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Emerson Valley School weekly newsletter for children, parents, staff and Governors.
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**A Very Happy Christmas to all of our families.
 We hope you enjoy your break and we look forward to
 welcoming the children back on Monday 7th January.**



Dear Parents / Guardians

On Tuesday evening, we witnessed a masterclass of singing and togetherness as the Year 3's brought the roof down in their rendition of the Christmas Nativity. To put on such an incredible performance within such a short period of time shows the talent of children and staff that we have at Emerson Valley School.

The Autumn term has brought with it challenges, triumphs and memories. I would like to bring to your attention a few of the highlights from the past 15 week:

Some unforgettable educational visits including a trip to the Harry Potter Studios, The Verulamium, experiencing the pantomime at Milton Keynes Theatre and cracking the code at Bletchley Park.

The choir have excelled in recent performances at the Mason Christmas lunch in Stony Stratford and at the Church of the Servant King Christmas Bazaar. It was lovely to see the children perform so confidently in front of their parents and pupils on Wednesday at their final concert of the year here at EVS.

On the Sporting front, our year 3 and 4 swimming team finished 3rd in the Milton Keynes Swimming Gala, our cross country team finished 3rd in the Ultra Schools Competition our best ever finish! And once again we are very proud to have been awarded the Primary School of the Year in Milton Keynes for PE.

Other memorable moments include Shakespeare week, the school elections; the Harvest assembly; the Remembrance Event, Children in Need Day and winning the 'All Together Gold Status 2018'.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and families who continue to support all the teachers and staff in making Emerson Valley the best school we can be.

You may have noticed that Mrs Mathison has not been in school over the past few days. We are delighted to inform you that she has become a grandmother for the first time.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Mr Griffin. Head of School

Dates for your diary

Monday 7th January

Children Return to school – Spring Term Begins
 Payment deadline for Extra-Curricular clubs

Monday 14th January

After School Extra-Curricular Clubs begin

Wednesday 16th January

Year 5 Space Dome Day (more information to follow)

Friday 15th February

Last day of school – Half Term break

Monday 25th February

Children return to school

GOLD AWARDS

are presented weekly for good attitudes, behaviour and work.

This week's awards went to:



Well done everyone!

Connor G and William T 3KW, Blessing J and Kadi G 3AV, Frankie B and Bryce A 3SM, Jessica P and Ellis J 3SD, Goncalo V and Matthew M 4JT, Emma G and Kacper O 4JP, Rihana U, Aiden H and Stacy M-S 4AM, Raeesah B and Abirman G 4NB, Alex D and Phillip G 5MS, Janushia N and Joshua H 5IA, George J 5BM, Sabeshan S and Gabriel M 5JAP, Brayden S and Ellie R 6KF, Pehan G and Neve P 6RR, Qasim A and Vaisnavi T-K 6LT, Jawdan E and Samuel A 6DC

Christmas Jumper Day

Last Friday was Christmas Jumper day at EVS, everyone looked very festive and cosy, and we even had some jingly attire! All done in aid of a great cause and together we managed to raise £320 for Save the Children. Thank you.



Extra-Curricular Afterschool Clubs

By now you will have been notified via parentmail if your child has been allocated a space in the club of their choice. Please be aware that we must have received payment and consent by Monday 7th January to secure your place and enable your child to start **(we will not be sending reminders or chasing payments)**. All extra-curricular afterschool clubs will start the week beginning Monday 14th January 2019. We still have some spaces available in Musical Theatre, Streetdance, MK Springers, ICT Clubs and Girls Football, please sign up via parentmail during the Christmas Holidays and you will be contacted in the New Year to inform you if you have been successful in securing a space.

Christmas Disco



Last night the "Friends of EVS" hosted the Christmas Disco. Children came dressed to party and had a fantastic night of music, dancing, fun and laughter. We would like to thank all "Friends, staff and volunteers who give up their free time to organise fun events for the children whilst raising money for the school. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

School Dinners

We would like to remind parents/carers that hot school meal orders for our first week back at school must be placed via your ParentPay account on or before Tuesday 1st January 2019. **If you miss this deadline please ensure your child brings a packed lunch to school as our caterers do not bring spare lunches.**

Milton Keynes SEND Information Day 2019

Saturday 2nd Feb 2019, 9am - 3pm, At The Ridgeway Centre, Wolverton

This is a free event for families, which aims to provide parents of children and young people with a special educational need or disability with information and support. There will be talks by key speakers and workshops for parents, children and young people. Book your place for the day, the workshops and the crèche via Eventbrite <https://mksendinformationday2019.eventbrite.co.uk/> or by contacting PACA on 01908 257828 or 07852 526057 – places will be limited so please don't delay!

Peripatetic Music Lessons

Peri music lessons will recommence on our first week back starting 7th January. Please remind your children to bring their instruments and music. Thank you

Song for the Homeless

One of our students is front page News! Katie T from 6KF and her siblings have recorded a Christmas rap in aid of the homeless. Please see this week's edition of MK Citizen for the full story. Well done to Katie and family!

Help us to recycle

EVS have signed up to a recycling programme called TerraCycle. We will be collecting empty crisp packets in order to raise money for the school and help the environment. We would be very grateful if you could send your used crisp packets into school in the New Year. Thank you.

In line with Government Guidelines our aim is 100% attendance
Week beginning 10th – 14th December
Whole school attendance 96.3% Class of the week 3SD 100%