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

We have had an amazing spring half term.

Children met a young published author Grant Koper, they heard from a former Corporal of the British Army on how to overcome adversity and they have drawn with two of the most successful illustrators in the country Knife and Packer.

Our gifted Mathematicians spent a day focusing on problem solving and everyone learnt about the Chinese New Year.

Our Parents' consultation meetings which were organized over three evenings was well attended. Nearly all our parents indicated that their child is happy at school and that the information they received from the teachers was helpful.

On a totally different note, I am sure that by now you are aware that EVS received the All Together Gold Award. This award is given to the schools that do their utmost best to eradicate bullying. As you know bullying has many different facets, it can occur online, on the way home, in the playground or in the classroom. At EVS, when we are made aware of such behaviour, we act upon it, however some parents do not support the schools stand against bullying. If their child is identified as a bully. Through intimidation, aggression and coercion, they try to bully the staff and myself, to change our minds!

It is imperative for you as Parent/Carers to read the latest research in the long term effect of bullying on those who are bullied, it makes for very sad reading. I ask you to please help us to eradicate bullying by setting a good example to your child. It is due to the violent behaviour of some parent/carers that we will be installing cameras in and outside the school building. We will also be recording the telephone conversations.

I need you to be aware that I will not hesitate to submit hostile emails/letters/films and telephone conversations to the Police. After many years of ignoring the plea of school staff, the central government is now taking the aggressive and hostile behaviour towards the school staff very seriously indeed.

I am sorry to have finished a great term with such an unpleasant note.

I hope you have a fantastic half term break and see you on Monday 25th February.

Mrs Mathison

Dates for your diary

Monday 25th February

Children return to school

Thursday 28th February

Chinese Dragon Workshop Make up session.

Monday 4th March - 8th 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

Thursday 21st March

5MS and 5JAP Holdenby House Visit

Monday 25th March – 5th April

500 words book week competition entry deadline.

The Big Pedal (more information to follow)

Wednesday 27th March

School Nurse Clinic 9:30am-12pm

Tuesday 2nd April

Catch up session for Streetdance

Friday 5th April

Last day of Term

Tuesday 23rd April

Children return to school Summer Term Begins

GOLD AWARDS

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



Well done everyone!

Saqib R 3KW, Abdurrahim H 3AV, Mia H and Oakley B 3SM, Eleanor W 3SD, Ethan H 4JT, Oswald Y 4JP, Mia C 4AM, Piper F-M 4NB, Joel P 5MS, Bea G 5IA, Shane A-R 5BM, Aria S 5JAP, Mark O 6KF, Kyle F 6LT, Lacey T 6DC, Nawaal H 6RR

End of the Day Arrangements

We have had an increasing amount of children unsure of their going home arrangements and not being collected on time. Please be aware that we are unable to let your child go home with a third party unless you have informed the class teacher or the school office. We would like to remind parents/carers that the school day finishes at 3:20pm and any child not collected on time will be placed in our wrap around afterschool club where fees are applicable. **Contact the school office on 01908 507914, if your child's going home arrangements change or if you are going to be late.**

Book Cover Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in the EVS Book Cover competition - the standard and quantity of entries was very high and our illustrators Knife and Packer were very impressed with the range of skills shown. **Well done to everyone who took part!**

A winner and two runners up were selected in each year group:

Year 3 Runners Up: Zoe D (3SM), Maryam (3SM) **Winner:** Matilda L (3AV)
Year 4 Runners Up: Piper L (4.NB) Isla S (4AM) **Winner:** Elackian (4AM)
Year 5 Runners Up: Janushia N (5IA), Bea G (5IA) **Winner:** Arkida G (5JAP)
Year 6 Runners Up: Natalia R (6DC), Qasim A (6LT) **Winner:** Mason L (6DC)

Book Week 500 Words Competition

Entries for this exciting, annual writing competition are due on the first day back after half term (**Monday 25th February**). We are delighted to announce that as a special prize for EVS our visiting author, Megan Rix, **will name one of the characters in her upcoming book (due out in autumn) after the winner!** What an incredible prize for our children to strive towards.

Creative Homework Task

Entries for this are due in on **Monday 4th March** where children are tasked to create anything related to their year group author - this could be a diorama, a picture, a model. Be as creative as possible! The ideal way to spend a few hours over the half term break.

Mathematician of the week

Surya M 3KW, Emily B 3AV, Keira K 3Sm, Leona S 3SD, Chloe R 4JT, Holly A 4JP, Ethan H 4AM, Khairika S 4NB, Megan L 5MS, Grace A 5IA, Sabeshan S 5JAP, Steven J 5BM, Dylan G 6KF, Owen G 6RR, Nawaal H 6LT, Rayyan B 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.**

Parking

Please park/drive with care around our school. This week we had a traffic incident in the drop off circle outside school which resulted in damaged vehicles; we are just grateful that no one was hurt. We would also like to remind drivers to remember our local residents, we are still receiving complaints of blocked driveways and parking on the yellow zig zag lines. Spotted this week a blue vehicle Reg no: **Y838 OR0** on the yellow zig zag lines.

Lost Property

Please take a moment to look through the lost property boxes in reception and reclaim any of your missing items. **We shall be emptying these boxes on Friday 1st March and any unnamed, unclaimed items shall be donated to charity.**

**In line with Government Guidelines our aim is 100% attendance
Week beginning 4th February – 8th February
Whole school attendance 96.5% Class of the week 3KW 97.9%**