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

I would like to start by wishing all of our parents who celebrate Chinese New Year, a very happy, healthy and prosperous year. Children really enjoyed taking part in the dragon dance and learning about Chinese traditions. Year 6 will have their session on Thursday 28th February due to last Friday's snow day. Shayan from Year 4, described the session as "Incredibly enjoyable!"

On Wednesday 13th February we will be celebrating all those who have achieved their AR targets. Please ask your child about the exciting day that Mr Caswell has organized for them, and encourage your child to read at home.

As part of our drive to make Maths even more enjoyable and to encourage children to overcome their reluctance to tackle mathematical concepts, we have introduced a Mathematician of the week. During our Friday Assembly, one child per class will receive a special mention and a badge to wear for the week. The badge must be returned to the teacher by Thursday afternoon. The badges are £2.00 each. If a child loses his/her badge, then I have no option but to ask the parent to pay for it to be replaced. Please help us to look after school's resources.

As part of our E-Safety week, I would like to draw your attention to a game called FORTNITE BATTLE ROYAL. The age restriction is 12+, however children as young as 7 are playing this game. You need to know that there have been cases of MICROTRANSACTIONS, HACKER ATTACKS, TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING THE SQUAD MODE and many more, unpleasant stories relating to this game. Please look at the website, look at the link below and find out more about this game.

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Please take note that from 25th February, our school will be operating cameras in various areas inside and outside of the school building and our telephone system will be recording conversations. This is due to an unacceptable number of accusations, allegations and aggression directed towards the staff. It is a sad state of affairs however the Governing board has decided to protect the staff, by discouraging parents from being abusive and encouraging children to be truthful.

On a more pleasant note, I am delighted to inform you that we now, have a second mini bus, which means we can undertake more local educational visits.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Mathison

Dates for your diary

Monday 11th February

Parent/Teacher Consultation 3:30pm-6pm (Except 4NB)
 Book Fair Begins until 14th February
 WOW Begins
 Knife and Packer books on sale (until Wednesday 13th February at lunchtime)

Tuesday 12th February

4NB 3:30pm-6pm and 6LT 3:50pm-6pm
 Parent/Teacher Consultation

Wednesday 13th February

Parent/Teacher Consultation 4:30pm-7pm (except 6LT)
 AR Celebration day

Friday 15th February

Last day of school – Half Term break

Monday 25th February

Children return to school

Monday 4th March -9th March

Book Week

Tuesday 5th March

Visiting Author Megan Rix

Monday 18th March- Thursday 21st March

Mock SATs Week for Year 6

Wednesday 20th March

5BM and 5IA Holdenby House Visit (more information to follow)

Thursday 21st March

5MS and 5JAP Holdenby House Visit (more information to follow)

GOLD AWARDS

are presented weekly for good attitudes, behaviour and work. This week's awards went to:



Well done everyone!

Oscar M 3KW, Adrian F 3AV, Tyra M-T 3SM,
 Alexandru M 3SD, Micah S 4JT, Olivia O 4JP, Janusha S 4AM, Callum T 4NB, Alex D 5MS, Alfie W 5IA, Zack M 5BM, Willson Z 5JAP, Monika W 6KF, Melissa G 6RR, Vaisnavi T-K 6LT, Ella G 6DC

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Living Streets – WOW

EVS are taking part in Living Streets WOW (walk once a week). The school council are taking on the challenge to record daily who has walked, biked or come to school on their scooter to collect points for their class and our school. This will start on Monday 11th February. There will also be a competition to design a new WOW badge for 2019/2020.

Reading at EVS – Key Dates over the next 6 weeks

The Book People Book Fair 11th February – 14th February

Following the recent success of our first Book People Book fair, it is now returning during our upcoming parent's evening week, meaning all parents (including those working past 4pm) will be able to benefit from the wonderful offers on books they provide. A flyer for the book fair went home last week. **Timings are as follows:**

Monday 11 th February:	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Tuesday 12 th February:	3.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 13 th February:	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 14 th February:	3.30pm – 4.00pm

As well as getting some fantastic value books, The Book People also donate money to the school for every book sold. EVS were able to purchase 193 books with the money raised from December's book fair! Thank you.

