



Amblecote News! November 2020

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

Hi Everyone,

I can't quite believe that the end of November is almost in sight!

At school all of the teachers are busy thinking of Christmas in their classrooms; and although it will be a little different this year for obvious reasons, I am sure you know that we will do everything we can at Amblecote to make the run up to this special time of year as magical and exciting as we can. Lots of children have told me that they have put their Christmas tree and decorations up at home already – and after this year - I don't blame them!

The final week of term will be a special Christmas themed week across the school. More details will follow shortly, but there will be Christmas mufti days, a Reindeer Run, a special Christmas lunch, a virtual pantomime, Christmas parties in classes, Christmas movie afternoon, as well as lots of Christmas themed activities and crafts.

In addition to this, a well-loved Amblecote tradition is our Talent Show, which everyone always looks forward to. Hopefully you have seen the post this week on Parent Hub about this year's virtual talent show! We can't wait to see what the children can do!

Have a great weekend, Mrs Cook.

AMBLECOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS

AMBLECOTE'S GOT TALENT

CAN YOU SING?
CAN YOU DANCE?
CAN YOU ACT?
DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER TALENT?

RECORD A VIDEO, THREE MINUTES MAX, OF YOURSELF
PERFORMING YOUR TALENT FOR OUR VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW.
THE SHOW WILL BE SHARED WITH THE WHOLE SCHOOL IN THE
LAST WEEK OF TERM.
ENTRIES TO MRS PICKETT: 6P@AMBLECOTE.DUDLEY.SCH.UK

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: Wednesday 9th December

Dates for your diary:

DATE	EVENT
Friday 18.12.20	Last day of term
Monday 04.01.21	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 05.01.21	Children return to school.
Friday 12.02.21	Break up for half term
Monday 22.02.21	Children return to school
Thursday 01.04.21	Break up for the Easter Holidays
Monday 19.04.21	Children return to school
Monday 03.05.21	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 27.05.21	Break up for half term
Friday 28.05.21	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 07.06.21	Children return to school
Wednesday 21.07.21	Break up for the summer holidays

Requests for Leave of Absence

I appreciate how difficult this year has been for everyone, especially with people not having been able to take their annual family holiday.

However, I must inform everyone, that I am unable to authorise any requests for leave of absence and choosing to take your child / children out of school may result in a fine from the Local Authority.

PTA

We just wanted to let you all know during these challenging times, how supportive our PTA have been. Using the money they have raised previously; they have purchased an extra set of walkie talkies to reduce movement and footfall around the school during the day. These have proven invaluable this term. They have purchased the Rising Stars online reading books which are being used by children from Reception to Year 3. They are also helping us organise our Christmas activities for the children in the final week of term!

Praise

Another super couple of weeks for our children!! Well done to everyone who has been praised this week!

Class	Pupil	Reason
Rec J	Sienna	Excellent effort in everything she does!
Rec P	Harlee Izzabelle	Fantastic name writing using kinetic letters. Fantastic phonics, writing CVC words independently.
1M	Ella Aivah	A big improvement in her independent writing. Her amazing writing about Grace Darling.
1/2C	Finnegan Piper India-Rose	His superb 'poppy' art! Always trying her best and being a good role model! Trying hard in all lessons!
2M	Iris Lyla	Being an excellent role model in all aspects of school life! Outstanding effort and enthusiasm in writing.
3P	Madeleine Alfie	Always pushing herself and never giving up! Excellent effort and dedication in maths!
3/4S	Muhammed Freya	Making excellent contributions in all lessons. Beautiful descriptive writing!
4H	Maria Ayla	Being a superstar in maths! Tremendous effort in all that she does!
5K	Sophie Willow Livvi	Always trying hard in maths! The outstanding research poster on Freya the Viking Goddess. A huge leap of confidence with her arithmetic 30/30 this week!
5/6F	Chloe	Involving herself fully in lessons and not being afraid to 'have a go'!
6PB	Logan Freddie	Brilliant effort and description in writing! Consistently trying his best!
Learning Cave	Evie	Listening to the advice given by her teachers and making great progress.
Mr Foster (Music)	Millie Edison	Wonderful music work! Super music work!

House	Points
CORBETT	2131
SILVERS	2328
STUART	2030
WEBB	1976



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Is your child due to start school next September? (Children start school the September after their 4th birthday)

Here are some important dates for you to be aware of:

- 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.

It is important to understand that:

- Attendance at our Preschool will not guarantee admission to Amblecote Primary or give any advantage to the pupil in the admissions process.
- You must still make an application, even if there are older siblings at the school.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please phone the school office on 01384 818335.

SAFEGUARDING AT AMBLECOTE – it's everyone's responsibility.

It is important if you ever 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).

We are unable to conduct school tours at the moment, but have you seen the video that we have made for our new prospective parents?

<https://vimeo.com/477544203>