

Emscote Express

Issue 1, 10th September 2021

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 returning to school this week smiling and eager to learn. They have settled into their new year classes so well and have worked incredibly hard all week, well done! We would also like to welcome two apprentice teaching assistants, Miss Witnall and Miss Reilly, to our reception team.

As you know from other letters and texts we have sent, we have had quite a few weeks learning to live with Covid-19. We are doing our best to get back to normal but the virus is keeping us on our toes. The staff at Emscote continue to amaze me with their positivity, resilience and 'can do' spirit under very challenging circumstances. I am sure if we as a community continue to be kind, compassionate and understanding we will weather this current storm. Please do wear a mask, keep your distance and test when a child is displaying symptoms.

As we have seen, Covid-19 spreads very easily and can make people unwell and can threaten the education of our children.

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

Dates for the Diary

2021

Tues 14th Sept 9.30am	Year 1 Virtual Class Welcome Meeting	Please check emails for zoom link (Oak zoom link to be sent out on Monday)
Tues 14th Sept 9.30am	Year 2 Virtual Class Welcome Meeting	Please check emails for zoom link
Wed 29th Sept	Virtual reading meeting for reception parents	Led by Mrs Stephenson and Mr Queralt. More info to follow
Fri 1st Oct	Individual Class Photos	
Tues 19th Oct	Virtual parents evenings	Appointments and info to follow
Wed 20th Oct	Flu Immunisation	All year groups - more info to follow
Thurs 21st Oct	Virtual parents evenings	Appointments and info to follow
Mon 25th - Fri 29th Oct	HALF TERM	
Mon 1st Nov	Children return to school	Please note: this was previously set as an Inset Day, but this has now changed (updated calendar below).
Thurs 11th Nov	Remembrance Day	If your child attends a uniformed club they may wear their uniform to school
Mon 15th Nov	Odd Socks Day - start of anti-bullying week	Children can wear odd socks to school to help raise awareness
Fri 19th Nov	Children in Need	More info to follow
Thurs 17th Dec	END OF TERM (CHRISTMAS BREAK)	

Queens's Platinum Jubilee

In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Warwickshire schools will be taking an extra day holiday on Friday 22nd July 2022, meaning that the Summer Term 2022 will now end on Thursday 21st July 2022 (see calendar towards the end of this newsletter)

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 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

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!

Lunches

Children will continue to order their meal at the start of the day after registration. The children can choose between a meat or vegetarian option, so please ensure you have talked through the choices with your child so they know what to order. A copy of the menu for this academic year has already been emailed out but is also attached to this newsletter. If you choose to send your child in with a packed lunch please remember that we are a **nut free** school. 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.creativeembroiders.co.uk/> for all labelled school uniform orders.

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 at admin2332@welearn365.com to arrange a tour of the school.

Reading Meeting

All Reception parents are invited to a virtual meeting on 29th September at 7pm, to talk about how we teach reading here at Emscote Infant School. It's a great opportunity to see how best to support your child to acquire this lifelong skill.

Zoom Meeting details to be confirmed at a later date.

School Photos

Jane Stapleton Photography will be in school on Friday 1st October to take individual photos of all the children.

Flu Immunisation

Children from reception. Year 1 and year 2 are able to receive their annual flu vaccination in school on Wed 20th October. Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. The vaccination is a free, quick and simple spray up the nose. An electronic consent form will be emailed later at a later date.

Afterschool Clubs

Spaces are still available for drama, netball and some premier active clubs. Please contact the providers to book direct.

Day	Club	Time	Year Group	Provider/Teacher	Cost/Booking	Venue
Monday	Multi-Sports	3-4pm	Y1 and Y2	Premier Active	£4 per session. Book directly at www.premieractive.co.uk	Emscote Infant School
	Drama Club	3-4pm	Y1 and Y2	Arts Insight	£5 per session. Book directly via Arts Insight - See letter attached	Emscote Infant School
Tuesday	Gymnastics	3-4pm	Y1 and Y2	Premier Active	£4 per session. Book directly at www.premieractive.co.uk	Emscote Infant School
	Yoga and Wellbeing	3-4pm	Y1 and Y2	Mrs Vallins	£12 per half term. Payment details will be sent out along with confirmation of your child's place in the club.	Emscote Infant School
	Choir	3-4pm	Y2 only	Mrs Hart or Mrs Gray	£12 per half term. Payment details will be sent out along with confirmation of your child's place in the club.	Emscote Infant School
Wednesday	Football Please note: Football will be held on the field at All Saints Junior School. Premier Active will walk the children up to the junior school and parents are asked to collect from All Saints Junior School, Main Gate on Nelson Avenue at 4.30pm. Please send children with football kit and boots as the field is muddy.	3-4.30pm	Y1 and Y2	Premier Active	£4.50 per session. Book directly at www.premieractive.co.uk	All Saints Infant School (children to be collected from All Saint/ Premier Active will walk children to Scallywags if required)
	Arts & Crafts with Mrs Hutchin	3-4pm	Y1 and Y2	Mrs Hutchin	£12 per half term. Payment details will be sent out along with confirmation of your child's place in the club.	Emscote Infant School
	Netball	3-4pm	Y1 and Y2	Kid Squad	£6 per session. Book directly at info@kidsquadwarwickshire.co.uk	Emscote Infant School
Thursday	Tag Rugby	3-4pm	Y1 and Y2	Premier Active	£4 per session. Book directly at www.premieractive.co.uk	Emscote Infant School