Cartoon Workshop (Knife and Packer) – AR Celebration 13th February

The deadline for the children's book cover competition has been extended. All entries must be handed in by the new date **Monday 11th February**. Winners will receive signed copies of Knife and Packer's books. All entrants will receive a bookmark.

We will be selling Knife and Packer's books from **Monday 11th February** in reception at lunchtimes and on the day of **Wednesday 13th February**. Children can then get these **signed by the authors**. Prices vary per book: Fleabag Monkeyface books are £5.99 and Badly Drawn Beth books are £6.99

EVS Book Week 4th March – 9th March

Last week we launched our 4th annual EVS Book Week taking place during the first week of March. Please see the separate flyer for all of the fantastic activities planned for the week!

Book Genre of the Month – Animals! In honour of our visiting author on 5th March, we will be encouraging our children to read as many books featuring or inspired by animals during the month of February. Key authors include: Michael Morpurgo, Gill Lewis, Lauren St John, Dick King-Smith and Megan Rix.



A New School Minibus

This week EVS and Merebrook took delivery of our additional minibus! The bus will be used across the MereValley Federation to enable us to take children to more events and provide extra exciting opportunities! The bus had its first outing on Tuesday when it took our children to their After School Springers club, and it will be used, amongst others trips, for curriculum swimming lessons, which in turn will save the school additional costs in hiring coaches.

MKSSP Basketball Festival Wednesday 6th February

On Wednesday, 9 of our children from across the school, represented EVS at the MKSSP Basketball Festival at Milton Keynes College. Accompanied by our new sports co-ordinator Mr Higgs, the children had the opportunity to learn new skills in a sport they hadn't tried before and take part in a mini festival. The day was about having fun and improving confidence amongst their peers. Very well done to Jake R, Jess S, Annalise S, Maurycy M, Kolby H, Ruby E, Oswald Y, Daniel T & Samuel M

Mathematician of the week

Amar N-S 3KW, Charley M 3AV, Keira K 3SM, Aryan S 3SD, Emily F 4JT, Owen L-F 4JP, Harry C 4AM, Jessica M 4NB, Ella G 5MS, Robin V 5IA, Vyshali P 5BM, Mac M 5JAP, Lewis W 6RR, Benny O 6KF, Kayleigh C 6LT, Elizabeth M 6DC

**School Nurse Clinic**

The school Nurse will be running a clinic at EVS on Wednesday 27th March from 9:30am-12pm to assist with any health concerns you may have. These clinics are confidential and by appointment only. **If you wish to make an appointment please contact Mrs Avola on 01908 507914.**

Lunchtime ICT Club

Two Year 6 children have been running an ICT lunchtime club. Here is their brief description of what's on offer:

ICT club is a club that runs at lunchtimes and is free of cost. It is run by two Year 6's Mark O and Minas S from 6KF and is for all year groups. Year 3 and 4 on Wednesday and Year 5 and 6 on Mondays. We use different programmes every week. Remember to ask a lunchtime supervisor for an IT pass. There are many posters around the school as a reminder.

Best students at IT Club (for last 4 weeks) Raeesah B 4NB, Abbie S 4JP, Tommy S 5JAP and Alfie W 5IA.

Written by Mark O and Minas S (6KF).

School Badges

School badges are sometimes given either as a reward to wear for the week (Mathematician of the week) or to keep (school responsibilities). The children really enjoy receiving them and wear them proudly. **Please be aware however that if your child loses a badge there is a replacement cost of £2 per badge.**

**Help us to recycle**

EVS have signed up to a recycling programme called TerraCycle. We have been collecting empty crisp packets in order to raise money for the school and help the environment. We would be very grateful if you could keep sending your used crisp packets into school or pop them into the recycling bin in reception. Thank you.

Parking

Spotted last week a **Ford Mondeo Reg no: EY52 ZZI** parked in the entrance. We have also had more reports of cars blocking resident's driveways. All drivers please remember to park safely and considerately. Thank you.

Composer of the Month – Meghan Trainor

Meghan Trainor is an American singer-songwriter. She wrote, recorded, and produced three independently released albums between 2009 and 2011 She is a pop and R&B artist and has received several awards and nominations, including a Grammy!



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