



Amblecote News! September 2020

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

We have been back at school now for two whole weeks and 2 days and I cannot believe how quickly it has gone! Our Reception children have just completed their first full week at school and they have been wonderful. I am sure if they are anything like my daughter, who has also just started in Reception, they are exhausted at the end of each day!

I wanted to say thank you to everyone, who has worked with us, while we are trying to adapt to new routines, especially at the start and the end of the day. We all seem to be getting more used to where we all need to be and at what time. Coming at the correct time will always be key to making our staggered drop offs and collections run smoothly. We will continue to monitor the situation and return to the drawing board as and when needed.

We are working hard to set up all of the children on to ClassDojo. As part of Government requirements, by the end of September, we need to have all of our families connected so that in the event of children being required to self isolate, teachers can provide daily work tailored to the their needs. There is no expectation to print out any sheets, as all of the children have been sent home with a 'Remote Home Learning' exercise book, where they can record all of their work. If you have not already done so, please sign up and connect with all of your children's teachers. If you are having any problems please email your child's class email address.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Cook.

Praise

With all the children having returned so well and working hard to follow our new routines, choosing our praise pupils for this week has been a very tough decision.

Congratulations to the following children:

Class	Pupil	Reason
Rec J	Brooke	For settling in wonderfully and making new friends.
Rec P	Noah	For being sensible and having positive behaviour.
1M	William Oscar	For a great start to Year 1 – lovely enthusiasm for learning! A great start to Year 1 – what a mature and sensible attitude.
1/2C	Phoebe Joni	For her fantastic writing about Mr Grinling. For her fantastic attitude to learning.
2M	Kashawn Ben	For making an excellent start to Year 2. For his enthusiastic contributions to maths lessons.
3P	Sam	For settling in and working really hard.
3/4S	Eva-Mai	A fantastic start to year 3 – super attitude and for working really hard.
4H	George	For sharing some fascinating facts about the Mayans.
5K	James	For a fantastic start to Year 5, a super attitude and always ready to help.
5/6F	Isla Jack	For her constant interaction within all lessons! For impressing two teachers this week with his effort!
6PB	Lucas Esme	For a fantastic and mature start to Year 6! For excellent manners and effort.

House	Points
CORBETT	316
SILVERS	318
STUART	317
WEBB	287

Since returning to school, the children have also been working hard to earn house points! Congratulations to Corbett, who are in the lead this week by 1 house point!



Roald Dahl Day

Yesterday felt like we were truly back at school – dressing up, and having lots of fun!! Children and staff were dressed in the most amazing costumes! Congratulations to Darla, Maisie and Evie who were chosen as the overall winners! Can you guess who they came as?



Great Guitarists!

Chris who left us last year and Archie in Year 6 both passed their Rockschool Debut exams at the end of the summer term, both with distinction. Given that, in Chris' case, the work was done before lockdown, and Archie managed to achieve this during lockdown, this is a fantastic achievement and we and their teacher, Mr Dooner, are very proud of both of them.

PE

The children look absolutely fantastic in their PE kits and it is saving so much time during the lesson - not having to get changed out and back into their uniforms.

Please can we ask that children wear sports trainers, and not converse style pumps or high tops, as these do not provide enough support and protection during their outdoor activities.

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).