



Amblecote News! October 2020

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

I can't believe that we are now in October, and after being blessed with beautiful weather in September, those colder days and darker evenings are fast approaching.

It has been another busy few weeks in school. Some of our Year 1 children have really enjoyed and have been working hard in their BalanceAbility sessions. In these sessions they are learning to improve their balance, co-ordination and core strength!

Just before October half term, we normally would be holding our first parent's evening of the academic year. This year, I am sure that you understand that this won't be possible. However, staff are currently writing an Autumn term update that we will be sending out to all parents (hopefully via ClassDojo) on Monday 12th October and there will also be the option of requesting an additional follow up telephone call on Thursday 15th October between 3:30pm and 7pm, if you require it. Please, as always if you have any concerns about your child, come and speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team straight away.

At Amblecote, the Senior Leadership Team is made up of myself, Mrs Pickett (Acting Deputy Headteacher, and Year 5/6 Phase Leader), Miss Skirving (Year 3/4 Phase Leader), Miss Careless (Year 1/2 Phase Leader) Mrs Price (EYFS Phase Leader), Mrs Dunckley (EYFS & KS1 SENDCo) and Miss German (KS2 SENDCo).

Thank you also to all the parents who have signed up to ClassDojo. This will be the platform that we will be using for any remote learning that may occur in the future. It will be absolutely vital that any future self isolating or enforced closing of bubbles within school does not impact on your child's learning and progress.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Cook.

Praise

The children have settled back into school so well and are now really showing us what they can do! A huge well done to this week's praise children!

Class	Pupil	Reason
Rec J	Ronnie	For an excellent start to his reception year – so sensible.
Rec P	Layla-Grace	For a super attitude towards school and being very independent.
1M	Lewie Isabella	For working hard in phonics. For trying her best and always working hard with a smile.
1/2C	Zainab Finn	For beautiful observational drawing of shells. For a fantastic underwater scene. Wonderful work!
2M	Lily Joshua	For always working hard and trying her best. For his excellent use of scientific vocabulary.
3P	Riley Scarlett	For his excellent maths work. For working really hard with her reading.
3/4S	Amelie Abigail	For beautifully presented and carefully thought out work. For a fabulous start to Year 4.
4H	Lola William	For being a superstar in every way. For sharing his wonderful D&T challenge in class.
5K	Jamie Tory Rylan	For always being polite and well mannered. For trying and working hard in maths. For working hard in literacy and producing a lovely piece of descriptive writing.
5/6F	Amelia Harrison	For producing high quality work across the curriculum all of the time. For being such a well-mannered boy who is a pleasure to have in the classroom
6PB	Lilia	For wonderful descriptive language.

House	Points
CORBETT	756
SILVERS	835
STUART	771
WEBB	730

Year 6 are currently working on their speeches which are being filmed to show all the other children. Every children will be able to vote for who they would like to be the house captain of their house!



LOCKDOWN ALARM SYSTEMS AND FIRE DRILLS

You may have heard on the very first day back at school, the loud unmistakable sound of our newly installed lockdown alarm system. This along with a fire alarm system are all part of many ways in which we keep your children safe at school.

At Amblecote, we hold a termly unannounced fire practise and with new staff, new children and children in new classrooms, it is vital that we all are aware of our quickest and safest routes out of the building.

We will now also at some point this term be holding a lockdown practise. There are a wide variety of scenarios which may trigger school's lockdown procedures. Some examples may include:

- A reported incident/civil disturbance in the local area;
- An intruder on the school site;
- A warning being received regarding a risk locally of air pollution;
- A major fire in the vicinity of the school;
- The close proximity of a dangerous dog roaming loose or other dangerous animal.

Our updated Lockdown Policy and Procedures are available on our school website and the children will be prepared for the practice as it will be the first time they will have heard the new sirens.

My sister in law's school, in Solihull, had to a instigate a Lockdown, a couple of years ago after a bull entered their playground!!

SAFEGUARDING AT AMBLECOTE – it's everyone's responsibility.

All of the staff have received their annual safeguarding update at the start of term and our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy has been updated, to reflect the key changes within Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020. A copy of our Safeguarding & Child Protection 2020 policy is available on our school website.

It is important if you ever have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child to 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).