

## **Amblecote Primary School**

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Dear Parents,

I would like to inform you of our two very important parent committees that support all the children at Amblecote very well and the differences between them.

We have a newly formed and thriving PTA-Parent Teachers Association, who work hard all year to raise money to purchase resources for the children at Amblecote that the school budget could not afford. They organise events that the children, and sometimes families can enjoy at Amblecote. We have had raffles, craft sessions and a film night. They are now working together to organise a Summer Fair on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>. The group is chaired by Stacey Minott, whose son Reece Deeley is in 2M. Mark Ridge is the treasurer, his son Alfie is in 5/6K and Julie Porter is the secretary, her son James is in 1/2C. Other members of the committee include, Beckie Goodwin – Vice Chair (Sophie 1/2C & Katie 5/6K), Sally Lowe (India 3S), Sophie Jones (Darcey 5/6K & Finn 1/2C), Joanne Griffiths (Layci 3/4S & Cassie 1/2C), Natalie Fellows (Mason RP), Ally Warriner (Sean 3S), Anita Howard (George Dunn RP), Sarah McCartney (Ayla RS), Donna Taylor (Libby 6P & Jack 5FB), Sophie Webster (Dylan Holloway 1K), Jana Morgan (Poppy 3S & Max 1/2C), Katie Mobberley (Lewis 2M), Kelly Webber (Kacey PS) & Nicky Cockering (Gracie PS), but every parent is part of this group and can help or offer ideas whenever they are able and wish to.

We also have a group of parents who meet half termly with myself, Mrs Kettle or Mrs Cook to discuss school from the parents' viewpoint. After lots of discussions and changes, they have decided to call themselves the 'Parent Voice' not the Parent Team. They talk about school as they see it and the senior leaders can act upon anything that will improve the situation for the parents as a whole. It is not a forum for one parent to discuss an issue concerning them or their child, we have other opportunities for these discussions. The Parent Voice meetings are for general discussions to benefit all parents. Some benefits that have been actioned following discussions are; lengthening the times at Parents Evenings, the 'Meet the teacher' opportunity, certain questions on the annual questionnaire, World Book Day celebrations and the Facebook Page. The group includes Ally Warriner (Sean in 3S), Joanne Weston (Huw in 5/6K & William in RS), Jane Grainger (Jamie in 3S & Faith in RP), Sara Brookes (Finley P in 4D), Julie Foxall (Alecia Knowles in 3/4S), Lynsay Osborne (Elle 3S, Ashleigh 4D, Tia 5/6K) and Jacqui Preece (Jake in 6P). If you would like to join this group to have a say then you are very welcome. Our next meeting is on Friday May 5th at 2.15pm in school, let one of the group or school know and come along. Otherwise, tell the group your suggestions or put them in the box in the reception by the office.

Thank you to everyone who works so hard to support Amblecote, whether on a committee or working hard to support their child's learning and development.

Yours sincerely, Mrs A. Mason