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

I am very pleased to inform you that the first Parent's Forum have now met online. Several suggestions were made by members that we have already actioned!

On our school's website, under the 'For Parent's' tab, you can find the Wellbeing and Mental Health section. This section includes links to other reputable sites that can give our children strategies and skills to manage their mental wellbeing.

We have decided that every Friday, after lunch when children lineup to enter the school building, one of our Learning mentors will call out the names of all the children who have had their birthday during that week. Then the rest of the children will sing them Happy Birthday. Pencils will be given to the children on their actual birthday.

In regard to children bringing mobile telephones to school, we as a school do not endorse this and we will not take responsibility for their safe keeping. It is for the child to look after his/her phone and it will be the parent's responsibility to insure the device. The staff do not need to be informed if you wish your child to bring a telephone to school. **I will reiterate, we will not take responsibility for your child's mobile phone.**

We are going to make sure that our children have an exciting pre-Christmas period at school. Our Year 3 children have been rehearsing their Nativity. We have purchased an online Panto, and as you are aware our lunch providers have timetabled a day where children, who order their lunch in advance can have Christmas lunch at school.

We are looking forward to our Christmas tree going up in the reception area by the middle of the next week and to welcoming our Year 5 pupils and staff back to school on Tuesday 1st December.

Our science week has been a great success. I really enjoyed listening to the conversations that children were having with their adults about Sir Issac Newton on force of gravity (more on Science week overleaf).

The CHOMs, Friends of Merebrook, have asked us to support them in their fund-raising event and I ask you to please support them in their fund-raising efforts.

Please support us in our drive to teach children to realise that in life there are things that we can control, like going to bed on time or reading every day, and things that are beyond our control, such as the pandemic. Let us encourage the children to focus their energy on the things they can influence and control rather than worry about the things that they have no control over.

I thank you for your continuous support.
 Mrs Mathison

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 2nd

December

4IA Curriculum swimming starts

Friday 4th December

5NB Curriculum swimming starts

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.

Friday 12th February

Children break up for Half Term

Monday 22nd February

Children return to school

Friday 26th March

Children Break up for Easter.

Monday 12th April

Children return to school



Science Week

The children across school have been excited to learn about Sir Isaac Newton and forces during Science Week. I have had the pleasure of visiting some classes across school to find out what they have been doing. In Year 6 children have been working in groups to write and prepare a presentation about a force using all their scientific knowledge. In year 4 children have been exploring push and pull using

everyday objects. Year 3 have enjoyed finding out about Sir Isaac Newton and making towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows. You would be amazed at the level of scientific questions and answers that are taking place. We look forward to our Science Day in March 2021.

Mrs McHenry – Science Lead

Contact information

We would like to remind parents/carers that you must inform the school office of any change in the contact information we hold. It is so important that we have the correct home address, telephone number, email etc. for you and your child. Thank you for your co-operation.

Swimming

We are pleased to announce that the curriculum swimming for 4IA (Wednesday mornings) and 5NB (Friday afternoons) will commence next week.



Poppy appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Poppy Appeal together we have raised £226.96.

Merebrook School Christmas Raffle

Merebrook school are having a Christmas Raffle. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket please see the poster attached for more information on how to get your ticket.

School Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16th December

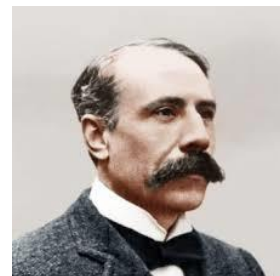
Chartwells are offering a school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December. If your child would like a Christmas lunch, please remember that **all orders must be placed by midday Tuesday 8th December.**

Lost Property

Please take a moment to have a look in our lost property box (at reception) and reclaim your child's lost items. **Please remember to clearly name your child's belongings.**

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 16th November – 20th November 2020
Whole school attendance 96.9% Class of the week 4AV 99.4%**
