

Emscote Express

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Diary dates

2019

February

- 4th Growth Mindset information evening 6pm
- 5th Parent's Evening from 5pm
- 6th Severn Trent science workshops
Parent's Evening from 3.15pm
- 7th Chinese New Year celebration assembly
- 18th – 22nd – HALF TERM
- 25th Living Eggs arrive in school (hatching programme)

March

- 5th Warwick Rotary Pancake Races
- 7th World Book Day (dress up as a book character)
- 8th Sycamore Sharing Assembly
- 11th Year 2 Learning Together workshops
- 13th Year 1 Learning Together workshops
- 14th Reception heights/weights check
- 15th Oak Sharing Assembly
Red Nose Day
- 22nd Chestnut Sharing Assembly
- 28th Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
- 29th Cherry Sharing Assembly

April

- 5th Willow Sharing Assembly
- 10th Maple Sharing Assembly (Wednesday)
- 11th Easter Service at All Saints' Church, 9am
- 12th TERM FINISHES
- 29th RETURN TO SCHOOL

May

- 6th Bank Holiday – school closed
- 27th – 31st – HALF TERM

June

- 3rd – Inset day – school closed

July

- 19th – TERM FINISHES for pupils
- 22nd - Inset day – school closed



Eco efforts can boost our budget!

Like many schools we are always looking at ways to save money and be more eco friendly.

If you have any spare envelopes from marketing or junk mail, bring them into the office and we will use them.

Thank you

Just a reminder that there must be no nuts or nut products in packed lunches to protect children with serious allergies.

Thank you



Flipping Fun!



As in previous years we are entering a team in the **Rotary Pancake Races** on Tuesday 5th March at 1.30pm in Warwick Market Place. Mrs Vallins will be holding heats this month to get together a crack team of year 2 children!

We will need some parent volunteers to help on the day



Growth Mindset Workshop

Mr Queralt is doing a talk on how to help your child develop a 'growth mindset' on

Monday 4th February at 6pm.

No need to book!

Mathletics Competition winners

There was much excitement in assembly today when Mr Queralt drew the winners of the Mathletics Prize Draw! Well done to all those who took part.



See page 2 for a report from the School Council trip to the Houses of Parliament!

Safer Internet Day

We are encouraging all children to enter poster competition to help them understand how to keep safe on the internet. Information sheets will be given out as homework, so keep an eye out and help children think about this issue. They may even win a prize for school!

School Council visit to the Houses of Parliament

30 children from our school council were very fortunate to be invited to have a tour of the Houses of Parliament. On a tumultuous day for Britain and our future relationship with Europe, our School Council were right in the heart of the action. They saw colourful (and vocal!) protests for and against Brexit, the mass of press camped out on College Green, and even met Caroline Lucas MP, leader of the Green Party.

As ever their behaviour was immaculate and a credit to our schools, and they all started to understand that being on the school council is the first step on the ladder to democratic leadership. Who knows, the trip may have inspired a future Prime Minister!



Learning Together Workshops

This term the year 1 and 2 Learning Together Workshops will focus on maths. These help parents to support their child's learning, so every child needs an adult to attend with them.

Sycamore 11th March 9am, Maple 11th March 2pm

Oak 13th March 9am, Chestnut 13th March 2pm

5p Challenge

The PTA are organising a 5p challenge for each class. Children can bring in 5ps to fill up a lemonade bottle, and the class with the most 5ps will get a prize. Any money raised by the class will go into class funds so every class is a winner anyway!



Emscote Express Book Corner

Every issue, we ask a member of staff or school helper to tell us about their favourite book. This issue's guest in the Book Corner is Kitchen Assistant **Miss Wilkinson**

Title of Book

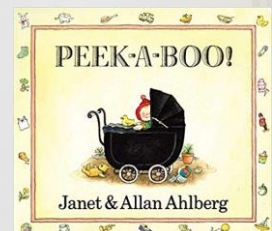
'Peekaboo' by Janet Ahlberg

What's it about?

A rhyming book with holes to peek through, telling the story of a baby's day

Why is it your favourite book?

My three children all really enjoyed this book, and my two older children will still look at it occasionally now! It's a story and a game and they all liked peeking to see what was there.



PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

- 1 Talk to children and babies about feeling safe and keeping safe. It's never too early to start.
- 2 Always give children the reason for any decisions you have made – it helps them to understand 'why?' ...'Because I say so' is not a good enough reason!
- 3 Help to build your child's confidence and self esteem. Praise them often. People who choose to bully or who are dangerous to children will often pick out less confident children or those who spend time or go out alone.
- 4 Listen to your children, especially when they are trying to tell you about things that worry them. Let children know that you will always take them seriously and do whatever you can to keep them safe.
- 5 Let children know they never have to do anything they don't like with an adult or another child - even if it is someone they know. Practise this at home by never making them kiss or hug an adult if they don't want to.
- 6 Teach children to trust their own 'Early Warning Signs' or 'gut feelings' about people and situations.
- 7 As soon as children are able to understand, teach them their full name, address and phone number. Practise these with them until you are sure they can remember.
- 8 In most situations, children under about eight years old shouldn't be out alone. Even when out playing with older children, they need to be kept in the care and sight of an adult or a much older child who is mature and trustworthy.
- 9 Never leave young children in unsupervised play areas in shops or parks. Don't leave them alone in the car or outside a shop, not even for a few minutes.
- 10 If you are in a crowded place, keep children in a pram or buggy, hold hands tightly or use reins. Don't walk ahead of small children who can't keep up. Remember it only takes a moment for toddlers to wander off.
- 11 You can start teaching children simple rules about personal safety from as young as two or three. Tell them clearly that they must never go off with anyone, not even with someone they know, without first asking you or the adult looking after them.
- 12 Teach older children safe ways of crossing roads, going shopping and asking adults for directions and let them practise these with you until you are sure they have understood. Help children decide who would be the safest adults to talk to if they need help or get lost (e.g. Police officer, shop-keeper, someone with a young child).
- 13 When children are mature enough to be out alone, make sure they tell you: Who they are going out with, Where they are going (and how to contact them), When they will be back.
- 14 In busy public places arrange somewhere to meet in case you get separated, like an information desk or specific shop/bank.
- 15 Keep electronic devices and televisions in public areas of your home, not in children's bedrooms. Monitor what your children are watching & looking at. Encourage children to talk with you if they feel uncomfortable about anything they come across.
- 16 There is no law that states the minimum age that a child can be left alone. However, it is an offence to leave a child alone when doing so puts him or her at risk. Never leave a baby or young child alone at home, whether asleep or awake. Most children under thirteen should not be left for more than a very short period and no child under sixteen should be left overnight.

No matter how much you teach your child about safety, remember the limits of their age and maturity.