



# Amblecote News! February 2020

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*'At Amblecote we achieve because in our pupils we believe.'*

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term, despite the miserable weather. We are now half way through the school year and I can't quite believe how quickly the weeks have gone since September. Even though there are only now 5 weeks until the Easter holidays, there is, as always, lots planned at Amblecote! Parents' evenings are on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Letters went out this week and it is really important at this half way point in the academic year everyone makes an appointment to hear about how your child is doing both academically and on a personal level.

Members of the choir will be performing at St James' Church in Wollaston at the annual Unity Service on March 10<sup>th</sup> and we will be hosting the KS1 Music Festival, where Year 2 pupils will be performing to and with other Year 2 children from local primary schools. Our wonderfully supportive PTA have many exciting events planned too – more details to follow shortly.

Selected children from Year 5 will be participating in our annual Gifted and Talented Week, in conjunction with other local primary schools to work on computing, drama, music, swimming and technology. Also, please add Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1:45pm to your diary for our Easter Service which will be held at Holy Trinity Church. As always there will be a wide selection of clubs being run throughout the term for the children to get involved in.

## ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR

REC	IM	1/2C	2M	3K	3/4S	4H	5B	5/6F	6P
94.97%	94.19%	97.54%	97.17%	95.48%	95.58%	96.32%	96.49%	96.48%	97.25%
Attendance Target			96%		Amblecote Attendance			96.12%	

**Please remember, we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

06.03.20	World Book Day – children to dress up
05.03.20	PTA film night - 3:15 – 5:15pm
10.03.20	Unity Service at St James' Church
11.03.20	Parents' Evening 3:30pm – 5pm
11.03.20	6P Open Session 9:05 – 10:05am
12.03.20	Parents' Evening 3:30pm – 7:30pm
18.03.20	KS1 Music Festival held at Amblecote
23.03.20	Gifted & Talented Week
01.04.20	Easter Service - Holy Trinity (at 1:45pm)
02.04.20	PTA Easter Craft day
03.04.20	Break up for the Easter holidays

**May Bank Holiday Moved  
from Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>**

## GREAT BRITISH BIRD WATCH

A huge well done and thankyou to everyone who made bird feeders for the Great British Birdwatch competition.

What a wonderful way to recycle plastic bottles, juice cartons, tin cans, kitchen utensils and even old fence panels. All the bird feeders look fantastic in the wildlife area and within minutes of them being filled with bird seed blue tits were spotted feeding from them. We spotted robins, sparrows, magpies and many more during our birdwatch. Prizes have been awarded to Millie, Kacey, George and TJ for their entries.



### **SUPER SWIMMERS**

Reece, Kian, Ben, Mia-Sal, Evie, Maia, and Jade attended a swimming gala at Wollescote Primary School, before half term. They swam brilliantly, demonstrated excellent team spirit and represented Amblecote with pride!! Thank you to Mr Kendrick and Miss Dowler who helped to organise this event and to the children who were just wonderful!

### **PRE SCHOOL PLEA**

If you are having a clear out, our Pre-School would really appreciate any donations of pushchairs for their dolls and dressing up clothes aged 3 upwards. Please see Mrs Perigo in Pre School or drop them into our reception. Thank you.

### **BAD LANGUAGE**

At Amblecote, we always promote good manners in our children and this is something that we are regularly complimented on when visitors come into our school and when our children go out on visits.

More recently we have noticed that some of our younger children are beginning to use inappropriate language in school towards each other and I have also had complaints from parents who had heard other parents using bad language openly on our school grounds, in front of their children and those of others.

I am sure that it goes without saying, but it is not acceptable to use this type of language around our children. Please can I ask any parents to immediately make a member of staff aware if they hear any language that they are not happy with.

### **PARKING PROBLEMS PERSIST**

In the last newsletter, I wrote about parents parking their cars and blocking our local residents' access to their homes. In the week before half term, we received a phone call from the Sunflower Centre, situated next to our school, whose patients were unable to gain access to the disabled car parking spaces, as some of our parents had parked in them. I appreciate how difficult parking is around school and how stressful it can be to find a space, but we all must be considerate to the needs of others. Many of our children attend the Sunflower Centre, and I would always expect them and their families to be able to access the required car parking spaces for them to be able to attend their appointments. Thank you to the vast majority of families who always park with both care and consideration.

### **ANIMAL MAN**

On Wednesday 12th February KS1 were very lucky to have a visit from Spike, the Animal Man. During his visit he told us all about the different animal classifications. Afterwards we were excited to meet his animals. We met a beautiful corn snake, a hairy rose tarantula, a tenrec, a beaded dragon and 1M were lucky enough to discover what was in the white box-Salamander! Last but not least we met Oscar the owl who was so tired he could hardly keep his eyes open, after a busy day of visiting children! Children and staff are grateful for the support in funding this experience, a wonderful time was had by all!



### **ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

Huge congratulations to class 2M, who were the first class to win a mufti day for 10 consecutive days of 100% attendance!! For the last two Ofsted inspections at Amblecote, attendance of our pupils has been identified as a key action that the school must act on, and this is just one of many incentives that the children are offered.

This week, Reception P have also managed to achieve their consecutive 10 days so enjoyed a Mufti day today! Well done to them too!

### **SAFEGUARDING AT AMBLECOTE**

At Amblecote Primary we have 10 Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). These are Mrs Bradley in Time 4 Twos and Mrs Perigo in Pre-school, Mrs Price, Mrs Kettle, Miss Skirving, Mrs Pickett, Mrs Dunckley, Miss German, Mrs Sparrow and myself. Please see one of us if you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child in school. The updated school Child Protection Policy is now on our website – please read. 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).

Are you worried about radicalisation?

Don't wait until you're certain. Call the NSPCC helpline if you're worried that a child is being radicalised. It's free, anonymous and they are there 24/7. Visit: [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) or telephone: 0800 800 5000.