



Inform



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

We have had a fantastic week!

Year 3's Nativity story was beautifully delivered. Children worked very hard to learn their songs, actions and dialogues. Everyone did extremely well. The two Mary's, Scarlett D and Casey-Lei C sang like angels. I would like to thank our Year 3 team for their excellent production.

On Thursday evening, our musicians and singers performed beautifully to a packed hall. We have highly capable children who will go far if they keep nurturing their talent. I would like to thank all the parents, carers and families who joined us in celebrating our children's accomplishment's. I would also like to thank all the staff who worked tirelessly to put on such an enjoyable programme and to keep on time.

On a different note, we would like to improve our relationship with our parents/carers. We know that we all want the same thing for the children in our care. We want them to be happy, to be able to fulfill their potential in a safe and caring environment, we want them to be thinkers, problem solvers and kind individuals as well as being numerate and literate. To this end we would like to introduce 'Parent Representatives' for each class. They can be the point of contact for all the parent/carers of that class and be the direct link between the school and the families.
Please keep an eye for a parentmail for more information.

On a totally different note, on behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank Mrs Hussain, Mrs Osman and Mr Wilson for showing the true spirit of a school community, by encouraging two of the older children who had decided to leave the school premises after their parents had dropped them off, back into school.

Have a relaxing weekend.
 Mrs Mathison

Dates for your diary

Thursday 19th

December

Friends Christmas Disco
 Years 3&4 4pm-5pm
 Years 5&6 5:30pm-6:30pm

Friday 20th December

AR celebration day
 Last day – Break up for
 Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 31st

December

Last day to order your child's
 school lunch

Tuesday 7th January

Children return to school

Tuesday 21st January

School Nurse Clinic (more
 info to follow)

Required

Mini Bus Driver

We have Vacancy for a casual Mini-Bus Driver (hourly rate £9.74). You will need to be flexible and hold a clean driving license with D1 entitlement.

Please contact the school office on 01908 507914

In line with Government Guidelines our aim is 100% attendance

**Week beginning 2nd December – 6th December
 Whole school attendance
 94.6% - Class of the week
 4AV 98.7%**



Homework

Each week we will publish here (Inform) and on the website (under the homework section) which pages your child can complete as their optional homework. The due in date is if you would like the optional work marked.

Year 6 - Maths Pages 58 & 59 Shape Comprehension Pages 14-15. **Due in Monday 16th December.**

Year 5 - Maths pages 50 & 51. **Due in Monday 16th December.**

Year 4 - Maths pages 50 & 51. **Due in Wednesday 18th December.**

Year 3 - Can the Year 3 children please continue to learn their spellings, read and practise the times tables. The internet game 'Hit the Button' is a very good game to support the children in learning specific tables. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

New Handwriting Policy

As part of the English curriculum, all children need to be able to write using joined up handwriting when they leave primary school. We have looked at different handwriting options and what other schools do and have found that the most effective handwriting style to use is cursive handwriting. This approach is showing itself to be incredibly successful and we are keen to get started. You may see your child's handwriting change slightly as they continue with the same formation for most letters however, they begin the lower-case letters on the line.

NSPCC's -Speak Out. Stay Safe.

The NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme on Tuesday 14th January 2020. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6. **Should you wish for more information or wish to withdraw your child from this please contact Mrs Avola on 01908 507914.**



Mathematician of the Week

Abigail T 3CB, Ghady S 3CM, Zach S 3SD, Jude S 3JT, Sophia H 4BM, Isla P 4SM, Shivani J 4JP, Max H 4AV, Mansir S 5RR, Evie C 5PH, Michael C 5NB, Michelle OW 5JAP, Megan L 6AM, Raqiya B 6LT, Zack M 6LT, Josh H

AR Celebration Day – Friday 20th December

Next Friday afternoon, for the Accelerated Reader celebration, the children will be watching seasonal films in their Year Groups. During this day the children can wear pyjamas to school for a voluntary contribution of £1 towards books for the library and future AR events.

Parking

We would like to remind parents that the bay at the front of the school is open mornings only, to drop off your child. Please be mindful there are cars behind you and not to leave your car unattended. At the end of the day several parents have been caught on camera moving the cones and letting themselves in, with appalling driving from another parent reversing at high speed round the roundabout the wrong way to also sneak in! **This bay is closed on purpose for the safety of YOUR children.** Please park respectfully, drive carefully and safely around the school at the start and end of the school day, it is starting to get dark and we are trying to keep all children safe. Thank you for your co-operation.

Lost Property

Lost property is once again overflowing! Please come and reclaim your child's lost items by **Thursday 19th December, all unnamed unclaimed items will be donated to charity after this date.**