

## Reception Class Newsletter Spring 2 2016

This half term we have been "Going for Goals" and the children have been encouraged to identify a "goal" for themselves during circle time. Our Healthy Breakfast was a great success and the children enjoyed their trip to Lidl. We have seen a vast improvement in the children's physical and writing skills and are impressed with the children's phonics and reading. Thank you for reading daily with your child and supporting them with their phonics homework.

Children and parents have enjoyed the writing Inspire Workshop, Active Dudley sessions and Taste Chinese Cultural Cooking workshops.



### **Promoting Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development (SMSC) in Reception Class**

#### **Spiritual Development**

Children participate in weekly Religious Education lessons and this term have enjoyed visits from Paul Willmott (Amblecote Christian Centre) and have learnt about the Creation Story. We celebrate significant experiences such as birthdays and festivals and ensure that children have the opportunity to feel special and valued. Families are invited to share important moments and we have introduced our class memory box where pupils can share experiences with their peers.

#### **Moral Development**

We encourage children to respond appropriately to the needs and feelings of others and to show consideration and kindness to others. Children are aware of and follow Reception Class rules and understand the importance of making positive choices.

#### **Social Development**

We provide a range of activities which develop children's social skills and understanding which encourage them to care for living things, property and the environment. We teach children to work cooperatively as a member of a group or team, taking turns and sharing within a range of social contexts.

#### **Cultural Development**

We celebrate each other's cultural identities and teach children to value their own cultural heritage and develop a positive, personal identity, and to show respect for other people's values and beliefs.

We provide opportunities for children to experience and respond positively to the languages, food, music, artefacts and cultural practices of different and diverse communities.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Children are invited to bring their favourite book to school to share with their friends.

#### **Photo request**

We hope to make a display to celebrate our love of books. As part of that display we would like a photo of your child enjoying books outside of school. This could be at home, at the local library or wherever they experience the joy of reading. Any photos can be

given to a member of Reception staff or emailed to:  
[receptionclass@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:receptionclass@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk).

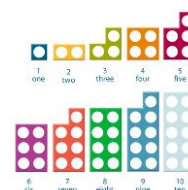
### **Mother's Day Celebrations**

The Pre-school and Reception children will take part in our Mother's Day Assembly on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am in the school hall. This will last approximately 20 minutes. Mums, nans and younger siblings are all welcome to attend.



### **Maths Stay and Play**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding two Stay and Play session with a maths focus. You are invited to attend the morning session (9am-10.00am) or the afternoon session (2.00pm-3.00pm). These sessions are a fantastic way for parents and school to work together to support your child's development. We will have a variety of activities available and demonstrate how we are supporting the children as they work towards achieving the Early Learning Goal for mathematics. There will be a sign up sheet on the door, after half-term, where you can indicate which session you would like to attend.



### **SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS 2016**

Active Kids vouchers can be collected from now until 3<sup>th</sup> May at all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering online so please get collecting! Vouchers can be given to a member of staff on the door.

### **General Information**

'Wow Moments' have been a growing success this year and the children thoroughly enjoy sharing their achievements with the rest of the class. If you would like any extra sheets please ask a member of staff. Photographs can be emailed to  
[receptionclass@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:receptionclass@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk)

We will be holding another WOW assembly in the summer term.



### **Easter Bonnet Parade**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Pre-School and Reception children will perform their Easter Bonnet Parade at Holy Trinity Church in Amblecote. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend and are invited to make their own way to the church ready for a 10.00 start. All children will need to wear an Easter Hat for the parade, these will need to be made at home. Please speak to a member of staff if you need ideas or support in making a hat.

### **PE Kit**

Please remember to put your child name on EVERY item of uniform (including pumps). If some of your child's uniform goes missing we have a much greater chance of returning to you if a name is clearly printed on it.

### Toddler Group

Sophie Dunn, a member of the Time for Two's staff, runs a Toddler group on Wednesday afternoons (1.20-3.00pm) in the mobile classroom. Refreshments and activities are available at a cost of £2 per session. Please call 01384 818372 for further information.

If you have any questions about the curriculum, or any areas of concern with your child or their learning please feel free to discuss these with us.

Thank you,

The Reception Class Team

### Diary Dates

<b><u>Week 1</u></b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Football club 3.15-4.15pm (5 weeks) Bags 2 School- please return bags today
<b><u>Week 2</u></b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Football club 3.15-4.15pm World Book Day Mother's Day Assembly at 9.15am
<b><u>Week 3</u></b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Football club 3.15-4.15pm Maths Games Stay and Play (9am and 2pm)
<b><u>Week 4</u></b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>LIVING EGGS PROJECT</b>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Football club 3.15-4.15pm Parents Evening 3.30-7.30pm Parents Evening 3.30-5.00pm
<b><u>Week 5</u></b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>LIVING EGGS PROJECT</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Football club 3.15-4.15pm Easter Parade, 10.00 am at Holy Trinity End of Term