

Good morning everyone,

I can't quite believe it's Friday again. I have written most of this week's newsletter whilst I have been in school with some of the other teachers and I have got to say it is so quiet without you all. The bells keeping ringing and I think to myself it should be assembly or it should be playtime, but you are all not here! Schools aren't meant to be quiet places! Hopefully it won't be too long before we are altogether, being together in your classrooms, singing together in the hall and playing together on the playground.

This week in my house, my girls have made Captain Tom Moore a birthday card and then we took a short walk to the post box to post it! We have also made banana bread – a firm favourite of both my girls and my husband! We have made a start on the activities for our time capsule, but we will be carrying on with this next week.

While Lucy has been practising her letters, Ellie enjoyed doing some of the activities from the learning overviews from Mrs Masters and Miss Careless. She loved the story 'Stuck' and she is now finishing her own version. Have you done any of the home learning activities this week? I would love to see them if you have – just drop me an email at newsletter@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk

Here are a few pictures from my week and I'd really like to see some of yours too!

With love from my home, to yours,

Mrs Cook x



VIRTUAL PRAISE

The teachers were so keen to praise you this week, they started to message me on Wednesday!! Come everyone, keep emailing your teacher the things that you have been up to and let's make choosing the person for praise next week a really tough decision!

Class	Name	Reason
RJ	Harper	For learning to ride her bike without stabilisers.
RP	William	For the wonderful letter he wrote to his grandparents.
1M	Lily Jacob	For her dedication to her home learning and PE lessons. For writing a lovely letter to the class.
1/2C	Riley Louie	For all of his hard work at home. For his commitment to being a Beaver and completing his challenges.
2M	Sukhmani	For writing a recipe to make a birthday cake for the Queen.
3K	Isabella Muhammed	For an endless stream of great work & really embracing home learning. For earning 1,643 knowledge points so far on Read Theory.
3/4S	Lucas Alfie	For a lovely letter to the class, his treasure map and his project on trains! For writing a lovely piece for the class newsletter about his puppy.
4H	Dylan Sam	For preserving with his 3 and 4 times tables. He can now answer them in any order! For keeping up his reading staying connected with Alfie by reading to each other over FaceTime.
5B	Amelia	For a beautiful poem that she wrote about trees
5/6F	Evie	For sending Mrs Foster such interesting emails every week – full to bursting with all of the things she has been up to!
6P	Chloe Hayden	For working hard and running a regular 4 miles – what an achievement! For all of his hard work and amazing baking.



A WARM WELCOME

Last week, children that will be starting school for the first time in September, found out which school they were going to.

I am really pleased to say that we are full in September and we even have a waiting list of families who want to send their child to our school!

We have lots of new families joining us, but also lots of younger brother and sisters of children that are already with us! We have already phoned and have spoken to the parents and we can't wait until the children are with us in September!

SO WHO GOT CAUGHT READING....?

Thank you to Miss Skirving for organising another great 'Get Caught Reading' Competition, despite being in lockdown!

All of the entries were shown yesterday on the parent hub and Erin, Mrs Marsh's daughter, helped us out by choosing the winners

Congratulations to:

Samaya and Lacey – great photos girls!



A voucher will be emailed to you very soon girls!

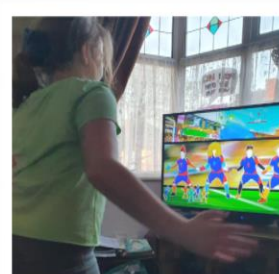
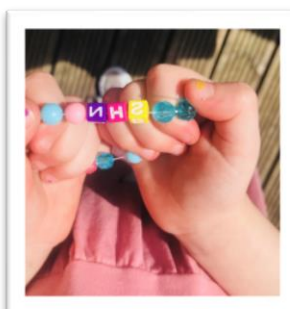
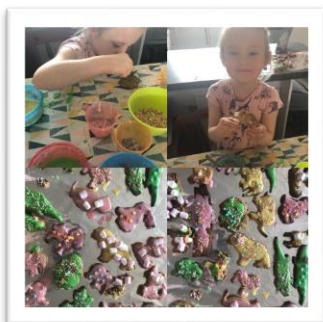
BUSY LITTLE BEES

A huge thank you to the Kinsey family who send me weekly updates of what they have been doing!

This week they went on a very long walk, and they even saw a snake!! I would have been terrified.



At school, we also had a visit from some police officers on Tuesday. They came to drop off a selection of biscuits and treats and lovely posters to say thank you for the school staying open and for looking after the children of key workers! How kind was that?



Esme has been busy keeping active and being creative and Eva has made a beautiful bracelet for her neighbour who works for the NHS!

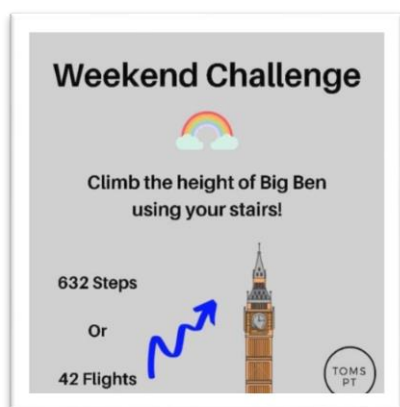
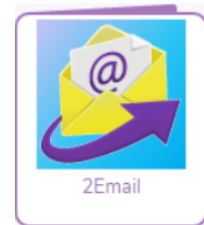
Lily is also been busy been baking lots of treats and writing her own stories about Lilo and Stitch.

STAY CONNECTED!

Each KS2 class had a session with Mr Kendrick in the weeks before the school closed to go through the Purple Mash feature 2Email. It is a safe way for the children to communicate with their classmates. All emails must be approved by a member of staff before they are received and the format is child friendly.

There have been some wonderful messages sent through 2Email and it has allowed children to stay in contact during this difficult period. Not only can sending a 2Email give the child sending it an emotional boost but they can be very comforting for the friend who receives the message.

The Amblecote Primary School homepage has a link to RM Unify. From there, your child simply enters the same username and password they use in school. Once into RM Unify, Purple Mash will be one of the first options available. Inside Purple Mash, select "Computing" and then 2Email will be visible.



Anyone fancy a challenge this weekend? I saw this and thought it was a great idea.

Who thinks they can have a go at climbing the height of Big Ben?

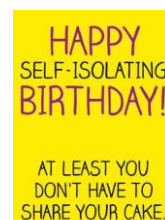
At Amblecote Primary we often use the 'Charanga' website in our music lessons. It has lessons for glockenspiel, recorder, ukulele, a Song Bank and much more too! Mr. Foster now has passwords and usernames for all pupils in our school (thanks to the technical wizard Mr. Keen!) If you would like to use this great music resource at home, please email Mr. Foster (rfoster@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk) and he will send you your personal password and username. It would be lovely to see some photos next week of children using Charanga. I know Mr Foster would be over the moon!

BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUTS

Just because we are not in school, doesn't mean we can send lots of happy birthday wishes to everyone who might be celebrating this week!



So a **MASSIVE HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to:
Lucas, Kyle, Hayden and Mrs V Smith



Hello from all the dinner ladies....

Mrs Pardoe sent me a message this week – she wanted you know that the dinner ladies and her are really missing you and she cannot wait until we are all back together at lunchtimes and she can hopefully take all of you on the field!

SAFEGUARDING AT AMBLECOTE

Even though we are not at school at the moment, we don't stop caring about you all.

If there is any point when you feel that you might need some help, advice, or just someone to talk to, please email: info@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk. This email is checked regularly throughout the day and someone will get back to you.

Even whilst we are all away from school, it is important if you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child to 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).