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Emerson Valley School weekly newsletter for children, parents, staff and Governors.
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Dear Parents / Guardians

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope everyone has had a restful break.

We have a very busy term ahead of us.

Today Mr Caswell informed the children about the fantastic AR event that is taking place on 13th February (please see details overleaf).

On Thursday the Executive Principal of Oxley Park School Mr Springett-McHugh, will visit us and on Friday the author Grant Koper, will be at school to read sections of his book 'The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away' to the children. Our extra-curricular after school clubs begin on Monday.

I hope you agree that this is a great start to the new term.

Welcome to our two new members of staff: trainee teachers Miss Molly Lambert and Miss Rosie Scott who will be working in Year 3 and Year 4.

I would like to thank you for your kind messages; I am now a grandmother to a little boy, called Lewis James.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Mathison

Parking

To the driver of the Black Peugeot Reg: PF12 BNA
Stop parking on the zig-zag lines outside school. These lines should be kept clear for safety reasons.

Found

We have had an iPhone handed in at reception it was found on the steps outside school. It is in a pink case and has a picture of a baby as the screen save.

Dates for your diary

Monday 14th January

After School Extra-Curricular Clubs begin

Friday 18th January

Author visit - Grant Koper

Wednesday 16th January

Year 5 Space Dome Day

Thursday 23rd January

SAT's Information evening for Year 6
 Parents/Carers 4:30pm

Friday 1st February

Chinese Dance Workshop

Monday 4th February

Chinese Dance Workshop

Tuesday 5th February

Chinese Dance Workshop

Wednesday 13th February

AR Celebration day

Friday 15th February

Last day of school – Half Term break

Monday 25th February

Children return to school

**In line with Government
 Guidelines our aim is 100%
 attendance**

**Week beginning 17th – 21st
 December**

**Whole school attendance 95.7%
 Class of the week 3AV 99%**

School Tuck Shop – Allergy Information

We would like to make parents/carers aware that the packaging on some of the products we sell at the tuck shop states that they may contain traces of sesame seed, milk and egg .**If your child has any allergies or if this affects your child, we would suggest they bring their own healthy tuck in for break times. Thank you.**

AR Celebration Spring 1 - Cartoon Workshop

On Wednesday 13th February children that have reached their AR Target will be able to participate in an interactive draw-along workshop with the cartoonists: Knife & Packer (www.knifeandpacker.com), illustrators of 'Badly Drawn Beth' and 'Fleabag Monkeyface'. With an illustration style similar to the Tom Gates and Diary of a Wimpy Kid books, children will work with the artists to create their own cartoons, which they can take home with them. They will also learn about their books and have a chance to ask the duo any questions. We will be selling books in advance of the session (more details to follow) which can be signed by the authors.

Author Visit - Grant Koper

We are very lucky to have a new author, Grant Koper (www.grantkoper.com) visiting us on Friday 18th January to read his new book 'The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away'. Our children will also have the chance to hear about the process of writing a book and ask questions to the author. You will have already received a letter this week giving you details on how to purchase this book. **If you would like a copy of his book, please return the slip with £6 by next Wednesday 16th January.**

Genre of the Month - Action and Adventure

It is crucial that your child reads a broad range of book genres and authors; this will improve their imagination, their vocabulary and their writing, most importantly they may just find a new author or genre that they love to read! The genre for this month is action and adventure. Please lookout on our website at www.emersonvalley.org.uk (available shortly) for a video of ideas for books your child can read this month.

Book Donations

Are your bookshelves full to bursting after Christmas? If so, why not consider donating your unwanted books to the EVS library? Owing to the incredible amount of books that children read at EVS, we need to constantly replenish our bookshelves. We are in need of Accelerated Reader titles across all genres and ranges; we would however appreciate it if you could check whether the books you are donating are on Accelerated Reader by logging on to www.arbookfind.co.uk. If you are unable to do this, please hand in your books in a named bag to reception, we will then check the books for you and return any non AR books to your child. Thank you for your support.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We would like to remind parents/carers that the afterschool extra-curricular clubs start on Monday 14th January. Please pick your child up on time to avoid late pick up charges from our afterschool wrap-around care facility. We still have a few remaining places in some clubs, please contact the school office on 01908-507914 if your child is interested in joining.

**Composer of the Month - Claude Debussy**

Claude Debussy was a French Composer. He is sometimes seen as the first Impressionist composer and amongst the most influential composers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some of his most famous works are Clair de lune and Afternoon of a faun.