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

Children have been at school for 9 weeks; the start and end of the day procedures are working beautifully. Now we would like to step up a gear and ask that if your child is in the slot that starts at 9am, please try to get your child to school by 8.55am, so that we can close our registers by 9.05am. If your child arrives after 9am the gates will be closed, they will then have to go to class via reception. Arriving after 9:05am will incur a late mark in the register.

Iain Stewart, our local MP has invited our children to take part in his Christmas Card Competition in the run up to the festivities. The Christmas Card Competition requirement is that it should be on an A4 sheet of paper, no glitter or accessories as it needs to be a 2D picture, illustration or a photograph. The theme can be, Christmas in the Houses of Parliament, Winter in Milton Keynes, Happiness with family and friends or children can use their own imagination, however the overall theme is Christmas. On the back of the entry we need your child's full name, age and the name of the school.

The entry must be at school by Friday 20th November. Please encourage your child to take part in this competition.

As part of our Covid catch up strategy, we will be beginning some of our after-school tutoring sessions to an invited group of children from next week. If your child has been selected for this half term's tutoring, you will receive a Parentmail. The purpose of these sessions is to cover the gaps in children's knowledge that has been caused as the result of the Lockdown. Initially, we will run four week's intense tutoring sessions with very small groups of children and throughout the year we are hoping to be able to offer this support to the majority of our pupils. Mr Mortimer will send out more information regarding this. We will be reluctant to allow the children to walk home alone after these sessions as it is getting dark when the tutoring session finishes. If you cannot pick up your child at 4.15pm, you can ask for them to join our After-School Club, however you need to pay for this provision at the cost of £10 per session.

We are aware that today is Children in Need Day. Every year we raise a substantial sum of money for this charity due to your generosity, alas this year due to the many, many challenges that we have been facing we have not done so. However, on the last Friday of November we will have a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need and our sponsored Koala Bear, Emerald.

Today is the international day of Kindness, I hope that you give and receive Kindness throughout the day.

We would like to wish a good Diwali for all our families who celebrate this auspicious occasion.

I thank you for your continuous support.
Mrs Mathison

Dates for your diary

Monday 16th November

Anti-Bullying Week begins
Odd Socks Day

Friday 20th November

Closing date for Christmas Card Competition

Monday 23rd November

Nasal Flu Vaccination
Science Week begins

Tuesday 24th November

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Friday 27th November

Non- Uniform Day

Friday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th

December

School Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December

Children break up for Christmas Holiday

Tuesday 5th January

Children return to school.

Parking - Reminder

When dropping your child off in the morning please do not block the entrance to the staff car park.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Message from Mrs White regarding Online Safety

Please read the attachment that we have sent with this newsletter. This week we have noticed that an increasing number of children across the school have been talking about using the app Tik Tok. The age recommendation is 13 and above, but it's easy for younger children to sign up too and we know that many of our children are accessing it. If a Tik Tok account is public, anyone (even people with no account) can watch uploaded TikTok videos. Even with a private account, anyone can see your child's profile information. Whilst it is part of our curriculum in school to teach children about staying safe online, we need parents to be vigilant with what their children are watching on the internet. We have seen an increase in children across the school using inappropriate language that they have heard on this app. As well as the language they are exposed to, they are also seeing inappropriate content, which they may or may not understand, but either way it is influencing what they are saying and doing in school. Please support us to keep all of our children safe online by ensuring that your child only accesses age appropriate content.

TIK TOK IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN OF JUNIOR SCHOOL AGE!

Anti-Bullying Week – Wear Odd Socks, Monday 16th November

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, this year's theme is United against Bullying. Odd Socks Day kicks off the week on Monday, this celebrates what makes us all unique.



EVS Remembrance 2020

The children across the whole school showed a huge amount of respect and understanding of the 2-minute silence on Wednesday. The learning and conversations in class were very meaningful and drew similarities to some aspects of how we are living our lives now with the pandemic. We are very proud of the children at EVS. I hope you have had a distanced look at the class poppy art in the classroom windows and agree with me that they are fantastic! There will be more about EVS Remembrance 2020 on our website soon.

Parents Forum

Thank you to those parents who have put themselves forwards so far for the Parent's Forum. We will be sending information to those nominated next week regarding meeting dates and times. We still have a space available for a parent representative in: 3CM, 3AR, 4AV, 4IA, 4SM, 5PH, 5RR, 5NB, 6KF, 6LT and 6LS. If you would like to nominate yourself, please email the office. Thank you.

Winter clothing,

As we head into Winter in order to keep your children safe, we are still required to provide an amount of ventilation in the rooms to maintain airflow. To do this, the windows may be open a little during the day. We will still maintain the temperature in school above the Health and Safety regulations for temperature. So that the children aren't getting cold, they are able to wear layers of clothing underneath their school uniform. Please limit this to plain black or white. Vests or thermals are good for this time of year.

School Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16th December

Chartwells are offering a school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December. If your child would like a Christmas lunch, please remember that **all orders must be placed by midday Tuesday 8th December.**



Composer of the Month – Edward Elgar

Sir Edward William Elgar, 1st Baronet was an English composer. Many of his works have entered the British and international classical concert repertoire. Among his best-known compositions are orchestral works including the Enigma Variations and the Pomp and Circumstance Marches. His music features on many films including The Kingsman and Dunkirk.

**In line with Government Guidelines our aim is 100% attendance
Week beginning 2nd November – 6th November 2020
Whole school attendance 97.2% Class of the week 6AM 100%**