

Emscote Express

Issue 1, 11th September 2020



Message from Mr Queralt

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you a very warm welcome back to the start of the new school year. It was a real pleasure to see the children finally return to school last Wednesday smiling, eager to learn and looking so smart. They have settled into their new year groups so well and have worked incredibly hard all week, well done! I would like to thank you all for your support over the past few months and in ensuring the children were emotionally and physically prepared for their new routines and an exciting term ahead.

We have welcomed 58 new children and their families to Emscote this week including our Reception children who have been with us part-time this week whilst they settle into school life. We have seen lots of happy faces and it's been a joy to meet our new year group. We hope they all enjoy their first full week of school from Monday. We would also like to welcome lots of new staff joining our strong and committed team. Miss Pascual and Miss Bayliss our new year 2 teaching assistants and Miss Hammond who will be working with us in reception year. We are very pleased to welcome back Mrs Brown as a 1-1 teaching assistant working in year 1.

We would like to remind you that if you have any questions for any of our team, we are always here to help. If you are not able to speak with the teacher at the end of the day, please contact the office for assistance or to arrange a phone call. Please do not hesitate to us ask if you need anything or would like to share something with us that may help to support your child during the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mr Queralt

Welcome to our new Cherry and Willow Classes!

Reception have got off to a really fantastic start at school this week. We are so proud of them. They have come into school really independently already! They have been busy learning the routines of school, how to access all the areas of the classroom, shared area and outside. They have particularly enjoyed playing name games and making new friends! Well done, Reception!



Parents' Welcome Meetings (year 1 and 2)

Week beginning 14th September we will be holding virtual welcome meetings via Zoom. Year 1 and 2 parents are invited to join their class meeting, giving us an opportunity to share information about year group expectations, homework, routines (including homework and PE) and things that you can do to support children's learning. Please look out for an email confirming dates, meeting invitation and login details.

Make Reading Fun!

We encourage all families to read with their children at least 4 times a week and to make a note of this their in their reading diaries. Reading is a great way to spend time with your children and research shows that exploring books has so many benefits for children as well as being lots of fun. For lots of advice and tips on how to encourage your child to read visit www.booktrust.org.uk

Reminder of Staggered Timings

Firstly, thank you to everyone for your patience regarding the new staggered drop off and collection times. Please remember to socially distance from others when waiting for your child/ren and to arrive on time to avoid queues or crowds gathering. Please see below for a reminder of timings for each year group:

Group	Arrival at	Teacher	In classroom	Leaving at
Cherry Group 1	8.45am	Mrs Fawbert/Mrs Constable	Cherry	2.45pm
Willow Group 2	9.00am	Mrs Gray/Mrs Constable	Willow	3.00pm
Oak Group 1	8.45am	Mrs Madagan/Mrs Smith	Oak	2.45pm
Chestnut Group 2	9.00am	Mrs Old/Mrs Smith	Chestnut	3.00pm
Maple Group 1	8.45am	Miss Letchford/Mrs Cuthbertson	Maple	2.45pm
Sycamore Group 2	9.00am	Mrs Stephenson/Mrs Vallins	Sycamore	3.00pm

No Phones Policy

We have a no phones policy in school and would like to extend this to our playground and school gates so that we can set a good example. Please can parents refrain from using mobile phones in the playground and around the school, especially when collecting their children. Thank you!

Risk Assessments and Guidance

We will be regularly updating our risk assessments in line with Government guidance. Please visit our website for the latest version dated 8th September: <http://www.allsaintsemscotefederation.co.uk/>

Water Bottles and Mid-Morning Snack

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day in school. Please send the children in with a reusable named water bottle everyday. We also ask that parents/carers send their children in with a healthy fruit based snack for morning break.

Lunches

We are offering a hot deli bag provided by the school. Alternatively you are welcome to send the children in with a packed lunch from home. Please do not send any items that contain nuts as we have children with allergies who attend the school.

Communication

Please be aware that we will often make contact with parents/carers via text message and email. Please ensure that you inform the office of changes to contact numbers and email addresses so that we can keep in touch.

EMAIL If you wish to email school directly with any questions or to pass a message to a teacher please contact the office at admin2332@welearn365.com

School Uniform

Please visit www.gooddies.co.uk or <https://www.creative-embroiders.co.uk/> for all labelled school uniform orders.

Story Sacks

Mrs Fawbert would like to thank those parents who have been making a Story Sack over the Summer. She appreciates they are a huge time commitment and require a lot of thought and work, so she is very grateful. As soon as they are complete, please give them to a member of staff on the gate in the morning and once they are all in, Mrs Fawbert will make plans for how they will be lent out and when this can begin based around Covid guidelines. Thanks again!

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-1191716?e=56e08a503a>

In this edition you will find out about Communities Supporting Young Carers project, what actions to take in the event of relationship breakdown when gaining a joint Universal Credit claim, a new Warwickshire County Council grant scheme for voluntary and community organisations across the county and much more.

School Open Days/Tours

Traditionally we like to show any prospective parents our school on a one to one basis rather than offering an open day. Please let any family and friends know to contact the office to arrange a tour of the school from the outside. We are also able to send lots of information, including a virtual tour of our classrooms, via email or this can be accessed via our website.

Preschool Vacancy

Emscote Preschool are looking to employ a member of staff to work from 8.30am-3.45pm Monday to Friday. Ideally, with an NVQ3 qualification, the position is to cover maternity leave for one year only. Please contact Laura at emscotepreschool@gmail.com for further information.

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>

Leamington RFC



MINI & JUNIOR RUGBY

**Is there a future Rugby World Cup hero in your house?
Bring them down to Moorefields and we'll find the
rugby player in them**



**Leamington RFC is a fully
accredited family friendly
rugby club offering
high quality coaching in a fun
environment for boys and
girls aged 6-16**



**Come along to one of our taster sessions on
6th or 13th September 10:30-12:00
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

**Find us at Moorefields, Kenilworth Road, Leamington Spa, CV32 6RG
Or send us a message for more details**