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-1198611?e=819c8cf1fc>

As this week marks the start of the Autumn school term, in this edition of the Family Information Service newsletter there is information for parents and carers who have a child starting school as well as some exciting sessions from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, a workshop for keeping children safe online and much more.

The Family Information Service is here to support families across Warwickshire. As always, you can get in touch with us by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 742274.

#ShareTheSpace

With increasing numbers of cyclists using the county's roads, Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is asking all road users to please **#ShareTheSpace** and to leave plenty of room when overtaking cyclists on the county's roads. To find out more please visit [Road safety advice for drivers and cyclists who #ShareTheSpace on Warwickshire's roads](#)

Eligibility for Free School Meals and other funding

We know that from time to time circumstances can change and you may find you become eligible for Free School Meals and subsequently Pupil Premium Funding. Each year our school receives funding from the government called 'Pupil Premium for EACH CHILD registered and this enables us to provide vital extra resources to support those children and in turn, the whole school. This is calculated in October so if you think you could be eligible you should apply now.

To make an application if you think you may be eligible (see next page for criteria) please visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

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>

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2021/22

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August 2021						
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June 2022						
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July 2022						
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August 2022						
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September 2022						
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Half Term	Days
1	37
2	35
3	34
4	30
5	24
6	34
Total*	194

Term	Total days
Autumn Term	72
Spring Term	64
Summer Term	58



■ **School Holiday** * one more day of holiday than usual due to additional day granted for
■ **Public Holiday** Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
■ **Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)**



■ **School Induction Day**

Inset Days set by school are highlighted above - 3/9, 28/2, 6/06]

Weekly Menu

A vegan meal is available on request on days when (V) is indicated in the menu. All our fish is farmed, whole, fresh and although great care has been taken to remove all bones, some may remain.

SEP 2021 Update

Week one

Week Commencing: 30/08, 20/9, 11/10, 1/11, 22/11, 13/12, 31/12, 24/1, 14/2, 7/3, 28/3, 2/5, 23/5, 20/6, 11/7.

MONDAY

Choose a main meal...
British Pork Sausages with Gravy and Creamy Mashed Potatoes

On the side...
Vegetables of the Day

(V,h) Chinese Style Quorn with Noodles

For dessert...
(V) Strawberry Swirl Mousse
(V) Cheddar Cheese, Crackers and Apple Slices
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...
Barbecue Marinated British Chicken Breast Wrap, Baked Potato Wedges

On the side...
Fresh Salad
Corn on the Cob or Peas

(V,h) Chef's Free Range Omelette with Baked Potato Wedges

For dessert...
(V,h) Peach Melba Sponge with Raspberry Drizzle Icing
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**
British Roast Pork Joint or Loyn Steak or Gammon Joint, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes

On the side...
Vegetables of the Day

(V) Vegetable Korma with Rice

For dessert...
(V,h) Apple Charlotte and Custard
(V) Ice Cream Tub
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...
(h) Lowerhurst Farm Organic Beef Bolognese with Pasta and Malted Wheat Baguette

On the side...
Vegetables of the Day
Baked Beans

(V,h) Cheddar Cheese and Potato Pie

For dessert...
(V) Chocolate Mousse with Fruit in Juice on the Side
(Vg,h) Cherry Cookie
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... **FISHY FRIDAY**
(mso) Crispy Salmon Fishcake with Cris-Cross Potatoes

On the side...
Fresh Salad
Peas or Baked Beans

(V,h) Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Cris-Cross Potatoes

For dessert...
(V,h) Chocolate Frosted Sponge
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Everyday we offer: Fruit Juice, Cordial, Organic Semi Skimmed Milk and a Fresh Bread Basket! Ketchup is offered with selected dishes. Vegetable accompaniments change to reflect seasonal availability.

Week two

Week Commencing: 6/9, 27/9, 18/10, 8/11, 29/11, 10/12, 31/1, 14/3, 4/4, 9/5, 6/6, 27/6, 18/7.

