

### WELCOME

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year. Staff very much appreciated the beautiful cards and gifts that were given to us, thank you. We are back in a Lockdown situation at present and we will keep parents informed as much as possible concerning Government guidance.

Mrs Perigo has now returned as full time Pre-school Manager due to Mrs Bradley leaving.

Staff and children are looking forward to playing and learning together, this half term we are going to be learning about "Zoo and Farm animals". We will be getting creative with materials and accessing outdoor learning during Welly Wednesday.

We will continue with the weekly Colour and Shape activities.

Children will be discussing seasonal changes in the weather.

Please look out for the weekly Parents Overview on the Parent Hub as this will update you on your child's learning.

For children who are going to be at home during this current lockdown we will be sending activities home on the class Dojo. Please use the children's Remote Learning Books to log the work sent or a photo or video can be forwarded on the class Dojo.

**Please remember to view the main school newsletter on the Parent Hub also.**

### FUNDING FORMS

All parents will need to sign for their spring term funding on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January** or asap thereafter, as this is the headcount day. If you have increased your child's sessions or decreased them a new form will need to be completed. 30 hour parents must ensure that they have revalidated their codes.

We may be entitled to claim Early Years Pupil Premium on your behalf so when completing your funding form please enter your NI details and sign in the EYPP section to allow us to access this when we apply for your child's funding. I have posted a EYPP poster on the Parent Hub so that you can check your eligibility.

### **IMPORTANT-FINAL REMINDER!!!!**

#### **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.

### **PRE-SCHOOL SESSIONS**

Pre-school opening times are 8.45am till 11.45am and 12.30pm till 3.30pm.

If parents need to contact Pre-school by phone about an absence or to speak to a member of staff can phones calls be made before 8.30am, or at lunchtime (12pm-12.30pm), thank you for your understanding in these matters. The Pre-school direct number is **01384 815298** or email [preschool@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:preschool@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk) . Staff can also be messaged on the class Dojo.

### **BOOK CHANGE**

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.

### **KINETIC LETTERS FLASHCARDS**

We have a few packs of Kinetic Letters flashcards available as some parents had expressed an interest in purchasing them. We will be selling them to parents/carers at the price we purchased them for which is £7.24.

### **STAFF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Pre-school Manager/Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs H Perigo

Pre-school Deputy/ Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO): Mrs L Jukes

### **PRE-SCHOOL FUND**

We ask for a weekly contribution of £1.00, this will provide resources and equipment for enhanced activities the children access and for the dry snack we offer them at snack time.

### **WEATHER**

Winter is upon us and the weather is getting colder. If we have snow and the Acting Head Teacher Mrs Cook feels it would be safer to close the school, she will put the closure on our Parent Hub.

### **WELLY WEDNESDAY**

Children will need to come to Pre-school dressed in **practical** outdoor clothing e.g. track suit or jeans. Children will spend most of the session outside so waterproof coats will be needed.



**Wellies can be kept in Pre-school** so children will need to come to the session in alternative footwear then children can be changed into their wellies. Staff will inform parents if children have outgrown their wellies.

**Please see the dates at the end of this Newsletter for the Welly Wednesday.**

**REMINDERS**

- Please email photos of children's achievements to Evidence Me if you want them added to your child's electronic Learning Journey
- Keep up to date with notifications on the Parent Hub and the Class Dojo
- Remember to keep checking your children for nits and head lice
- If you are paying additional fees to Pre-school can parents please be reminded to send correct monies or cheques payable to "Amblecote Primary School" in a sealed envelope with the child's name and the weeks you are paying for. I will invoice parents on a regular basis.
- Water only in drinking bottles please.

<b>Spring 1 2021</b>	<b>Theme-Zoo and Jungle Animals</b>
<b>Week 1 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Children return to school and new children start on a staggered entry.
<b>Week 2 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan- Welly Weds Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan-Applications for Reception class admissions close
<b>Week 3 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan-Funding forms to be completed by parents
<b>Week 4 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan- Welly Weds
<b>Week 5 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	
<b>Week 6 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb -Welly Weds Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb-School closes for half term holiday