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

I would like to start by thanking Miss Griggs for giving her time free of charge to make the most delicious Brownies and Mrs Norton and the friends for arranging the sale and distribution of the brownies last Friday. All the money raised from the sales and the non-uniform day will go to Macmillan cancer support (see more overleaf). I would like to mention Mrs Avola who came up with the idea for the event.

One of our lovely Year 5 girls, Faye T from 5NB has donated her beautiful hair to the Little Princess Trust. Thank you and well-done Faye.

We operated an open-door policy pre-global pandemic, however due to the pandemic and the guidance given to us by the DFE, we have asked you to work with us in ensuring that the children and the staff are kept safe by reducing the number of people visiting the school. Subsequently it has come to my attention that recently, parent/carers are coming to school to deliver various items be given to their child, these items include, coats, lunch boxes, bottles of water, lip balm as well as an umbrella.

The purpose of following the DFE guidance is to stop cross contamination, the less people visit the school office the safer the ladies in the office feel. I am sure that you are aware of the fact that we have Ladies who sanitize all the surfaces that children touch at school throughout the day. This means that we care for the safety of your child. I ask you to make sure that your child carries all his/her belonging to school, every day, so that you do not need to come into the school. Our ladies in the office are doing a fantastic job and their wellbeing and safety is very important to all of us Please help us in ensuring that everyone feels protected.

As of Monday, we will not accept any items delivered to the office, by our Parent/Carers.

I thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Mathison

Dates for your diary

Thursday 8th

October

Year 5 Space Day

Wednesday 21st

October

Children break up for Half term holiday

Thursday 22nd

October

Parent/ Teacher Consultation Day

Monday 2nd

November

Children return to school

Monday 23rd

November

Nasal Flu Vaccination (more information to follow)

Science Week begins

Tuesday 24th

November

Nasal Flu Vaccination (more information to follow)

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 21st – 25th September 2020

Whole school attendance 95.3% Class of the week 4IA 99.3%

Parents/Teacher Consultations – Thursday 22nd October

This week you will have received a letter informing you of our upcoming parent/teacher consultation day on Thursday 22nd October. Appointments will be available between 8:00am and 4:00pm and can be booked via your parentmail account from 12:00 Monday 5th October. If you have any difficulty booking an appointment, please contact the school office on 01908 507914 who will be happy to help.

Macmillan Coffee Event

Thank you to everyone that supported last Friday's Macmillan Coffee Event. Children wore green, parents braved the windy cold weather to buy coffee and cake as well as all our parent and staff helpers and of course to Zoe (Kazoo Cakes) for making so many delicious treats.

Together we raised a whopping £717.48. Well done everyone!

**Wrap Around Care**

We would like to remind parents and carers that our breakfast club and after-school care are now open. You can book your space via your parentmail account. **We do accept childcare vouchers.** If you any difficulty booking a slot, please call the school office on 01908 507914 who will be happy to help.

Google Classroom

Thank you to those of you who have really taken to Google Classroom. We are learning from what worked well last year and what we needed to tweak. I know that some of you that are using android devices are having problems with the login as it keeps overriding the child's log in with the main one on the tablet. This doesn't seem to be the case on every android device however, our I.T. support team are looking into possible solutions for this. We will keep you updated with any possible solutions. There is also a video that may answer other questions on our school website under 'For Pupils'.

Autumn and Winter weather

As the weather draws in and we are feeling the colder temperatures, please make sure that your child has a coat each day. We still need to keep some windows open to increase ventilation as much as possible without dropping below recommended temperatures for health and safety. Some children have begun wearing vests under their tops which has been helpful. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Lost Property

Our lost property is filling up fast! Please take a moment to have a look in our lost property box and reclaim any of your child lost items.

**Composer of the Month – Stevie Wonder**

Stevie Wonder, is an American singer, songwriter, musician and record producer. Blind since shortly after his birth, Wonder was a child prodigy known as Little Stevie Wonder, leading him to sign with Motown's Tamla label at the age of 11. The single "Fingertips" was a number-one hit on the *Billboard* Hot 100 when he was just 13, making him the youngest artist ever to top the chart. Wonder has sold over 100 million records worldwide,

making him one of the best-selling music artists of all time. He has won 25 Grammy Awards, making him the Grammy's most awarded solo artist of all time..