

Emscote Express

Issue 4, 23th October 2020



Message from Mr Queralt

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin by saying a huge well done to all the children, parents and staff for such a successful first half term back at school. We really appreciate everyone's effort with staying safe, wearing masks and arriving on time at the school gates. Please continue to be vigilant over half term so we can all return safely and keep school open again.

I have been particularly impressed with all the achievement awards and Mathematics certificates that I have been busy handing out during class assemblies. It's wonderful to see the children progressing so well in just a matter of weeks.

This week we have enjoyed speaking to parents during their Zoom meetings and would like to thank everyone for all their patience with regards any technical issues. Thank you for all your feedback and for completing the questionnaire too. If you have any queries or concerns throughout the rest of the school year please remember that you can reach out to us at any time.

We hope you all have a relaxing break over the half term. Please remember to stay safe and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 3rd November.

Yours sincerely,

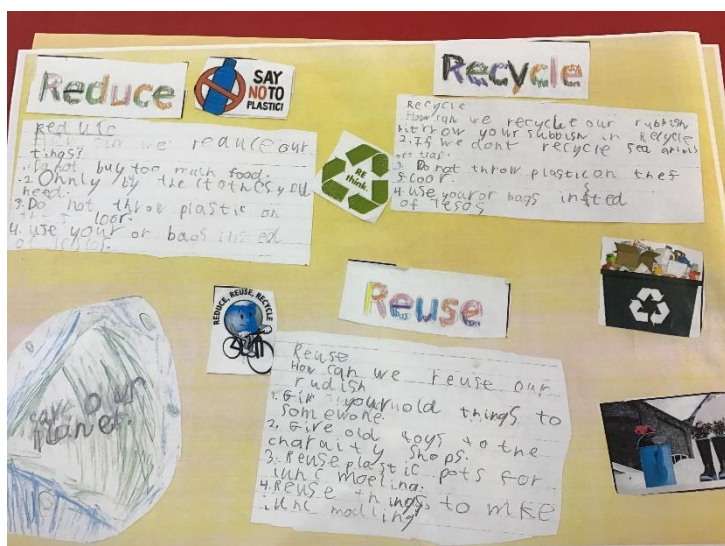
Mr Queralt

Dates for the diary:

October 26 th - 30 th	Half Term
November 2 nd	Inset day
November 3 rd	All pupils back to school
November 5 th	Bonfire lunch menu
November 6 th	Non uniform day & Food bank donation
November 11 th	Remembrance Day
November 13 th	Children in Need - wear spots and donate £1
November 16 th	Odd Sock Day (more info to follow)
December 4 th	PTA Non uniform day & donate a tombola prize
December 16 th	Christmas Jumper Day- £1 donation for Save The Children
December 16 th	Christmas lunch and virtual pantomime in school
December 17 th	Christmas class parties
December 18 th	Last Day of Term
January 4 th	Inset Day
February 15 th -19 th	Half term
February 22 nd	Inset day
February 23 rd	Living eggs arrive in school

Hot Lunches

We are pleased to say that with the winter months approaching, we will be able to offer the children a hot lunch menu starting from 3rd November. These will be served in compostable lunch boxes so that we are making every effort to remain as environmentally friendly as possible. Deli bags will no longer be an option, although children are still welcome to bring in their own packed lunch if they prefer. Please check your emails for a copy of the new menu and our special Bonfire/Guy Fawkes menu available on 5th November.



Stars of the Week!

Here are just a few of our super stars this week...

Workers of the Week

Edward (Sycamore) for writing and designing an amazing Eco-friendly poster.

Joshua (Sycamore) for trying so hard with his cursive handwriting.

Arthur in Oak received Worker of the Week for 'a wonderful piece of writing about Rama and Sita. The words he used made the story SO exciting. What a smart cookie.'

Scarlett in Maple for an excellent effort with her homework - she really did put a lot of hard work into it.

Florence in Cherry for name writing pre cursive, well done!

Pupil of the week

Martha for always being such a super member of Sycamore, so kind and polite.

