



# Inform



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 you a very Happy St David's Day.

6KF have had a fantastic lesson on how the internal organs work by using a new App called Augmented Reality. You can find out more by looking at the school website at [www.emersonvalleyschool](http://www.emersonvalleyschool).

There will be a number staff changes in the Summer Term. Mrs Bosdet who is expecting her first child will take her maternity leave after the Easter break and Mrs Boyce will join the Emergency Services from 1<sup>st</sup> April. I am sure that you will join me in wishing the ladies all the very best. We welcome Ms Perkins, who joined us this term to cover for Miss Pantony, who is on maternity leave.

I am delighted to inform you that the average increase in reading age, since September is 9.1 years. On behalf of all of us I would like to thank you for listening to your child read and supporting the school during the book sales. We have so many fantastic programs in place to encourage your child to read, please ask them questions about the various events.

Due to recent online pranks, I would like to draw your attention to a highly respectable website [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk). It is a good tool to refer to if you have any concerns. Below is the advice given, in relation to the recent upset.

1. Set up home broadband parental controls and make use of controls on your home broadband.
2. Set controls on your search engine; encourage your child to always use child-friendly search engines, and activate and lock the safe search settings on the browsers and platforms they use.
3. Make sure every device is protected. Controls should be installed on every device your child uses, such as their mobile phone, tablet and games consoles (both home and handheld).
4. Use privacy settings. Activate the safety measures offered by different sites; social networking sites like Facebook have privacy settings that will help prevent your child seeing unsuitable advertising or sharing too much with other people.
5. Block pop-ups. If you're worried about your children accessing inappropriate content though accidentally clicking on adverts in pop-ups, follow the advice from BBC Webwise on how to stop these.
6. Find good sites and agree on them as a family. By talking to your child about their interests you can help them find suitable sites to visit and apps to use. Review these sites as they get older.
7. Manage their use and access. Children may be very worried that your response to a problem will be to take away their internet access. Whilst this may be an appropriate response in some cases, the threat may be a barrier for a child who needs help. Be aware of this when talking to them about their internet use, and reassure them that they can talk to you or a trusted adult whenever they need to.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Mathison

## Dates for your diary

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - 8<sup>th</sup> March

Book Week

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Visiting Author Megan Rix

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day – Children may dress as Character from a book by their year group author

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Mock SATs Week for Year 6

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

5BM and 5IA Holdenby House Visit

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

5MS and 5JAP Holdenby House Visit

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> April

The Big Pedal (more information to follow)

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

School Nurse Clinic 9:30am-12pm

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Catch up session for Streetdance

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Choir (catch-up session)

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Last day of Term

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Children return to school start of the Summer Term

## GOLD AWARDS

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



**Well done everyone!**

Victoria J 3KW, Logan B 3AV, Frankie B and Joshua N 3SM, Agata Z 3SD, Farah A 4JT, Muzzamil B 4JP, Olivia O 4AM, Jude B-L 4NB, Ella G 5MS, Ryan O 5IA, Charlotte P 5BM, Rhiannon H 5JAP, Paige C 6KF, Sophia P 6RR, Kacper M 6LT, Harinee S 6DC

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

**Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February  
 Whole school attendance 96.1%  
 Class of the week 6LT 99.3%**

## Book Week, Monday 4th March - Friday 8th

Our annual book week takes places next week with an incredible range of activities and events to inspire a love of reading.

### Key things to remember:

EVS Book Clearance is on Monday 4th March until Wednesday 6th March in the school hall. We are clearing out all our non-accelerated reader books from the school. Bring a bag and fill it with a fantastic range of fiction and non-fiction books to take home with you, all we ask is that you donate generously!

**Megan Rix books** will be on sale in reception on Monday and Tuesday lunchtime at 12:15 and in the Year 6 shared area. Children can get these signed by the author on Tuesday lunchtime. All books are priced £6.

**Creative Homework** is due in on Monday 4th March.

**World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.** Dress as a character from your year group's author (please see below).

**Year 3** - Michael Morpurgo **Year 4** - David Walliams **Year 5** - Terry Deary **Year 6** - Rudyard Kipling.

## British Science Week

For this year's British Science Week we would like to invite parents/carers with a career in Science or Engineering to come into school to inspire our bright minds of the future. This would involve giving a short presentation to the children and answering their questions. If you are available on **Thursday 14th March** and are interested in coming in and talking to the children in your child's class or year group, please contact the school office on 01908 507914 by Monday 4th March.



## Mathematician of the week Friday 15th February

Finn A 3KW, Abdurrahim H 3AV, Leo V 3SM, Nikita S 3SD, Eva R 4JT, Tom H 4JP, Aiden H 4AM, Libby G 4NB, Joel P 5MS, Eniolo O 5IA, Zane W 5BM, Gabriel M 5JAP, Holly A 6KF, Nuala D 6RR, Samira W 6LT, Lakshmi S 6DC

## Choir

Due to this week's unforeseen cancellation of the after-school choir club, we will be having a catch up session on Thursday 4th April.

## Chinese Dance Workshop

Yesterday was our final Chinese Dance Workshop. Children have really enjoyed these sessions and have had a fun and informative time learning about the cultural celebrations surrounding Chinese New Year.

## Social Media

We would like to remind parents/carers of the age restrictions for various social media and gaming sites. Please talk to your children about the importance of online safety. Thank you.



## 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**