

Emscote Express

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Diary dates

2019

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

Silly Sock Day for Autism Awareness

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

Dates for the diary

Following a suggestion from a parent, any new dates on the calendar will be in bold so that you can spot them easily.



Teacher on her travels!

Our intrepid Miss Letchford is currently in Bo, Sierra Leone, working with a school there through the One World Link organisation. Focussing on environmental education for the children, Miss Letchford is helping teachers there improve classroom learning and skills. She Skyped on Wednesday so she could update us, and the children from Warwick and Bo had a lovely time waving at each other! We can't wait to hear about all her adventures when she comes back.



Safer Internet Day

Well done to all the children who took part in the Safer Internet Day competition to design a poster. Governor Mrs Finney who is responsible for E-Safety, commented "Congratulations on your lovely homework – there were lots of colourful and clear posters about 'Staying Safe Online'.

I was very impressed with the amount of entries and the amount of thought that had gone into them. I look forward to seeing the winning entries displayed at school."

It was difficult to choose, but Mr Queralt and Mrs Finney selected **Jason, Tilly, Zaki, Navaeh** and **Evie P**, who all receive a certificate. A huge well done to these children, and the entries will now be submitted to Warwickshire for the County competition.

Hot off the press!

It was lovely to see that our trip to the Houses of Parliament was featured in last week's Warwick Courier, and we hope the children who went enjoyed seeing themselves in print!



Is this film/game/tv programme okay for my child?

As parents and carers, it can be challenging to determine whether or not content is appropriate for our children. That's where BBFC and PEGI age ratings come in... See the back of the newsletter for a full guide.



Midday Supervisor Job

Do you like looking after children and need a part-time job? We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our team of Midday Supervisors. Hours are 1hr 15mins Monday - Friday, term time only. Employed by Warwickshire County Council you will be eligible for a pension and other benefits, and full training will be given. Please contact the office on 01926 491433 if you are interested.



March Madness – get reading and win Pie Face for your family!

As last year, we are holding a March Reading Raffle to encourage children to read to a parent or carer six times a week. The winner will receive Mr Queralt's favourite game, and everyone can improve reading, a key life skill. Full information will be sent out after half term.



Anyone for Tennis?

Warwick Boat Club have a great offer for kids to have a go at tennis. For £25 they get 6 coaching sessions, a t-shirt and a racket and ball set. To sign up visit www.tennisforkids.co.uk and use postcode CV34 4HB, or call 07973 413316 for more details.



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 parent and Book Club volunteer

Mrs Carey

Title of Book

Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo

What's it about?

It's a great story about a girl Flora who saves a squirrel called Ulysses from near death, and he then develops super powers.

Why is it your favourite book?

It's a really exciting book and the lead character is a girl! It's A crazy and fun story and it also deals with difficult feelings In a very humorous way.





What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:



Universal, suitable for all ages



Parental Guidance required



Suitable for people aged 12 and over



Suitable for people aged 12 and over; anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult



Suitable for people aged 15 and over



Suitable for people aged 18 and over



Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:



PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info



**National
Online
Safety**

A whole school community approach to online safety
www.nationalonlinesafety.com

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