

Emscote Express

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy New Year! On behalf of all the teachers and staff, I would like to say how proud we are of all the children and how well they have coped since lockdown 3 commenced. The zoom children have been so focused and enthusiastic to learn and the keyworker children have adapted well to having a range of teachers as well as a different learning environment with a different mix of children.

We are very pleased with how the online lessons are going, thank you all for working so hard with your children. Teaching on Zoom isn't the easy option and I very proud of our staff for adapting so well and innovating to the challenges this situation presents us - a real growth mindset in action. We have decided on 'Live Lessons' because we are able to adapt the next session to any misconceptions that may have arisen, and extend learning when applicable. Children also get the advantage of being able to keep in touch with their teacher and classmates, keeping our community spirit going. At the start of every session, the teacher spends some time feeding back to the children on work that has been emailed; this is the most effective way of improvement for children. We also acknowledge all emails, focusing on individual areas to improve on where needed.

Thank you for your patience with us whilst we have been putting new systems in place to support children of key workers and vulnerable children, as well as overcoming any technical issues with remote learning. Staff have appreciated all the kind messages of support and positive feedback from families and we really hope we will be able to reopen fully in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Queralt

Dates for the diary.... All other future dates and events will be dependent on Government advice. We will send any information as soon as we can.

Dates for the Diary		
2021		
Monday 1st February	Growth Mindset Zoom Meeting	7.15pm For reception year and new parents
15 th - 19 th February	Half term	
Monday 22nd February	Return to school	Inset day cancelled
Tuesday 23rd February	Living eggs arrive in school	

Growth Mindset Parent Meeting

Mr Queralt is doing a talk on how to help your child develop a 'growth mindset'. All are welcome, especially reception year and anyone new to the school.

What is a Growth Mindset?

Children with a **fixed mindset** believe that they are born with their intelligence and talent and it can't change... Children with a **growth mindset** believe that ability can change as a result of effort, perseverance, and practice. You might hear them say, "Maths is hard, but if I keep trying, I can get better at it."

Meeting Details

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93015611154?pwd=OGNWMjBFeHBVbEc5YWw2bnNXdGNtQT09>

Meeting ID: 930 1561 1154

Passcode: 5FNup5

As you are hopefully now aware, January is our Mathletics Month. Children are encouraged to log in to Mathletics as often as possible, and every time they earn a certificate, they will be entered into a draw to win some fantastic games and prizes. The cut off for the competition this year is February 12th and we will announce the winners after half term. ***If you have lost your log in or need any other assistance contact the office or your year group email.***

Fundraising

Thanks to your generous donations and fundraising efforts last term we managed to raise £240 in aid of Myton Hospice and £172 in aid of Children in need. Thank you!

National free school meals voucher scheme

In response to schools being largely closed to most pupils during the current national lockdown, the national free school meals voucher scheme will soon be available again to provide support to families during term time. This will be managed centrally by the Department for Education and provided by Edenred. The voucher scheme will be made available to those eligible for non-universal free school meals from the beginning of February. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals then you can apply online at

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

Online Safety

For information and advice on supporting online safety at home please visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>





Space Week



This week Year 2 (on zoom and in school) have made amazing space rockets. They collected the materials and then designed their rocket before they made it. Afterwards they wrote instructions that someone else could follow to make the same rocket. The children enjoyed showing them to each other during our Friday zoom assembly.

Next week is space week on Cbeebies too so look out for **Maddie, Space and You** which has been filmed at the National Space Centre. Maddie Moate takes us on a journey into space to explore the planets, astronauts, rockets and robots. Join Maddie every day next week at 16.50, also available on iplayer.





Connecting with other people has never been more important for our wellbeing. During lockdown, when we can't physically be with our friends and neighbours, we have all had to look for new ways to show our loved ones and the community around us that we care.

Join Warwickshire's Show You Care campaign

Warwickshire County Council are encouraging our residents to display a picture of a heart in their window or share it on social media as a way to show that they are thinking of others in the pandemic.

How can you get involved?

- Print these [Heart templates for you and your family to colour in \(PDF, 957 KB\)](#)
- If you don't have a printer or would prefer to design your own hearts, you can colour and decorate your own!
- Take photos of your creations and share them on social media using #WarwickshireHearts
- Tag Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service or Warwickshire Libraries in your photos on social media so we can share them with the community!
- Tell us who you're thinking about at the moment so you can show them that you care
- Don't forget to display your finished heart creations in your windows for your neighbours to see
- Have a walk around your neighbourhood and see how many hearts you can spot!

The community spirit amongst Warwickshire residents is stronger than ever. We've been in this together since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we still are. And together, we will get through this.

Warwickshire's Family Information Service Newsletter

We understand that lockdown and schools being closed is a lot to juggle for many families. The Family Information Service is here to support you throughout lockdown and beyond on a range of issues from family relationships, finance, housing and childcare through to your health and wellbeing. You can get in touch with us by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 742274. There is also lots of information to support you, just visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies. We are here to help.

Warwickshire Families Magazine

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families_suffolk_magazine_issue_57_-_jan-feb21

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

01926 359182 or 0800 408 1448 www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme
For information about wider support from the council and other services, go to: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship

School Health Newsletter January 2021

Following the government's lockdown announcement, Warwickshire School Health are still available to support schools and their children, young people and families. Their latest newsletter focuses on supporting families during this third lockdown. <https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/WSHWBS-newsletter-January-2021.pdf>

Vacancy - 1:1 Teaching Assistant, Emscote Infant School

Fixed Term Contract - 31st July 2021, 25.0 Hours per Week

This specific role is working in conjunction with another TA to support a child with complex needs who has an EHCP. The candidate will ideally have had experience of supporting complex needs in a mainstream classroom and possess the resilience and humour this role can require.

Key Requirements

You will be required to support the child in accessing teaching and learning within and outside of the classroom. You will be responsible for establishing and maintaining boundaries whilst also providing a nurturing, safe and inclusive environment.

To apply please visit <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/87126/1-to-1-teaching-assistant/>

Closing date: 5pm on Friday 22nd January 2021

Interview date: Thursday 28th and / or Friday 29th January 2021

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**?

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>