



# Inform



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

I would like to start my weekly communication with a heart-warming story about one of our children in 3JT called Evie S. Having heard that a little girl had lost her hair due to having chemotherapy to fight cancer, Evie decided to cut off 12 inches of her beautiful hair to donate to The Little Princess Trust. By donating her hair and online fundraising she raised £550 to give to the charity, as she found out that each wig will cost £550 to make. Quoting Evie she said "I want to know that my hair and the money we raise will definitely give one little girl new hair and make her feel nice".

I hope you agree with me that as a school we have beautiful, generous and kind children who demonstrate great citizenship attributes, and we are delighted to have them in our community.

On a totally different note, I would like to thank you for your support throughout what has been a very different and challenging term. The fact that we have only had one positive test for Covid-19 in our school is testament to the majority of our families following the guidance and the hard work and efforts of our school staff. This has meant we have had the least possible disruption to your children's education, and we are pleased that we have been able to offer this. It is still vital that all of us follow the guidance within the coming weeks to ensure we have done everything possible to keep everyone safe over this festive period. As parents and carers, you have been great at sharing information about when children have shown symptoms of Covid-19 and getting tested when necessary. Please continue to let us know about children displaying symptoms and tests being taken over the Christmas period as this may have an impact on keeping other families safe. As there will be nobody at school to answer the phone, please email: [office@emersonvalley.org.uk](mailto:office@emersonvalley.org.uk) If a child develops symptoms within 48 hours of being at school (Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>) and then they test positive in the subsequent days, we will then contact all of the families that will be affected. As ever we will continue to do everything we can to keep your children as safe as possible and limit any possible spread of the disease.

By now you might have heard that the national government has decided to give an extra INSET day to school staff as a gesture of gratitude on the last day of this term. At EVS and MB, we have decided that we will not take this offer, the school will close for Christmas break at 3.30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Please check the lost property box, we have trainers, water bottles, coats, school jumpers that need to go to their rightful owners. None of these items are labelled. Next week on dry days, at home time, we will put them outside so that you can look through them. Whilst doing so please make sure that you have your mask on and are at a distance from other searchers.

I thank you for your continuous support.  
Mrs Mathison

## Dates for your diary

### 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.

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Children break up for Half  
Term

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Children return to school

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Children Break up for  
Easter.

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Children return to school



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

**Parent Reminder**

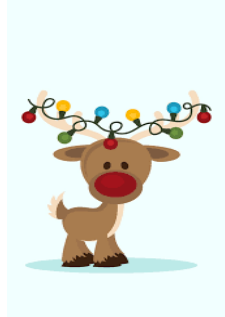
We have noticed that an increasing number of children have been arriving late for school and sometimes are not equipped for the day ahead. We would like to remind you that children should be at school ready to start their day at their given start time either 8:40am or 9am with everything they require (lunchboxes, coats, water bottles etc.) for the day ahead. Thank you.

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**Christmas Jumper Day**

Today is Christmas Jumper Day, it has been lovely to see so many sparkling and Jingly Jumpers. As well as our Christmas Jumpers staff and children are taking part in the National Santa Dash! We will update you next week with how much money we have managed to raise for Save the Children.

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**Christmas Festivities**

Children and staff are looking forward to a festive week next week. All children will get to watch (online) the pantomime Cinderella. On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December our Year 3 Nativity performance will be available to watch on our school website at [www.emersonvalley.org.uk](http://www.emersonvalley.org.uk) and of course we have our school Christmas Lunch day to look forward to! We would like to remind parents that no Christmas cards should be brought into school next week to help avoid cross contamination.

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**Curriculum Swimming**

We are happy to inform you that curriculum swimming for years 4 and 5 will continue in the New Year. Each class will receive six weeks of swimming lessons and there will catch up lessons for those children that have missed out on any lessons. Parents/Carers will be contacted in due course regarding when their child will be taking part.

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**Wrap Around Care**

We are happy to see that the numbers in our breakfast and after school wrap around care have improved. We will continue to monitor our numbers as we wish to keep this vital provision available. Please remember to book your slot at least 24 hours beforehand via your parentmail account.

**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.

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**Blocking School Entrance**

Please can parents/carers not block the gate at the Holton Hill entrance to school. Blocking this gate makes it very difficult for parents/carers that are waiting at a distance to identify their child. We have also been made aware that by blocking this gate children are having to walk through a crowd making social distancing very difficult. Thank you for your support.

**In line with Government Guidelines our aim is 100% attendance  
Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
Whole school attendance 96.8% Class of the week 6LT 100%**