MONDAY

Choose a main meal...
Organic Pork Meatballs, Rich and Rustic Tomato Gravy and Pasta

On the side...
Vegetables of the Day

(Vg,h) Veggie Sausages with Gravy and Crispy Diced Potatoes

For dessert...
(Vg,h) Chef's Choice Flapjack
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...
Brunn Lunch - Bacon Medallion, Pork Sausage, Omelette and Baked Potato Wedges

On the side...
Peas
Baked Beans

(V,h) Mild and Creamy Quorn Korma with Wholegrain Rice

For dessert...
(V,h) Chef's Sponge Cake Choice with Fruit in Juice on the Side
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**
British Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes

On the side...
Vegetables of the Day

(Vg,h) Veggie Bolognese with Noodles

For dessert...
(V,h) Fruit Crumble and Custard
(V) Ice Cream Tub
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...
(h) British Chicken Pie with Gravy, Creamy Mash or Crispy Potatoes

On the side...
Vegetables of the Day

(Vg) Breadcrumbed Vegetable Fingers with Crispy Potatoes

For dessert...
(V,h) Up Beat Chocolate Cake
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... **FISHY FRIDAY**
(mso) Gluten Free Breaded Fish Fillet with Chipped Potatoes

On the side...
Peas
Baked Beans

(V) Quorn Nuggets with Rainbow Rice/Sweet Chilli Dip

For dessert...
(V) Two Dinky Doughnuts with Dipping Sauce
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

(V) Vegetarian option (h) Homemade (Vg) Vegan (mso) Certified Sustainable Seafood (h) Homemade

Week three

Week Commencing: 13/9, 4/10, 15/11, 6/12, 17/12, 7/2, 28/2, 21/3, 25/4, 16/5, 13/6, 4/7.

MONDAY

Choose a main meal... **MEAT FREE MONDAY**
(V) Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges

On the side...
Peas
Baked Beans

(Vg) Plant Power Veggie Balls in Rich and Rustic Tomato Sauce with Rice

For dessert...
(Vg,h) Chocolate Crackle
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...
Lowerhurst Farm Organic Beef Grill in a High Fibre Bun with Crispy Potatoes

On the side...
Fresh Salad
Vegetables of the Day

(V,h) Cheesy Pasta Bake with Malted Wheat Baguette

For dessert...
Jelly with Fruit
(V) Ice Cream Tub
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**
British Roast Chicken Joint or Fillet, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes

On the side...
Vegetables of the Day

(V) Quorn Fillet, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes

For dessert...
(V,h) Syrup Sponge with Custard
(Vg,h) Zesty Orange Cookie
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...
(h) Lowerhurst Farm Organic Beef and Tomato Fusilli with Garlic Bread

On the side...
Fresh Salad
Vegetables of the Day

(Vg) Veggie Hot Dog in a Finger Roll with Ketchup and Baked Potato Wedges

For dessert...
(Vg,h) Shortbread
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... **FISHY FRIDAY**
(mso) Gluten Free Breaded Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes

On the side...
Peas
Baked Beans

(V,h) Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese

For dessert...
(V,h) Chocolate and Pear Brownie
(V) Ice Cream Tub
(V) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Please contact your school cook for information regarding the content of dishes and products on our menu. **Allergies**



100% FRESH
100% BRITISH
100% LOCAL



New Craft Club at



'The Crafty Café'

All Saints Church

Do you like doing Crafty things?

*How about a cup of tea and cake and a
natter with other people?*

1st and 3rd Tuesdays in month,

1.30pm to 3.30pm

Starts on 21st September

*Bring a craft, try a craft or simply come along
and enjoy refreshments
and good company.*

All are welcome!



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KITS ACADEMY

Special Coventry Blaze Ticket Offer:

Adult £12 Under-16 £7
Per-ticket, per-game. Normal price £19 and £11

Wednesday 15th September vs. Manchester Storm
at 7.30pm (pre-season)

Sunday 19th September vs. Guildford Flames
at 5.30pm (Challenge Cup)

Saturday 25th September vs. Fife Flyers
at 7pm (Elite League opener)

Skydome Arena, Croft Rd, Coventry CV1 3AZ

To book, complete the online form at:
tinyurl.com/blazearebackpromo

Or scan the QR code.

Collect and pay for the tickets (in cash) on the night of the game.

Questions? Email us: coventryblazehockey@gmail.com

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Enjoy the show.

Triple ticket promotional offer: The Blaze are back!

After over 18 months off the ice, the Coventry Blaze are back, and raring to go as top-level Elite League Ice Hockey returns to the Skydome Arena.

To celebrate, in association with [Kits Academy](http://www.kitsacademy.com) via our Sport in the Community programme, they are offering our staff, students, friends and family promotional priced tickets to each of the first three games:

To book tickets: Complete the online application form by clicking on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/HwwRojJeJ37wAfsR7>

An email booking confirmation will be sent which is required to be shown when collecting the tickets ahead of the game/s.

Tickets should please be paid for IN CASH.

Tickets can be collected and paid for at the Promotional Ticket Desk, next to the main Arena box office ahead of the game.

Doors will open one hour before face-off.

If you have any questions, or need help, please e-mail: coventryblazehockey@gmail.com