

WELCOME

We are busily preparing for Christmas within our theme of "Festivals and Celebrations", next week we start to learn about the Christmas story. You should all have seen the information from school about the Festive Plans that was posted on the Parent Hub.

We have been getting very creative making calendars and this week's Christmas cards and decorations, Mrs Rhodes will be creating Santa's Wrapping Station in Pre-school for next week, children can wrap boxes and write cards and letters to Santa. We are going to be practicing Christmas songs and rhymes that will be made into a video and posted on the Parent Hub. We will be placing a festive post box outside Pre-school for Christmas cards to be put into on the 7th Dec until the 11th, cards will be given out the following week, please see the class Dojo for the Pre-school card list

Last week children practiced how to cross the road safety. We took part in Children in Need activities and learnt a lot about what the charity does, they all looked lovely in their Mufti outfits. Children had a lovely time during Welly Wednesday, they spend most of the session engaged in outdoor learning, please ensure your child comes to school dressed in suitable outdoor clothing that you don't mind them getting dirty in and wellies with a change of footwear.

Pre-school now provide a dry snack at snack time such as bread sticks, crackers, biscuit and cheesy biscuits, thank you for the fruit you send daily with your child.

Please see the Reindeer Run letter about this fun activity that the children will be taking part in on Wednesday 16th December. There will be no Welly Wednesday on this day.

Christmas Party Day is always great fun, Pre-school will provide party food for the children, they can come dressed in party clothes or a Christmas jumper.

We are encouraging the children to put on their own coats and aprons and making sure they hang up their coats on their pegs, can we ask parents to encourage this at home. We are also encouraging children to look after the environment by tidying away toys they have finished with and playing with toys nicely. We also encourage manners at all times.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/primary-reception-intake/>

Important dates for September 2021 Reception Intake

- Online application available - 1 October 2020
- Return date for paper application forms - 15 January 2021 by 5pm*
- Return date for online applications - 15 January 2021 by midnight*
- Decision emails to parents - 16 April 2021 after 2pm
- Decision letters to parents - 16 April 2021 by 2nd class post
- Appeals to be heard - June/July 2021

* Failure to return your form/apply by this date may affect the outcome of your application.

Attendance at a nursery attached to a primary school will not guarantee admission to that particular primary school or give any advantage to the pupil in the admissions process.

MEDICINES

Please tell a member of staff or email preschool@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk if your child has had any medicines such as Calpol, inhalers etc or have been unwell prior to coming to school. If your child is ill and will be absent, please contact Pre-school either via email or telephone:

01384 815298

**HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD AT HOME TO CONTINUE LEARNING?**

- **Physical Development Moving and handling** • Play ball games with me. • Give me lots of ribbons that I can wave around me. • Let me try and dress my teddy or doll with different types of clothes, like coats, jumpers and dresses, and different types of fastenings, like buttons, Velcro and zips. **Health and self-care** • Let me help get lunch ready by cutting the cheese or bananas.
- **Communication and Language Listening and attention** • Use sock puppets or toy people or animals when you're sharing one of my favourite stories or songs with me. **Understanding** • When we're making a sandwich together tell me what you are doing so I know what to do. **Speaking** • When we're playing with things, use new words to describe what I'm doing with them or to tell me what they are called
- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development Making relationships** • Make dens from sheets and blankets that I can play in with you or my friends. **Self-confidence and self-awareness** • Make a box with different things in it, like glue and different types of paper, that I can choose from when I'm making a picture or model from boxes. **Managing feelings and behaviour** • Talk to me about the order I need to do things in, like brushing my teeth or getting ready for bed

REMINDERS

- Book change day is a Thursday, if your child does not attend on this day please ask to change the book on another day. May we remind parents/carers that these are books that you will share with your child and are not intended as a formal reading book. We quarantine them for 72 hours on all returned books.
- Please email photos of children's achievements to Evidence Me from now on.
- Keep up to date with notifications on the Parent Hub and the class Dojo

PRE-SCHOOL FUND

We ask for a weekly contribution of £1.00, this will provide the dry snack we offer and resources and equipment for enhanced activities the children access, we urge all parents to donate a £1.00 per week please. Half termly or weekly payment can be made, thank you.

Staff will tick your contribution off on the register.

DIARY DATES

Weds 2nd Dec-Welly Weds

Mon 14th Dec- Christmas Jumper Day

Weds 16th Dec-Reindeer Run activity

Fri 18th Dec-Christmas Film in Pre-school , PTA to provide refreshments

Tues 5th Jan -School re-opens