



Amblecote News! June 2020

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

Good afternoon everyone,

Well what a scorcher it has been this week. I hope that you have all been able to enjoy the glorious weather! This week has been busy in school, as we have held three socially distanced New Reception Parents' meetings. It was lovely to welcome new families to Amblecote and to see familiar faces of parents, who already have older children in school.

We also have further transition meetings planned over the next couple of week for our current Reception parents whose children are moving into Year 1 and for our current Year 2 parents whose children are moving into Year 3 in Key Stage 2.

Thursday morning was spent with us all enjoying a socially distanced musical concert on the playground, with all of the children, who have been in school and having music lessons three times a week with Mr Foster, playing instruments and singing together. The children were absolutely amazing and it was great to come together, whilst still being apart. An extra special mention must go to Darla, Jaimee and Archie for their superb, confident solo performances.

As I am sure that you have all seen the Government updates on the intention to begin to relax some of the rules that we have had to follow. In terms of school and what that means for the new academic year, we have not as yet being provided with clarification. As a school, we are therefore intending to open on Thursday 3rd September to all year groups. However, you must be aware that this may be subject to change. There may have to be adjustments made to our start and end times or to our out of hours clubs arrangements etc. This, as always, will be clearly communicated with all via Parent Hub as soon as we are able to. The last day of school will be Friday 17th July and we will be closed during the summer holidays.

Mrs Kettle officially retires next Tuesday, but many member of staff have been able to catch up with her over the last few weeks, and when I saw her, we spoke about her coming back to school in September for an official goodbye and to celebrate the amazing commitment and impact she has made to Amblecote over the last 31 years. She will be really missed.

With this in mind, all of the staff were asked to write down their memories of Mrs Kettle, her favourite sayings and her little habits! Then, Mr Kendrick and Miss Dowler have been doing what they do best and have written new lyrics to Mrs Kettle's favourite ABBA songs. This music has now been recorded and will be shared with you all very soon, so that over the summer, if you choose to you can practise the farewell songs that we want sing to her. Mr Foster will also be practising them with the children on our return to school. For children in Year 6, who will sadly not have the opportunity to say a proper goodbye, if you would like to leave any cards etc. for Mrs Kettle, please send them into school.

Mr Kendrick has also recorded some more chapters of the BFG if you would like to listen to them.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHvRNFaINdy1B_Io3tvEM_A

I hope you all have a lovely few weeks whatever you are doing and hope that we are all able to spend some much needed time with our wider families and friends.

Take care, Mrs Cook.

AMBLECOTE'S AMAZON WISH LIST

As I am sure that you all are aware, school funding and school budgets are currently at crisis point. The Summer term is normally a term, that in conjunction with our wonderfully active PTA, we are able to raise large amounts of money (through ice cream sales, PTA organised events such as film nights and our annual summer fayre) for our school, which is then spent directly on the children.

Obviously the current situation has prevented this from happening this year, however our need and the children's needs have never been greater.

This year, we have produced an 'Amazon Wish List' for Amblecote Primary. As a staff we have looked at our curriculum and thought carefully about what we want to provide for our children. Reading will continue to be a main focus across the school and to do this properly we need a wide range of high quality texts, often in multiple copies.

As a school, we are politely asking you, if you might be prepared to purchase a book, as a gift, for our school. If so, please click on the link below and select a title.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/9GER9QWI75SV?ref=wl_share

Equally you may already have some of these titles, and might be prepared to donate it to school. In donating a book to school, you will not only be helping your child, but generations of children to come.

This wish list, is solely meant for the benefit of our Amblecote children, and we appreciate that times are difficult for many of our families at the moment. There is no expectation that families must purchase a book, the last thing we would want to do is offend anyone.

A WARM WELCOME

In the last week of term, we will be welcoming back Mrs Barratt who will be returning from maternity leave, after having Edward in October. From September, Mrs Barratt will be teaching in 5/6F on a Monday and then working across school on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursday.

Just prior to the lockdown, we were able to interview and observe teach a number of potential candidates for two teaching roles within school. I was absolutely delighted at the standard and I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Luke Pitts and Mrs Joanne Keys will be joining us, as class teachers at Amblecote in Key Stage 2, in September.

Mr Pitts, will be working in Year 3 and Mrs Keys will be working in Year 5. I am sure you will all give them both a warm Amblecote welcome in September.

Mrs Claire Exall, an experienced teacher, will also be joining us in Year 2 to teach on Monday and Tuesdays, in a job share role with Ms Masters.

All of our new teachers have already been in school, joined in with our training and are already starting to feel part of the Amblecote family.



Mrs Keys



Mr Pitts



Mrs Exall

CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR

This year, due to the current circumstances we have decided that end of year reports will be set out via email on Thursday 9th July. In addition to the report from your child's class teacher, we will also include a class list for next year.

If emailing the report causes any issues, please contact Mrs Sparrow in the office, so alternative arrangements can be made.

