

WELCOME

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year it is quite a lengthy one so please take time to read it so that you are fully informed. At the end of the Newsletter are the dates for the year's events, however these can be subject to change.



We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for a new and exciting year.

The T4T's staff would like to say a big thank-you for all the presents and cards they received from children and families at the end of last term.

Welcome to our new children and their parents/carers.

Please look out for notices on the T4T's windows and door.

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. T4T's comes under the drop down tab " **Information**"

Our planning of activities comes from the children's current interests, we will also base activities this half term around Settlingi, All About Me and Harvest celebrations.

If your child is going to be absent from T4T's we request that you call the T4T's on **01384 818372** or email ebradley@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk with a reason for the absence; if we do not hear from you by the end of the session a member of staff will contact you, this falls in line with main school's policy.

If your child wears glasses they need to have them with them at all times.

Asthma-We need to have **2 inhalers** at all times.

Medication-Please inform a member of staff if your child has been given medication before they come to school. Please do not leave medication of any sort in your child's bag.

Food-Please do not store food in your child's bags and never send you child in with nuts or nut products as we have children with allergies attending our setting and school.

Water Bottle- Children need to bring in a named water bottle, this will go home every day for parents/carers to wash and replenish with fresh water.

Can we ask that only **one** parent/carer comes into T4T's to sign out their child and older siblings remain outside so as to ensure the safety of T4T children when we hand them over at the end of a session.

We currently have some sessions available at T4T's so if you would like to increase your sessions or change days please speak to Eve as soon as possible. Also please let relatives/friends know we are here and have places available.

STAFF

Staffing structure is as follows:

Eve- Manager/Red Group's Key Person.

Chantelle- Teaching Assistant and Manager (Wednesday only)/ Blue Group's Key Person.

Emma -T4T's teaching assistant

Isabelle- T4T's teaching assistant (Wednesday only)

During each session your child will sit for a short time with their Key Person and peers to talk about the day, the weather and take part in a small activity.

Eve is the "**Designated Safeguarding Lead**" and has responsibility for Safeguarding and Child Protection within the setting (In her absence Mrs. Perigo/Mrs. Price) She also has responsibility for Special Educational Needs and interventions within the provision.

Chantelle has responsibility for Equal Opportunities, Diversity and emotional well-being coordinator and interventions.

Emma has responsibility for Health and safety, displays, interventions and risk assessments.

Isabelle has responsibility for Physical Education sessions and interventions.

KEEPING PARENTS/CARERS INFORMED

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 on newsletters and will be included on the whiteboard to keep parents/carers up to date with events. We also write a daily evaluation of the session for parents to see on the whiteboard situated just outside of the T4T's mobile. Staff are available also to speak to parents at the beginning and end of sessions.

Keeping in Touch-Most parents have provided us with a secure e-mail address so that observations from the "2simple" Learning Journey app can be shared. We will be sending out "2simple" invitations via e-mail so please check your inbox and reply, if you have not received an invitation please see a member of staff. You can also forward pictures from home via the 2simple app.

ASSESSMENT and OBSERVATION

Over the next few weeks staff will be observing children in their play and assessing where they are at with their learning and development, we will assess communication skills, physical skills and social skills. Children will take part in activities with staff so that secure judgements can be made about their level of development. During the year parents/carers will have opportunities to discuss their child's development with the Key Person.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Children will be taking part in a variety of physical activities and will also be given opportunities to use bikes and scooters on the middle playground.

We request that all children have weather appropriate clothing and a pair of wellies that they can keep at T4T's for messy play. At times we will access the mud kitchen and builders

yard situated in the Pre-school garden.

We will be accessing the hall for our P.E sessions during the summer term on a Tuesday.



LETTERS AND SOUNDS

The children will be taking part in Phase One of the Letters and Sounds teaching programme, these activities are an introduction to letter sounds and concentrate on developing children's speaking and listening skills and phonological awareness. Parents are invited along to an informal information session on Thursday 7th November at 9.05 and 12.30pm, this will be led by Mrs Perigo.

NURSERY RHYME/ STORY OF THE WEEK

Every week we will be looking at a different nursery rhyme and story. This will be displayed on the T4T's whiteboard/ window.

T4T's FUND

We ask for a weekly contribution of £1.00, this will provide fruit/veg for snack time, cooking ingredients, resources and equipment for enhanced activities the children access. Contributions of fruit and vegetables are also accepted to serve at our snack time.

WOW

If your child has progressed and made you go **WOW!** e.g. counting, getting dressed, sleeping well etc. 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.



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.

Photos can be e-mailed to ebradley@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk or via the 2simple app.

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. We would like to remind you to ensure your children's clothes, coats, bags, hats, scarves and gloves are clearly labelled.

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 VACINE

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.

REMINDER

- Children need to bring in a bag with a change of clothes, nappies and wipes if required.

DIARY DATES

September 2019

9th – 20th Children return to T4T's - Staggered entry

24th EYFS workshop 9:05am in Reception classroom

October 2018

4th Macmillan coffee morning in the school hall from 8.30 am

7th School Photographer

10th Mental health awareness day- wear yellow

25th INSET- School closed for pupils

28th Oct - 4th Nov - Half term

4th Nov- All children return to T4T's

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE