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

We started the week in a very sombre mood, the children knew about the tragic incident that had taken place in our neighbourhood and needed reassurance and confirmation that they are safe at school, and that bad things happen in the world.

Last Friday the Harvest assembly was performed by our Year 4 pupils, it was both entertaining and informative. Mrs Moulder, our Year 4 team leader, was hoping to collect a maximum of 250 food items, however, due to your generosity we handed over more than 500 food items to the Food Bank. The officers from the local Food Bank were delighted with the contributions.

The Diwali Assembly brought home to us that good will always overcome evil and with perseverance, determination and working together we can succeed in destroying all that is not good. Happy Diwali to all of you who celebrate it.

We always celebrate our pupil's achievements. I am delighted to inform you that two of our Year 6 girls will be taking part in the finals of a singing competition in London in November. We wish them all the very best.

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Neil Vlok is our new Chair of the Governing Board and Mr Nick Sharp is the new Vice Chair and to our delight Mr David Jolly is returning to the Governing Board.

Please remember that the clocks will go back one hour on Sunday.

I would like to thank all of you who have supported us in holding our parent/teacher consultation meetings during the day time rather than in the evenings. Several fathers informed me that due to work commitment they had not been able to attend any of their children's consultation meetings in the past and were very pleased to be given the opportunity to meet and discuss their child's school life with the class teacher.

We have overcome a very challenging and long half term. We thank you for your support and wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. See you all on Monday 4th November.

Mrs Mathison
Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Thursday 31st October

Year 6 applications to Secondary
School closing date

Monday 4th November

Children return to School

Tuesday 5th November

Year 6 Workshop at Hazeley
Wood

Wednesday 6th November

5RR Visit to the Recycling
Factory

Thursday 7th November

5JAP Visit to the Recycling
Factory

Friday 8th November

Remembrance Event – Top
Playground 10:40am

Monday 11th November

School council members
attending remembrance parade

Wednesday 13th

November

5NB Visit to the Recycling
Factory

Thursday 14th November

5PH Visit to the Recycling
Factory

Friday 22nd November

Nasal Flu Vaccinations – All
Year Groups

In line with Government Guidelines our aim is 100% attendance
Week beginning 14th October – 18th October
Whole school attendance 97% Class of the week 4JT 99.7%

Remembrance Event 8th November 2019, Top playground 10:40am

On Friday 8th November, EVS will be holding a Remembrance event to mark 100 years since the poppy was adopted as the symbol of remembrance in the UK (an idea taken from the United States of America). At this event we will remember all who have fallen and suffered injuries protecting our nation and nations around the world. We would like to invite parents and carers to join us in this act of remembrance. Please enter the school via the main entrance to sign in before going onto the top playground. Hot drinks and cakes will be available (for a donation to the Royal British Legion) in the Music Room straight after the event. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Diwali Assembly**

We would like to thank all of those that took part in our Diwali assembly on Wednesday morning, and wish our Hindu community Happy Diwali.

Important Reminder - Year 6 Secondary School Place

The application window for all Year 6 pupils to apply for a secondary school place **closes at midnight on 31 October 2019**. Applications must be completed via the [online Citizen Portal](#). Further information can be found on [the council's website](#). Every year a number of families fail to make an application on time. These families are less likely to be allocated a preference school or their catchment school. This causes distress for both the child and their family and may result in poor engagement or children missing education altogether. For further information or any queries, please do not hesitate to email: secondaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Head Lice

Year 3 have had confirmed cases of head lice. Could parents/carers check their child's hair (and treat if necessary) during the school holidays. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Wrap Around Care

You can now book/pay for Afterschool and Breakfast club via your parentmail account (this is our preferred method). This will be for sessions commencing Monday 4th November. If you currently pay with childcare vouchers you will need to continue to complete a paper booking form as this service is not available on parentmail. Thank you

Poppy Appeal 2019

We are once again we are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019. From Monday 4th November members of the School Council will be selling poppies along with some of their new items. Suggested donations for the new items are: Zip pulls and reflectors - 50P, Snap bands £1.50 and Silicon wristbands - £1. Thank you for your support.

Parking

Thank you to all of you that are helping us in our efforts to ease the parking issues outside school. Sadly, we continue to get complaints regarding parking daily. We would like to remind parents/carers to drive and park sensibly and legally around the school, and to respect the local community. Our JRSO's also reported that this week a white Seat Reg: KY68 N2D and a red Mercedes SP16 MJO both reversed into the drop off circle via the exit. Please Remember child safety! Thank you all for your assistance in this matter.

Please be reminded that the disabled parking spaces are for blue badge holders only.

Scooters

We appear to have two abandoned scooters and many padlocks littered around our bike racks. Please reclaim these items if they belong to you. Please be aware any unclaimed items will be removed or donated to charity where suitable after the school holidays.