them on the first day back (Tuesday 3rd September). If a child does not have their medication with them we will have to send them home immediately. Please also check that all medication brought into school is in date. Thank you for your support with this extremely important matter.

During the summer holidays, if you have concerns which are not school based, you can call the children's services referral and advice service on 0300 555 0050 during office hours (9am - 5pm), contact the Emergency Duty Team on 0300 555 8574 (out of hours)