

### WELCOME

We are now looking forward to a busy half term with our theme being "Festivals and Celebrations". We have a busy time at T4T's this half term, we will talk about bonfires, fireworks and the Diwali celebrations. The children will produce some lovely firework and Diwali pictures for our display.

Children have started to move their bodies to the music and practice movements to support upper body strength. This is vital to early writing and when using the Kinetic Letters programme that your child will follow along their journey in the Early years foundation stage.

The Librarian came to read stories to the children, they sat well and listened and also sang some rhymes. She has further dates to visit us and I know the children will look forward to seeing her again soon.

We are encouraging the children to find their own coat and to try and put them on. We are also encouraging them to find their own name card. Parents can help with this on arrival. We are also asking the children to look after the environment by tidying away toys they have finished with and playing with toys nicely.

Please feel free to collect a 'WOW' moment from the Parents Notice Board that is located as you walk into T4T's. These can be completed at home, celebrated in session and then put on their British values display. Holiday snapshots and general photographs can be emailed to the setting and added to children's online learning journey. Your child is encouraged to talk about the photographs to support Communication and Language skills.

**Information about the Christmas craft session and our Christmas trip will follow.**

### CHILDREN IN NEED

For Children in Need this year we will be inviting the children to come to school dressed in "spotty clothes" on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018. This could be something as simple as a pair of spotty socks or a spotty t-shirt. Staff will be painting faces also. We are asking for a donation of £1.



### Parent Share

We have sent out an email to each family to ensure we can send out observations of your child through the 2simple app. Please make sure you have clicked on the link to accept us, so we can send the observations to you safely and securely. We hope all parents received their child's half termly "Learning Journey" through the 2simple app at half term, if you did not please see a member of T4T's staff.

### T4T'S and PRE-SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Please ask for an application form at the school office for applications to Pre-school and Amblecote Time for Two's (T4T's). We have limited places available in T4T's at the moment, but please speak to Eve if you would like an additional session.

It is important that you apply for a Pre-school place as soon as possible to ensure Pre-school staff have your current details. Amblecote Pre-school is very popular and places are filled up quickly.

### HOW CAN I BE HELPED AT HOME TO CONTINUE MY 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, encourage hand washing and toilet training routine.
- **Communication and Language Listening and attention** • Use sock puppets 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.



### DAYS OUT BEAR

'Billy Bear', the Days out Bear, has enjoyed the adventures he has so far been on. Children can take 'Billy Bear' on an exciting day trip or a holiday; a photo and a short explanation can be noted on the sheet provided. When the bear is returned to T4T's your child is encouraged to talk about their adventure with Billy Bear.

### REQUESTS

- Used birthday cards for cutting
- Autumn leaves, conkers and fir cones for our autumn topic
- Any Christmas craft resources.
- Newspaper and coloured scrap paper
- Ribbon, buttons, small scraps of material
- Tin foil, bubble wrap and cotton materials.
- Old pots, pans and spoons

### REMINDERS

- Can we ask that only **one** parent/carer comes into T4T's to sign out their child so as to ensure the safety of children when we hand them over at the end of a session.
- If your child has made you go '**WOW**' through an achievement then we would love to hear about it. **WOW** cards are available from the Parents Notice Board for you to write on and bring back to school where they will be celebrated and then put into your child's learning journeys.
- Remember to keep checking your children for nits and head lice. If any lice are found live in children's hair, the child will be sent home until treated.
- A weekly activity sheet is displayed on the T4T's window that will inform you of the proposed activities for the week; this will include any special events, home links, visitors and the Rhyme and story of the week.
- If you are paying additional fees to T4T's 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. The fee's need to be either paid for weekly, monthly or half termly.
- Children should come to T4T's dressed in practical clothing. Children will spend some of the session outside also. Please can we ask for a pair of wellies to be kept here so children can access the outdoor area as and when they want to. Can parents also make sure children have a weather appropriate coat every day. Thank you.

### T4T's FUND

We ask for a weekly contribution of £1.00. This will provide cooking ingredients, resources and equipment for enhanced activities the children access, we urge all parents to donate £1.00 per week please so that we can continue with cooking and provide fruit and vegetables to eat at snacktime. Half termly or weekly payment can be made, thank you. **Please remember to tick off if you have paid on the register.**

### DIARY DATES

#### **Autumn 2:**

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Nov -Letters and Sounds Workshop @ 9.05 in Pre-school

Mon 12<sup>th</sup>- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Nov- Story sessions @11.30am.

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov-Children in Need

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec-Christmas craft workshop @10.45am (parents to attend)

Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Dec-Christmas trip to Dudley Zoo (no T4T's on that day if your child does not attend)

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> - T4T's Christmas party. (Contribution of pre-packed party foods, thank you)

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>- early finish, T4T's to close at 11.45am

Fri 21<sup>st</sup>- Break up

**Spring 1:**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - INSET

Tues 8<sup>th</sup>- Children return to T4T's.