

Hello Everyone,

Well what a week it has been!! I am sure many of you feel very uncertain about what the next few weeks might have in store and have many questions, many of which cannot yet be answered.

I just want to reassure you all, that as a Mom, I fully understand the concerns that you may have. We are currently working non-stop, doing everything we can (reading the mountains of guidance, producing countless risk assessments and having many, many discussions) in order to have a plan on how we **might** be able to re-open school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 after half term, in a safe way for everyone.

The support that you have given the school has been wonderful, and as things start to change we are going to need it more than ever before. One of the things I love the most about our amazing school, is that we all pull together and support each other – I know that this is something that we all will continue to do. We have never experienced a pandemic before and difficult decisions will have to be made, but I know that you all appreciate that we all have the best interests of everyone in our Amblecote family at heart!

As always I will keep everyone up-to-date with any new developments via the Parent Hub and I think it is important that we all recognise that nothing is set in stone and even the best laid plans will be subject change. Next week, will be the last edition of the class newsletters for a while, as I need to support staff in their return to work - which will certainly not be teaching in the way they know it. However please feel free to keep sending photographs of what you have been up to, to your class email, as I know we all love to see them and it is a great way to keep in touch.

Learning overviews will continue to be provided for next week and after the half term break, so rest assured if you choose not to send your child to school or your child is not in the selected year groups, there will still be a range of suggested activities to complete.

I hope you all had a fabulous bank holiday weekend – thank you to the families that emailed me pictures. I also just wanted to say what amazing job you have all done as 'teachers' over the past 8 weeks. Even after teaching for 20 years, I certainly know it is not easy teaching your own child, but every week, both myself and all of the teachers have been blown away at the creativity, effort and thought that has gone into the activities that your children have been doing. I know we all at times have worried about the learning they have missed out on, but the experiences and opportunities they have had has been AMAZING!!

Have a great weekend and no doubt you will hear from me via parent hub over the next week.

Missing you all lots and lots,

Mrs Cook x

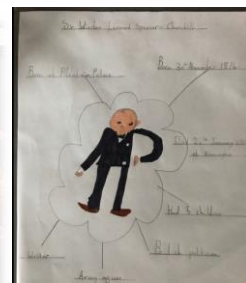
A NEW ARRIVAL

On 5th May 2020, at 11:05pm, Mrs Hazelwood became a Nanny!
Her daughter Nadia, gave birth to a beautiful, healthy baby boy – Alfie, weighing in at exactly 8lbs!! Both mom and Alfie are doing well and as you can imagine, Mrs Hazelwood is very proud. Isn't he just gorgeous! Congratulations to the whole family!!



BUSY LITTLE BEES

Once again, thank you all for the wonderful photos that you have sent in this week. You have all been so busy ... celebrating, making, baking, creating, camping, exercising, playing, caring, learning, sharing - the list goes on and on!! Thank you to Gracie, Charlie, Lily, Holly, Millie, Liam, Joshua, Abigail, Bethany, The whole Prosser family and Freya for this week's photos.



VIRTUAL PRAISE

Here is a list of all of the children who have been praised this week by their class teachers! It is great to see the fabulous things that you have been up to.

Class	Name	Reason
RJ	Harper Lily	For cycling 5.5km, after only learning to ride her bike without stabilisers a few weeks ago! For completing all of her reading champions
RP	Elliott Finn	For completing his Reading Champions. For helping his mom and bonding with his new baby brother.
1M	Faith Nicholas	For her amazing complete solar system in papier-mache hanging in her kitchen. For his exciting science experiments.
1/2C	Daisy Alyvia	For her fantastic allotment design. For completing all 20 Reading Champion activities
2M	Riley Tejo	For all of his World war 2 and VE day work. For his wartime rationing carrot cake recipe.
3K	Isabella	For spending the most time on Charanga this week.
3/4S	Abigail	For all the different learning and activities she has been doing! Miss Skirving can't keep up!!!
4H	James	For his incredible solar system that he has made. For recycling old clothes to make bunting for VE Day celebrations.
5B	Kian	For his amazing newspaper report on VE day celebrations in his street.
5/6F	Liam Logan Abigail	For completing the fun lockdown SATs paper with great enthusiasm.
6P	India	For her stunning painting.



BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUTS

Just because we are not in school, doesn't mean we can send lots of happy birthday wishes to everyone who are celebrating this week!



Happy Birthday to

Charlie, Louie, Kelly, Ryan, Ellie-Mae, Caitlin and Mrs Barstow

SAFEGUARDING AT AMBLECOTE

Even though we are not at school at the moment, we don't stop caring about you all.

If there is any point when you feel that you might need some help, advice, or just someone to talk to, please email: info@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk. This email is checked regularly throughout the day and someone will get back to you.

Many teachers have also been refreshing their knowledge on bereavement and how we can support our school community during difficult times. If there is anything that we can do as school to help you or your family, or you want to inform us of your family circumstances, so that we can support your child, please email: info@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk and a member of staff will contact you.

Even whilst we are all away from school, it is important if you 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).