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

We are very pleased to welcome back our Year 5 pupils and staff. Children are very happy to return to their teachers and friends. Covid-19 has proven that we all thrive when there is routine and structure.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who are supporting children in being independent in coming on to the school site in the mornings on their own. Can I remind you all, that whilst members of staff are available on the gates to pass on quick messages to teachers and answer any questions, if you have something more confidential, that requires a longer conversation, please email the school office so that you can be contacted by the appropriate person during the day. The job of the staff in the mornings is to ensure that children enter the school site and building safely, if they are engaged in long conversations with parents this becomes challenging.

If your child cycles to school, please ensure that they wear a cycle helmet otherwise his/her bike pass will be revoked. I have had a number of complaints from road users informing me that the cyclists from EVS have very little regard and respect for other road users. Please speak to your child about their responsibilities as someone who is in control of a vehicle.

I would like to thank all the parents who have inquired about sending Christmas gifts to school. Although we informed you of our decision in regards to this in a parentmail I would like to reiterate, this Christmas we will not accept your generous and kind gestures for many reasons, the main one being risks associated to Covid-19 and the aftermath of its effect. Some of our parents are going through a really tough time, financially, mentally and emotionally. Almost all of our staff have not been with their loved ones for a very long time and they wish to be able to see their family during Christmas. The worry is that by bringing presents into school we might cause cross contamination. I have a duty of care for everyone at this school and at times I must make unpopular decisions, I just hope that you can support me in protecting our hard working and committed staff, during these very difficult times.

At this point I would like to remind you that we have so much to look forward to. The Year 3 Nativity Play is being filmed and I just can't wait to see the end result. The Christmas tree is up and has been beautifully decorated in our reception area. Due to your generous donations, we have raised £413.83 for Children in Need and the hospital that Emerald our adopted Koala lives.

I thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Mathison

Dates for your diary

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



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Visitors for Year 6

On Friday 27th November as part of Science Week, Year 6 received a visit from 2 members of the 'Tesla Owners Club' who brought their Tesla cars along to show us. They told us about how efficient the cars were and that they were powered by electric batteries – 7000 of them! They also talked to us about renewable energy and how important it will be for our futures, particularly solar energy. As we have solar panels on our school creating electricity, we were pleased to know that we are contributing to a sustainable future.' Mrs Thompson.

Children's comments below:

'Overall, I think it was the best surprise ever! The very best part of the visit was when the dark metallic-blue Tesla danced! Lots of people danced along!' Emily 6LT

'I like the dance of the Tesla – it's so impressive how the Tesla is modified to do all the movements.' Alfie 6LT

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.

Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will once again be supporting "Save The Children" Christmas Jumper day. On Friday 11th December children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper to school (instead of their school one) for a **minium donation of £1.**

**Christmas cards**

We are nearing Christmas and we know how much the children wish to share goodwill. We want to keep this as normal a period for them as possible and so are going to allow children to bring in Christmas cards for other children. This does however create a slight logistical problem with our Covid-19 risk assessment. So that we can still do this, **the deadline for the children to bring in their cards is Friday 11th December.** There will be a 'postbox' in each classroom where they can put their cards. They will then remain in there, quarantined for at least the weekend, and then **distributed on Monday 14th December** which will give at least 3 clear days in the box. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

**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.** (please see poster attached).

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 23rd November – 27th November 2020
Whole school attendance 97% Class of the week 6AM 99.6%**