



# Amblecote News! March 2020

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

What a busy couple of weeks it has been at school.....

World book day was brilliant – all the pupils and staff looked absolutely amazing and the Potato Book Character competition entries were wonderfully creative. At Amblecote we place a strong emphasis on the importance of reading, developing a love of books and reading for pleasure, and celebrating World Book day, is just one of the many ways we promote reading! Throughout the week, we had lots of visitors in school, reading to our children. Many of our Governors, PCSO Fleur Westwood, Paul Wilmott from the Christian Centre, Ruth Turnbull, our artist, Mr George Craig, who supports myself and the Senior Leadership Team. The children loved to see different faces in school and really enjoyed being read to.

Thank you to all of those parents / grandparents who attended the 6P Reading Open Session, your feedback was really positive and as many of you said, it gave a real insight into what reading is all about in school. Parents' evening was well attended and it was really lovely speaking to parents, and seeing how proud you are of your children and how hard they are working. If you were unable to attend, please contact the office to arrange another appointment time. Today has been spent in our sports mufti, getting active and raising money for a great cause. Have a lovely weekend.

## ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR

REC	IM	1/2C	2M	3K	3/4S	4H	5B	5/6F	6P
95.11%	94.50%	97.62%	97.00%	95.59%	95.25%	96.23%	96.52%	96.48%	97.43%
Attendance Target			96%		Amblecote Attendance			96.15%	

**Please remember, we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Below is a list of key dates for this term.  
More dates will be added as the term progresses.

17.03.20	KS1 Music Festival held at Amblecote
17.03.20	Globetrotters visit to Quarry Bank
18.03.20	Collective Worship Team at Top Church
19.03.20	Selected Y4 pupils at Black Country Museum
23.03.20	Gifted & Talented Week
24.04.20	Young Voices celebration assembly
27.03.20	Year 5 Class assembly at 9:15am
01.04.20	Easter Service - Holy Trinity at 1:45pm
02.04.20	PTA Easter Craft day & Mufti day
03.04.20	Break up for the Easter holidays
20.04.20	Back to school
04.05.20	All children in school as usual
07.05.20	School Closed for Local Elections
08.05.20	School Closed – BANK HOLIDAY

## SHARING STORIES

Sharing stories is a fantastically fun way to celebrate the joy of books and reading with children of all ages and spark their imagination. Parents, carers, siblings and friends spending just 10 minutes a day reading with children can help to create readers for life.

**STRIVE** to make your child a more confident reader by following these easy strategies:

**SUPPORT:** Give your child lots of positive praise, support and encouragement, before, after and during reading.

**TELL:** Can your child tell you what they think will happen next?

**RETRIEVE:** Can your children retrieve information from the text if you ask questions?

**INFER:** Can your child use clues from the text (infer information) to say how someone is feeling or what might happen?

**VOCABULARY:** Can your child tell why the author has used certain vocabulary in the text?

**EVALUATE:** Can your child evaluate what they have read? Did they enjoy what they read? Why or why not?

**HAPPY READING**

### UNITED AT THE UNITY SERVICE

On Tuesday, 30 members of the choir went to St James' Church in Wollaston to participate in the annual Unity Service.

Our choir performed a number of songs and were outstanding. The Head teacher from St. James' Primary School spoke to me to tell me how wonderfully they sang.

Thank you to Mr Foster and Mrs Marsh for all of their excellent work with the choir and to Miss Timmington for giving up her time to accompany the children.

### HAND WASHING

Please can we ask that you do not send your child into school with hand sanitiser. We have dispensers around school containing hand sanitizer, that the children can freely access. The best method of defence is effective hand washing.

Please be assured that regular hand washing is now part of the children's routine and there is plenty of soap in school for the children to wash their hands.

Children will now be washing their hands on arriving at school, before and after break times and PE lessons, before and after lunch and before leaving school. There is antibacterial soap and paper towels in the classrooms for them to use.

If your child is sensitive to the soap, they are welcome to bring in hand cream or specific soap to use in school.

### WORLD BOOK DAY WONDERFULNESS



Congratulations to Charlie in Reception, Isabelle in Key Stage 1 and Mason in Key Stage 2 who were chosen by the House Captains as the winners of our World Book Day costume competition and to Felicity in Preschool, Daisy in Key Stage 1, Willow in Year 4 and Hayden in Year 6 for their winning potato entries!

### SAFEGUARDING AT AMBLECOTE

At Amblecote Primary we have 10 Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). These are Mrs Bradley in Time 4 Twos and Mrs Perigo in Pre-school, Mrs Price, Mrs Kettle, Miss Skirving, Mrs Pickett, Mrs Dunckley, Miss German, Mrs Sparrow and myself. Please see one of us if you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child in school. The updated school Child Protection Policy is now on our website – please read. If you have concerns which are not school based, you can call the children's services referral and advice service on **0300 555 0050** during office hours (9am - 5pm), contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574** (out of hours).

Are you worried about radicalisation?

Don't wait until you're certain. Call the NSPCC helpline if you're worried that a child is being radicalised. It's free, anonymous and they are there 24/7. Visit: [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) or telephone: 0808 800 5000.