

WELCOME

Welcome back after a lovely half term break, hope everyone has enjoyed the break and spending quality time together. If you have done anything nice over the half term please bring in photographs or leaflets to add to your child's learning journey. If you would like a 'what we have enjoyed at home form' please ask and a member of staff will be happy to provide you with one to add to their learning journey also. Welcome to our new children and their parents/carers who have recently joined us.

Please look out for notices on the T4T'S noticeboard.

T4T'S telephone number is 01384 818372

WHAT'S GOING ON?

This half term we have been looking at 'our interests' children have been interested in certain activities and through observations we have planned for their interests. This helps us to incorporate children's choice. Activities this half term have included:-

- Painting (chopsticks, hand printing, bubble wrap printing and shape printing)
- Mega blocks and stickle bricks, children have enjoyed making constructions.
- Bikes, slides, see-saw and sand play (buckets and spades and cars)
- Musical instruments (jump and dance c.d, moving on stepping stones, moving like animals)

We always display a copy of the weekly activities on the noticeboard. This is just a few things the children have selected to use throughout the session. Please take time to look at the communications board outside of T4T'S to give an overview of each session.

We have lots of exciting activities coming up in March and even some the parents can come along to. We have set up a st David's day activity for children to participate in if they would like to. It is also world book day on Thursday 3rd March, children are invited to bring in their favorite story book to share at group time.

On Thursday 3rd March parents are invited to join their child to participate in our mother's day workshop. This will commence from 11.30 until 12 o'clock. If you haven't already can you please let a member of staff know if you wish to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

EASTER

It would be wonderful if parents would make an Easter craft workshop with their child on Wednesday 23rd March at 11 o'clock. All we ask is for you to bring in an Easter hat/bonnet ready to decorate in the session with your child. Other Easter activities will be available for you to participate with your child and at the end of the session we will all do an Easter hat parade.

Raffle tickets will go on sale on the 14th March ready for our Easter raffle to be drawn on the 23rd March at the workshop. So don't forget to buy your tickets for your chance to win an Easter egg with Easter goodies.

FEES

Can all fees be made on the child's first day of their week, if your child attends on a Monday this will be when payment is required. Some parents have chosen to pay monthly or every half term, this is also acceptable but does need to be paid in full at the beginning of that period.

We do hope the new opening hours from 9am until 12 midday are suiting you better, many thanks for your support throughout this matter.

Many parents have asked for additional sessions we are in fact full every day except for Thursday, so if your child does not attend on a Thursday and you would like an extra place please let a member of staff know.

SAFETY

Please make sure that when you collect your children from T4T'S staff are aware of who is collecting and if another adult accompanies you can you let the staff member on the gate aware of this. This is to safeguard our children and other children located at Amblecote primary school. Can I also remind you the **main red gate** at the bottom of the school drive should remain **closed** at all times with only the pedestrian entrance open, if you do notice this is open can you please inform a member of staff. Many Thanks.

GROUP TIME

During group time we have been introducing "Billy Bear". Billy is new to T4T's and will be our new friend. Children will get the opportunity to take Billy home and share their experiences with him. Alongside the "snack time song" we have now introduced hello and goodbye songs. This will encourage the children to start the session and know when it's time to get ready for home.

OUTDOOR PLAY

Please can we ask that you bring in a pair of wellies with their name on for outdoor play.



PARENT NOTICE BOARD

We hope you have found the parents Notice Board informative. We have a comments and suggestions book displayed here we would be extremely grateful if you could take the time to make a comment about how your child has settled or how you feel T4T'S is helping you and your child. Any feedback will help us to improve and give us an insight into what you think works well and what we can improve on.

If parents/carers have any suggestions about what they would like to see on the Notice Board or any questions please see Eve.

REMINDERS

- It is every parent's responsibility to check their child's hair on a weekly basis so that head lice can be spotted early, the following information was taken from www.nhs.uk
- Keep us up to date with changes to telephone numbers so that we can contact you with text alerts.
- We have noticed that some children are bringing food into the setting in their bags, we have children who have allergies and food in bags poses a risk to children with allergies please do not allow your child into Pre-school with stored food in their bag.
- We ask for a weekly contribution of £1.00, this will provide cooking ingredients,

resources and equipment for enhanced activities the children access. Contributions of fruit and vegetables are also accepted.

- May we remind parents/careers that children access a wide variety of activities during the session and need to be dressed in suitable clothes, shoes and to bring a coat as the children are accessing the outdoor area.
- We would like to remind you to ensure your children clothes, coats, bags, hats, scarves and gloves are clearly labeled.

WANTED

We would much appreciate it if you have any of these things at home that you no longer use, could you please let us have them. Thank you in advance.

- Spare clothes (girls and boys size 2-3 years)
- Outdoor toys
- Indoor toys
- Old pots, pans, spoons

DIARY DATES

- **1st March st David's day**
- **3rd March world book day (bring in a favourite book week commencing 29/02/16)**
- **3rd March Mother's Day workshop 11.30- 12 o'clock**
- **23rd March Easter craft workshop 11 o'clock- 12 o'clock**
- **24th March T4T'S break up for half term**
- **11th April T4T'S return from Easter break.**