



Amblecote News! November 2020

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

From speaking to many of the children this week, despite the weather they all had a lovely half term. Like many of the kids, I spent it mainly perfecting my pumpkin carving skills – although there is still huge room for improvement!

We had some wonderful news, on our INSET day on Friday 23rd October – Mr Pitts, in Year 3, became a Daddy for the first time. Logan was born weighing 7lbs 5ozs and he is absolutely beautiful. A massive congratulations to them all! In other good news, it is now only 6 weeks until Miss Dowler gets married!! We are all so excited for her, but calling her Mrs Kitson is going to take some getting used to. As I am sure you can imagine there is lots of baby and wedding talk amongst the teachers at the moment, but it is really lovely to have some positive news!!



This half term I am sure will pose many challenges for lots of us, but we are determined to try to carry on and keep things as normal as possible for the children. This month Year 6 will be thinking about Remembrance Day and whilst we are unable to perform their traditional service in the hall to everyone, we are looking into other ways to share what they have learnt and show our respect on this significant day.

Friday the 13th November will be Children in Need day and for a small contribution the children will be able to come in Mufti and lots of fun activities will be planned - more details have been sent out on a separate parent hub post. As you will know for many years we have always taken the children to the theatre. This year we had booked to take all of the children to see the pantomime in aid of Mary Stevens Hospice at Stourbridge Town Hall – this has now been postponed until next year. However, I have booked a virtual pantomime for all of the children to watch during their class Christmas celebrations – we have lots of things planned to make the run up to Christmas as magical and exciting as we can!

Have a great weekend, Mrs Cook.

Dates for your diary:

DATE	EVENT
Friday 13.11.20	Children in Need (mufti day)
Friday 18.12.20	Last day of term
Monday 04.01.21	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 05.01.21	Children return to school.
Friday 12.02.21	Break up for half term
Monday 22.02.21	Children return to school
Thursday 01.04.21	Break up for the Easter Holidays
Monday 19.04.21	Children return to school
Monday 03.05.21	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 27.05.21	Break up for half term
Friday 28.05.21	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 07.06.21	Children return to school
Wednesday 21.07.21	Break up for the summer holidays

**Project Gambia 2020
Christmas Shoebox
Appeal**



In November Project Gambia will be shipping 'Christmas Shoeboxes' to children who live in Kotusilo and children who attend the schools at Half Dye, Hanne Vibe and Spring of Life.
Please help us to do this by donating a shoebox.

Thank you also to everyone who sent in a shoe box to send as a Christmas Present for the children in our link school in Gambia. We were able to send 77 shoe boxes, which was incredibly kind of you and we know what a difference it will make to those children when they wake up on Christmas morning!



Praise

A wonderful start to the new half term – well done to all of the children who have been praised this week!

Class	Pupil	Reason
Rec J	Edison	For being a sensible and hardworking member of the class.
Rec P	Mya	For a positive attitude towards school and wonderful reading.
1M	Alba Lily-May Jacob	For constructing a fantastic model of the house of parliament. Fantastic independent writing in discovery time. Fantastic independent writing in discovery time.
1/2C	Harry Elliot	For trying hard in his lessons. For always trying his best.
2M	Lillian Libby	For working with greater confidence and independence. For trying really hard with her reading!
3P	Louie Maisie	For being a model pupil. For extending her learning outside the classroom.
3/4S	Sienna Alex	For always having an excellent attitude to learning and being a fabulous role model to her peers! For excellent contributions to English and Maths Lessons.
4H	Billie-Jo Ophelia	For excellent effort and beautiful presentation in Maths. For taking great pride in the presentation of her work.
5K	Sam Armin	For helping and supporting his peers. For his hard work in English.
5/6F	Megan	For impressing her Maths teacher with 100% effort, confidence in her answers and high arithmetic scores.
6PB	Amelia Mia	For settling in well in her first week. For wonderful descriptive writing.
Learning Cave	Tom	An excellent start to the half term!
Mr Foster (Music)	Reiss Ebony	For lovely glockenspiel playing! For super playing of the ukulele!

House	Points
CORBETT	1599
SILVERS	1779
STUART	1441
WEBB	1470



FOOD BANK THANKS

As part of our RE focus week, last half term, the children learnt about the need for Food Banks, and helping others less fortunate than themselves. We wanted to say a huge thank you for all of the generous donations that were sent in.

The Black Country Food Bank also wanted to pass on their thanks:
To all at Amblecote Primary School,
Thank you so much for supporting Black Country Foodbank with your Harvest Collection.

We are so pleased that you have chosen to support us again this year. The food donated will continue to help local families and individuals in crisis. You collected and donated 176kgs of food and 11kgs of non-food which is an amazing achievement.



**BLACK COUNTRY
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Amblecote Primary School

Thank you so much for your Harvest collection of food and toiletries for families and individuals in your local community. We will use all you have donated to make emergency food parcels for people in crisis.

You have donated 176kgs of food and 11kgs of non-food, an incredible amount, enough to provide 352 meals and 11 toiletry parcels. This is absolutely wonderful and we are so thankful that you have supported us in this amazing way.

THANK YOU!!



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