The class for next year will be:

CLASS NAME	TEACHER
Reception P	Mrs Price
Reception J	Miss Judd
1M	Mrs Marsh
1/2C	Miss Careless
2M	Mrs Exall (Monday & Tuesday) Ms Masters (Wednesday - Friday)
3P	Mr Pitts
3/4S	Miss Skirving
4H	Miss Hughes
5K	Mrs Keys
5/6F	Mrs Barratt (Monday) Mrs Foster (Tuesday – Friday)
6PB	Mrs Pickett (Monday & Tuesday) Mrs Brannon (Wednesday – Friday)

As soon as we are able to safely do so, in the new academic year, we will arrange dates for you all to informally meet your child's class teacher.

INSET DAYS

Every year, schools have 5 INSET days (teacher training days). These are the dates for the 5 INSET days for Amblecote Primary for 20/21. Please add them to your diaries / calendars as school will be closed for all children.

Tuesday 1st September 2020
Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Friday 23rd October 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Friday 28th May 2021

BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUTS

We are sending lots of happy birthday wishes to everyone who have had a birthday since the last newsletter and are celebrating this week or in the next coming weeks!

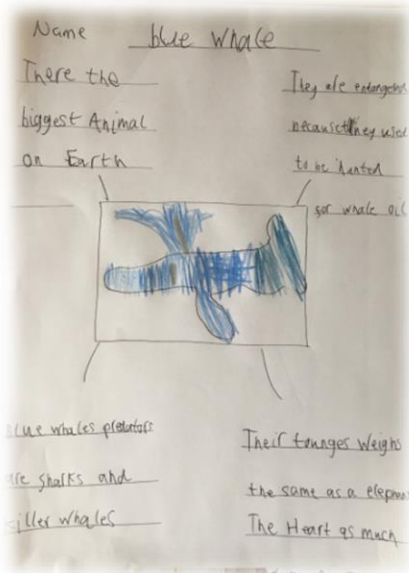
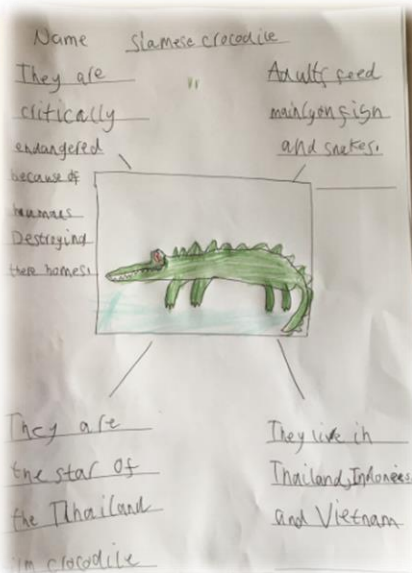


Happy Birthday to

Ms Masters, Mandy, Mr Foster, Mrs Ali, Ms Edwards, Miss Ball, Archie, Joshua K, Scarlett H, Ruby H, Lucas M, Lucas O, Logan, Abigail R, Felicity, Evie W, Isla, Reece, Alecia, Ella, India Rose, Darla, William & Elliott.

BUSY LITTLE BEES

Max has been learning endangered animals and we worked hard to create a fact sheet for some of the animals he learnt about! Max also wanted to help some way so with some of his monthly pocket money he has adopted an elephant! This is amazing Max – well done! The Kinsey family have also been busy baking – the biscuits and cakes look delicious!



THANK YOU

Max [REDACTED]

You're helping WWF to protect the future of wild elephants and to tackle some of the biggest environmental challenges facing our natural world today.
 Thank you.

Paul De Ornellas
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 Chief Adviser – Wildlife, WWF-UK

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VIRTUAL PRAISE

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

Class	Name	Reason
RJ	Kaii-James	For super maths and phonics since being back at school
	Oscar	For being helpful at home by doing lots of chores.
	Harry	For his enthusiasm when performing our dinosaur song – he wore a different T-shirt every day!
	Darla	For an amazing solo singing performance.
RP	Lylia	For her super tall sunflower.
	Jacob	For his lovely sonic hedgehog drawing.
1M	Samaya	For giving 100% to every activity in school.
	Lily	For continuing to work hard at home.
	Daniel	For continuing to work hard at home.
1/2C	Freya	For her lovely stick craft.
	Joshua	For all of his hard work at home.
	Lily	For composing a glockenspiel piece for summer!
2M	Holly	For her continuing focus and motivation to complete her work.
3K	Michael	For working hard to make a model of the digestive system, whilst still doing a great job in Literacy and Numeracy.
3/4S	William	For his fabulous work at home, including a comic design and tadpole research.
	Reiss	For his fabulous sunflower.
	Lucas	For speaking to Mrs Cook so confidently via video chat.
4H	Finn	For his fantastic work towards the house point challenge.
Year 5	Alice	For working exceptionally hard at school
	Bethany	For working exceptionally hard at home.
	Jaimee	For an amazing solo performance of singing and playing her ukulele.
	Archie	For a wonderful solo guitar performance.
Year 6	Poppy	For great ukulele playing of 'Rockin all over the world'.
	Nathaniel	For his excellent newspaper report linked to Harry Potter.
	Chloe	For showing confidence and flair with her enthusiasm towards all activities this week, especially her Just Dance routines.
Key Worker Group	Edison	For learning all of the songs and actions in his music lessons.



SAFEGUARDING AT AMBLECOTE

Even though we are not all 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).