

WELCOME

Children have now settled into the T4T's routine and are coming in happily and settling at an activity with support from yourselves.

We will be taking in more new children over the coming term. There will be a chance for you to meet with your child's Key Person at one of the parent meetings this term to discuss how your child has settled at T4T's.

So far this half term we have been taking part in activities to support our all about me topic, we have created lovely pictures of ourselves and discussed our all about me booklets.

Children very much enjoy learning in our outdoor environment and we will continue to have free access on a daily basis. Children have taken part in physical sessions including music and movement time to develop their physical skills by using their body and how to use equipment like wheeled vehicles and slides.

We will be supporting children with Communication and Language skills throughout the coming year. You will see your children coming out with stickers that encourage them to talk to you about what they have done for example "Ask me about the model I made today" or "Ask me about the picture I painted", please encourage your child to discuss the comment on the sticker with you and possibly other family members. We will also be teaching new vocabulary on a daily basis. Please see the weekly overview for details.

Some children will be taking part in Communication and Language Interventions to support their progress within this area, parents will be approached and consent gained and feedback given at the end of the intervention.

Please take a look at the Diary Dates at the end of this Newsletter so that you keep yourself up to date.

We still have some outstanding e-mail addresses for the 2Simple Learning Journeys, Eve has re-sent to these addresses, if you still have not checked for the 2Simple e-mail please do so, we can then start to send out observations to you of your child. We will be sending out 2simple reports at half term.

Harvest

HARVEST

Our Harvest celebrations and activities will start the weeks beginning the 13th and 21st October. We will be collecting cans of food as a donation for Harvest. Please give what you can and place any donations on the table in T4T's at the end of the session. Food donations will be forwarded to Stourbridge Food Bank, thank you.



T4T'S and PRE-SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Please ask for an application form at the school office for applications to Pre-school and Amblecote Time for Two's (T4T's). We currently have a few places left, so if you would like to add another session please let Eve know.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The children very much enjoy celebrating their birthdays in Pre-school. Parents can send in sweets, shop brought cakes or fruit as a healthy alternative, please also be aware that we do have some children who are vegetarians. Always check for nut related products.

PARENT NOTICE BOARD/T4T's window

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. Letters you may have missed will be located on the table every day at the end of the session. Please look out for new letters. Keep updated also online at Amblecote Primary schools website under the 'information' tab.

REMINDERS

Can we ask that only **one** parent/carer comes into T4T's to sign out their child. We would appreciate if additional adults that collect can wait outside of the mobile, this is to make sure we safeguard our children effectively as this can be a very busy time. We will therefore be slowing down the release of children and only allow two adults at a time. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support when releasing children. This has been a lengthy process but is one that will safeguard all children whilst they get used to sitting at home time.

Can we remind parents not to allow their child to run up and down from the gate to mobile as children could fall. Please remember the member of staff on the green gate at end of session must remain on the gate for safety and security of the school and cannot be responsible for children. thank you.

T4T'S FEES

If you are paying 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 fee's need to be either paid for weekly, monthly or half termly. Alternatively, if you are in receipt of childcare vouchers these are also accepted, please see Eve for details.

WOW CARDS

If your child has made you go **WOW!** e.g. counting, able to zip coat up, have won or achieved any medals, certificates or trophies, i.e. dancing, football or swimming, we would love to hear about it. **WOW** cards are available from the polly pocket attached to the welcome board just inside the mobile. These are for you to write on and bring back to T4T's where they will be displayed and then put into your child's learning journeys.



DAYS OUT BEAR

'Billy Bear' the Days out Bear has enjoyed the adventures he has so far been on. Children can take 'Billy Bear' on an exciting day trip or a holiday; a photo and a short explanation can be noted on the sheet provided. When the bear is returned to T4T's your child is encouraged to talk about their adventure with Billy Bear.

Outdoor Play

Children should come to T4T's dressed in **practical** clothing and suitable footwear. Children will spend parts of the session outside. Please can we ask for a pair of wellies to be kept here so children can access the outdoor area in all weather conditions. If your child has a raincoat or one that covers both arms and legs please pack this in their bags as the children will be participating in water play and will get sleeves and bottoms wet.



Story Sessions

From Monday 18th to Thursday 21st November 2019 you will be able to drop in to one of our story sessions at T4T's. Parents are invited to sit alongside your child whilst a member of staff will read a story and complete group time. This is a nice session where you can see a little bit of what we do during group time when your child attends T4T's. Staff have recently attended Makaton training so we will feedback to parents at these sessions.

Many Thanks

Book Library

We have implemented a book Library at T4T's, this is an opportunity for you and your child to read together at home. Please take and change your book when you need to. Books will be out every Monday at the end of the session. If you do not attend on a Monday, please see a member of staff and they will be happy to change it with you at the end of session.

HEAD LICE

Remember to keep checking you children for head lice.

MEDICINES

Please tell a member of staff if your child has had any medicines such as Calpol, inhalers etc or have been unwell prior to coming to school.

REQUESTS

Used birthday cards for cutting

Autumn leaves, conkers and fir cones for our autumn topic

Large cardboard boxes

Ribbon, buttons, small scraps of material

Dolls clothes

Dressing up outfits-ages 2-3, 3-4 years

Spare socks

Donations of **fruit and vegetables** for snack time

Plastic tools

Shoe boxes and kitchen roll tubes for Junk Modelling

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, we urge all parents to donate a £1.00 per week please so that we can continue with cooking and fruit and vegetables to eat at snack time.
Half termly or weekly payment can be made, thank you.

DIARY DATES

Autumn 1

21st Oct- Harvest celebrations this week

Thurs 24th Oct -School closes for half term

Fri 25th Oct - INSET

Send out 2simple Learning Journeys to parents

Autumn 2

Mon 4th Nov- Return to T4T's and bonfire activities

Mon 11th Nov- settling in parents meeting-drop in between 12.30-2.30pm

Mon 18th - Thurs 21st Nov- Story telling sessions for parents to attend from 11.15am

Fri 15th Nov - Children in Need

Thurs 5th Dec- Christmas card workshop for parents to attend @ 10.45am

Fri 20th Dec- Christmas Party Day

Fri 20th Dec- End of Term