Abhay in Oak was awarded Pupil of the week for 'fabulous 'taking away'. He just kept on trying!

Amber for always having a big smile, working hard and being an all-round star of Maple class!

Dillon for being so kind and Japman for lots of smiles this week in Cherry.

Year 1 have also been busy making Divas and Rangoli patterns as part of Diwali celebrations this week.



Warwickshire Family Service

The latest edition of the Family Information Service newsletter is available to read at <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1192456?e=381cb3651d>

In this edition of the Family Information Service newsletter you will find information on healthy family relationships, suicide prevention training from Wise Steps, where to get help to stop smoking in pregnancy, an online course that takes an upbeat approach to physical and emotional well being and much more!

Thinking of career in teaching? You could train in our school!

Emscote Infant School is committed to supporting the training of new teachers coming in to the profession. We provide placements and training opportunities for those training to teach through the School Direct teacher training programme.

School Direct is a school based teacher training programme that offers you a great opportunity to train, qualify and gain employment as a teacher. You could even earn a salary while you train.

We also offer short-term experience placements for those considering a career in teaching.

We are recruiting now so to find out more please call in to speak to us or visit the Gateway Alliance School Direct Partnership website:

www.gatewayalliance.co.uk/school-direct

Thank you to Tesco!

We would like to extend our thanks to our local Tesco for providing lots of hot chocolate and biscuits as a treat for all classes and for reception year's Wonderful Wellies which starts after half term. They have also donated lots of harvest foods this week and year 2 have been busy tasting a healthy range of soups. Year 2 have also taken part in a Halloween Colouring Competition supported by Tesco. Winners are to be announced in our assembly this afternoon.

Clothing for wet weather

Please ensure your child comes in with a named, waterproof coat every day as well as a pair of wellies to keep in school. We do encourage the grassy area to be used throughout the year, especially as we like to visit our resident chickens and shoes can get quite muddy!

Kissing It Better – Pet Photography Competition

A Warwickshire-based charity has launched a children's photo competition to help bring cheer to isolated older people in hospitals and care homes over the winter months. Kissing it Better, which works to bring old and young people together by creating healthcare projects, has launched the competition to find 'the funniest, most adorable snaps of family pets'.

These pictures will then be turned into cards and delivered to older people in care settings in the area. The competition is open to children aged seven to 10 years old. To submit an entry, people should take a 'cute or funny' portrait photo of your pet, with a one line caption that they think would make older people smile. Participants are being asked to avoid the phrase 'get well soon' for the captions. Photos should then be emailed as a JPEG to caty@kibmail.co.uk with the name, age and school. In the subject line of the email people should put 'Pet Photography Competition.'

The closing date is midday on October 30. Winners will receive Pets at Home gift vouchers.

Free School Meal Entitlement

All reception, year 1 and year 2 children in state-funded schools can have a free hot meal at lunchtime. This is known as 'Universal Entitlement'. If you think you are eligible for any of the criteria above we recommend that you still apply. This will mean that your child's school does not miss out on important funding. **It may also mean your child will continue to receive free meals after the end of year 2.**

If you think you are eligible then you can apply online at

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Covid Number

If you or your child have a positive test result during normal school hours please call the usual school office number. During evenings, weekends or holidays please report positive test results only by text to 07732387372.

Further information is available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT AND PUPIL PREMIUM REGISTRATION

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, we are aware that Parent and Carer's circumstances may have changed. Depending on your family/household income, your child may be eligible for **Free School Meals**. All children in Infant School receive a free hot meal at lunch-time, but this is a separate entitlement.

If your child qualifies for Free School Meals they will also receive **Pupil Premium funding**. This entitles your child to free or subsidised school trips, music lessons, school uniform and help to access after school clubs. Registering children for Free School Meals and subsequently Pupil Premium also enables the school to claim additional funding to improve resources for your child in school.

If you can answer yes to any of the following questions you may be eligible:

- Is your joint family **income** under £16,190 per year?
- Are you in receipt of any of the **benefits** listed below?
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit.
- Are you or your partner a member of the **Armed Forces**?

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