



# Inform



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

We have had a fantastic term, all the new procedures are now embedded and I am very pleased to inform you that 99.9% of children arrive at school, well before 9.00am, so that the learning time is maximized and children feel less rushed throughout the day.

Tomorrow we will have our first ever online Consultation Day. We all hope that it goes well. A small number of our parents have asked for the meeting to take place over the telephone, which has been arranged. Please remember that the school is closed to all the children, and their half term break starts today.

**This term's winning house is Mars. Children in Mars will have 5 minutes of extra play. Well done Mars!**

Our Lost Property box is full again, please write your child's name on his/her belongings.

**Please remember that the clocks go back on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October.**

In the light of Covid-19 the Local Authority is asking the local families to take extra precautions. If you are planning to celebrate Halloween, there are few great suggestions below for you to consider.

On behalf of all the staff I thank you for your continued support and wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

Mrs Mathison

## ***Should we go trick or treating?***

Milton Keynes is currently at the lowest Government COVID-19 alert level, medium, which means gatherings inside and out of up to six people are allowed. However, local cases of the virus are rising, and the council's public health experts are asking people to think twice about whether to go trick or treating at all.

Stops at multiple houses – where some vulnerable people may be shielding and may already feel concerned about answering the door – increases the risk of spreading COVID-19.

### **Please remember:**

- People with any symptoms of COVID-19 (new continuous cough, raised temperature, change or loss of sense of taste or smell) must isolate and shouldn't take part in any activities
- Groups should be no larger than six, indoors or outdoors
- Social distancing rules apply, so if you're trick or treating please step back when you knock at a door
- Use hand sanitiser regularly, and wash hands before going out and when you get back – before eating sweets
- If someone doesn't feel comfortable answering their door, don't keep knocking

## Dates for your diary

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
Children return to school

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
EVS Remembrance

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
Anti-Bullying Week begins  
Odd Socks Day

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Nasal Flu Vaccination (more information to follow)  
Science Week begins

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
Nasal Flu Vaccination (more information to follow)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Jumper Day

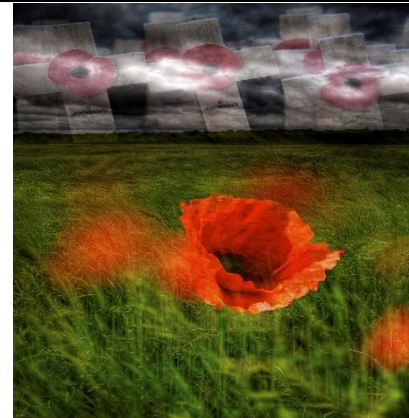
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
School Christmas Lunch

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Children break up for Christmas Holiday

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**  
Children return to school.

**EVS Remembrance 11 November 2020**

This year Remembrance at EVS will be a little different to protect the children and staff in their bubbles. To show our support for this very moving day, each class will be creating a piece of art, which will be on display in their class windows from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Take a look as you walk by. The children and staff will observe the 2-minute silence on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am along with the nation and there will be an opportunity for each class to visit our remembrance area during the week to see the new soldier silhouette and recite a poem.



**We are sad you cannot join us this year, but we want to keep everyone safe.**

**P.E**

We've had an extremely active start to the school year and the children have all been fantastic. You have successfully completed the Fun Fitness, Tennis, Quad Athletics and Cross-Country competitions EVS are currently 2nd on the MK Schools leader board!

After half term we will be entering the Dance, Gym and Badminton competitions. Our #20in20 challenges are nearing the end. The final challenge will be sent out on Monday 9th November.

4IA and 5NB will be starting their curriculum swimming the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Any questions, please let us know.

Have a lovely half term and stay safe.  
Ms Emmett and Mr Moloney

**Poppy Appeal 2020**

We are once again supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020. Children will be able to buy poppies within their year group bubbles. If your child would like a poppy, please remember to send in a monetary donation with your child.

**Wrap Around Care**

We are now taking bookings for Autumn Term 2 for our breakfast and after-school care club. You can book and pay for your slot via your parentmail account. In recent weeks numbers attending the after-school facility have been low. Sadly, if this continues, we may have to consider discontinuing this provision. Please be aware that we do accept childcare vouchers. **Please contact the school office on 01908 507914 for more information.**

**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.

**In line with Government Guidelines our aim is 100% attendance  
Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> October – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Whole school attendance 97.7% Class of the week 4AV 99.7%**