



Happy Easter

As the end of term is almost upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter. The children performed brilliantly at the church and looked lovely in their Easter Bonnets. Thank you for your continued support.

We have had a busy half term with the highlight being the arrival of the chicks. The children have all helped to take good care of them and will be sad to say goodbye.

We enjoyed a visit from the guide dog "Leo" and have been learning about Saint David's Day, Mother's Day and Saint Patrick's Day traditions. Physical Development is a particular strength this year and the children have made super progress with their handwriting using the Kinetic Letters programme. They have also been keen to explore the Active Dudley resources. Money raised from the Disco has been used to purchase some new multi cultural fiction and non-fiction books. We regularly listen to music from other cultures and share stories from around the World. We have arranged another DISCO for Tuesday 19th April.

Allotment Visits

We will begin our weekly visits to Amblecote Allotments during National Gardening Week! The children have been organised into three groups and each group will visit the allotments on four occasions. We will leave school at 1.30pm and walk through the park to the allotments. The children will plant a range of vegetable seeds, water them, weed our plot and harvest their produce later in the year. We will return to school at 3.00pm. Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school on the days highlighted below. The trip is covered by the annual general consent form you completed in September.



Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Friday 15 th April Wednesday 4 th May Thursday 26 th May Friday 24 th June	Friday 22 nd April Friday 13 th May Friday 10 th June Friday 1 st July	Friday 29 th April Friday 20 th May Friday 17 th June Friday 8 th July

Reception Class Clubs

Football club has been fun and the children have demonstrated great skill and enthusiasm. We are in the process of organising a wildlife club and a dance club in the summer term. Details of both clubs will be distributed after Easter.

Stay and Play

You are invited to a creative stay and play session on Wednesday 27th April at 9am or Thursday 28th April at 2pm to promote children's creative development.

A range of activities involving recycled art craft, mixing shades and colours, textured painting, collage and weaving will be available for you to explore. More details nearer the time.

Cooking

Creations this half term have included Welsh cakes, fairy cakes and Easter Nests. Next half term we will focus on making healthy choices and will encourage the children to make a variety of healthy sandwiches and snacks. £1 contributions are payable weekly or half-termly.

Thank you

REMINDERS

- **WOW** cards are available from the basket inside the reception door for you to write on and bring back to school where they will be displayed and then put into your child's Learning Journeys.
- Paper copies of letters can be found in the new letter rack mounted on the wall just inside the reception door. Please help yourself.
- Class bears and a memory box will be sent home on Fridays. All children will have a turn in the coming weeks.
- In response to parent feedback, we will be alternating phonics homework with maths challenge activities after the Easter holidays.
- Photos for Learning Journeys can be emailed to receptionclass@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk

These will then be printed off and placed in Learning Journeys.

DIARY DATES

Thurs 24th March	Break up for Easter
Mon 11th April	School re-opens
Tues 19th April	EYFS DISCO, 3.15-4.15pm
Mon 2nd May	School closed, May Day
Tuesday 3rd May	Creative Arts Day in Reception class (Old clothes to be worn on the day)
Weds 4th May	Dentist to visit am to talk to the children
Thurs 5th May	School closed-Voting
Fri 6th May	School closed-INSET
Weds 11th May	Wow assembly - 2:40pm
Thurs 26th May	Break up for half term
Fri 27th May	INSET
Tues 14th June	Sports Day
Tues 21st June	Reserve Sports Day
Weds 20th July	School closes for summer
Thurs 21st July	INSET