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

Welcome back and thank you for your patience with the changes we have had to make around school to keep our children, parents and staff safe. The children have settled remarkably well, and their wellbeing has been of paramount importance. We would also like to thank you for your patience with the communication. We appreciate that there have been a lot of changes and feel that we can now explain more about how we will be supporting your children academically this year.

We are beginning to assess all of the children in the school to find out where children have made progress and where the children have gaps in their knowledge and understanding that we need to focus on. These assessments range from tests, writing, reading to an adult, accelerated reader and teacher assessment of their work in lessons and all join together to give us a good picture of what our children can currently achieve.

Once we have completed these assessments, we will then be able to plan for how to support children with any gaps they have. This will include the learning in the lessons, any interventions with smaller group work and the homework that they receive. If there are any major concerns about gaps in your children's learning, the teacher will contact you to let you know how we will be supporting your child and what you can do at home to help.

Due to the assessment period, homework will be sent home from next week. Each year group will be given a specific day, and this will be set using Google Classroom.

We are using Google Classroom as if there is a local lockdown or any classes have to isolate, we will use this platform to set work. The children are having computing lessons on how to use this and will all have their username and password soon. We will also produce some videos for how to use Google Classroom, including on Android products.

For those children who haven't got internet access, we will provide paper copies.

We thank you for your support.
 Mr Mortimer - Assistant Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th September

Year 6 – House Captain
 Manifesto closing date.

Monday 21st September

Wrap around Care Club re-opens

Friday 25th September

Macmillan Coffee Event
 1:45pm onwards (more details to follow)

Wednesday 21st October

Children break up for Half term holiday

Monday 2nd November

Children return to school

Friday 18th December

Children break up for Christmas Holiday

Tuesday 5th January

Children return to school.

In line with Government Guidelines our aim is 100% attendance
Week beginning 31st August – 4th September
Whole school attendance 95.5%
Classes of the week 3SM, 6KF & 6LS 100%

End of day collection

On Wednesday, a letter was sent out by parentmail clarifying end of day arrangements. Parents / carers have been asked to let us know how they wish for their child to be dismissed at the end of the school day. This arrangement will come into place on Wednesday 16th September 2020. Please make sure that a response is submitted for each child in our school before this deadline. Thank you.

Wrap Around Care

We thank parents for their patience whilst we are planning for the reopening of our breakfast and after school clubs. This provision will be available from Monday 21st September 2020. Communication with booking information will be sent out on Monday 14th September, and bookings will be able to be made from this point. Once we are operational, bookings will need to be made via parentmail at least 24 hours before the session. Spaces will be limited due to space restrictions and the need to operate 4 separate bubbles within the provision in order to adhere to our wider school bubble system. More details to follow on Monday.

Have a child due to start either Reception or Year 3 in September 2021?

At both Merebrook and Emerson Valley we would normally offer a number of different times for parent tours in advance of our new intakes for next September. Due to social distancing measures as a result of Covid-19 we do not feel able to offer this option to parents in a safe way. We are therefore in the process of preparing some video materials for prospective parents that can be accessed via our school website. These will be available within the next few weeks. We will keep you updated.

Year 6 House Captain Manifesto

Any year 6 student that wants to be considered for a House Captain will need to write a manifesto. This should include information about themselves, what they can do for the school, their house and what they can do for their house to make them winners! All manifestos need to be handed in to class teachers by **Friday 18th September**.

Curriculum Swimming

Curriculum swimming lessons for Year 4 and Year 5 will begin on Wednesday 23rd September. Classes taking part will be informed by letter prior to this date.

Coronavirus information for parents/carers

Please find attached a flow chart from MK Council detailing useful information on what to do if you suspect your child may be suffering with symptoms of coronavirus.

School Photographs

Individual pupil photos would normally take place within the next few weeks. As we are significantly limiting the number of visitors onto school site, we have postponed school photographs until the spring term.

Birthday celebrations

Whilst we know that children want to celebrate their birthday with the class, we ask parents not to send in sweets for children to share with their classmates.

**Composer of the month – Beethoven**

Ludwig van Beethoven was a German composer and pianist; his music is amongst the most performed of the classical music repertoire, and he is one of the most admired composers in the history of Western music. His works have also appeared in many films including 'The Kings Speech', 'The Lost World: Jurassic Park' and his works Symphony No. 6 was in the Walt Disney film 'Fantasia'.