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

The first week of Autumn 2 has flown by! We have welcomed a number of new children to our school and I am very pleased to inform you that they have all settled in well.

Our new Improvement Partner, Naima France, spent Tuesday at school. She looked at our documents and talked to some of our Year 6 children whilst looking at their books, as well as having a chat with our Learning Mentors. She was very impressed by what she saw and heard. She thanked the staff for all the background work that has taken place in order for us to be able to offer a safe and happy learning environment for the children in our care.

I would like to thank all of you that have followed our new procedures by wearing a face mask whilst picking up your child. Please socially distance from other parents when waiting for your child.

Thank you to the 250 of you that responded to our Parents Survey. 93% of you feel informed by the school's updates, 5% aren't sure and 2% feel that they are not informed. 99.6% of you have told us that children have settled back in well and 66% of you told us that you knew what would happen if we had to close a bubble. To ensure that all of you are aware of our procedures in case of having to close a bubble on November 2nd we sent a Parentmail to reaffirm the steps we would take. Please **READ THE PARENTMAIL**, this is the tool we use to communicate with you. If you are in doubt please call the school office, our lovely ladies will give you all the information you need to know, however you need to be pro-active.

On behalf of all the staff I thank you for all of your positive comments. To keep the children in our care, safe, happy and well informed/educated is our priority. For your information, we cannot have lockers for the children as they are far too expensive, and we do not the space to accommodate them. As for lunches, children have as long as they need to eat their lunch. There has never been any pressure on the children to finish their lunches quickly.

Since Monday children have been enjoying hot meals during lunch times.

Please label your child's belongings as our lost property box is overflowing yet again.

On a totally different note, our Year 6 Echo Warriors, have been litter picking around the school during their lunch times. It is fantastic to know that we have such caring and environmentally conscientious children.

I thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Mathison

Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 11th
November**
EVS Remembrance

**Monday 16th
November**
Anti-Bullying Week
begins
Odd Socks Day

**Monday 23rd
November**
Nasal Flu Vaccination
Science Week begins

**Tuesday 24th
November**
Nasal Flu Vaccination

**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.

Winter clothing,

The temperature seems to have dropped dramatically this week and it is clear we are now heading 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.

Thank you for your support.

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 9th November. Take a look as you walk by. The children and staff will observe the 2-minute silence on November 11th 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.

Wrap Around Care

You can book and pay for your slot in our breakfast or after-school wrap around care via your parentmail account. We are pleased that in recent weeks numbers attending the after-school facility have slightly improved, however we are still under capacity. 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.**

Swimming

Unfortunately, due to the National Lockdown beginning on Thursday 5th November our curriculum swimming lessons will now not begin until Wednesday 2nd December for Year 4 and Friday 4th December for Year 5 at the earliest (subject to the lockdown being lifted and that we are still within government guidelines).

Recycling

We would like to remind parents that aswell as crisp packets, we recycle used batteries. Each class has a box to collect these batteries so please feel free to send them in with your child.

**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 19th October – 21st October 2020

Whole school attendance 97.7% Classes of the week 3SD,4BM & 4AV 100%