

# ***Emscote Express***

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that the recent lifting of Covid restrictions enables us to invite you back into school again, something we've all missed!

A popular feature of our opportunities for parental engagement were our 'family afternoons' and we're looking forward to hosting these once again. Each year group will host an afternoon for you to come into school week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March; this is a lovely opportunity for parents to see the classrooms, look at your child's books and have a cup of tea and cake in the school hall. This is always a lovely opportunity to spend time with your child and other families in school, as well as a chance to chat with the year group staff on a more informal basis.

We would also like to confirm that all of our children will have opportunities to go out on school trips this academic year. As many of you will be aware, some year groups have already done so; we link trips with the curriculum area being studied so some visits take place in the Spring and Summer terms. Some of the trips will differ from previous years as we are always looking for new opportunities to bring the curriculum to life. We will also be encouraging parents to help out on school trips where possible to help with numbers.

Finally, we are really pleased to let you know that we will be inviting parents back in to join us for certificate assemblies on a Friday morning. Parents are also welcome to come into the office with any queries throughout the school day, rather than be restricted to just email and phone calls.

Kind regards,

Mr Queralt

Dates for the Diary		
2022		
Tues 8th March	Year 1 Local Walk	Letters have been sent out to all year 1 parents this week
Fri 18th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day	Non Uniform and Mad Hair
Mon 21st March	Zones of Regulation Virtual Parent Meeting 7pm	Zoom session with Mr Queralt at 7pm. Open to all year groups across the Federation. Zoom link to be confirmed nearer the time.
21st March - 1st April	Sustran Big Walk and Wheel	All children can take part - more details to follow
Thurs 24th March	Fiery Feet Performance 2.30pm	Y1 children only, parents invited to attend
Fri 25th March	Vision screening programme	Reception children only
Mon 28th March	Phonics Screening Virtual Meeting 7pm	Workshop aimed at year 1 parents to be hosted by Mr Queralt and Mrs Stephenson at 7-7.30pm. Zoom link to be confirmed nearer the time.
Fri 8th April	END OF TERM (EASTER BREAK)	
Mon 25th April	Children return to school	
Wed 4th May	Year 1 Trip to Mary Arden's Farm	Sharing Shakespeare's Story Workshop
Mon 23rd May	Trip to Brandon Marsh (TBC)	Reception Year only (further details to follow via email)
May 30th - June 3rd	Half Term	
Mon 6th June	INSET DAY	Children not in school
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> June	RETURN TO SCHOOL	
Wed 6th July	Transition Day	
Thurs 21st July	END OF TERM (SUMMER BREAK)	

## Unicef Fundraiser for Tonga

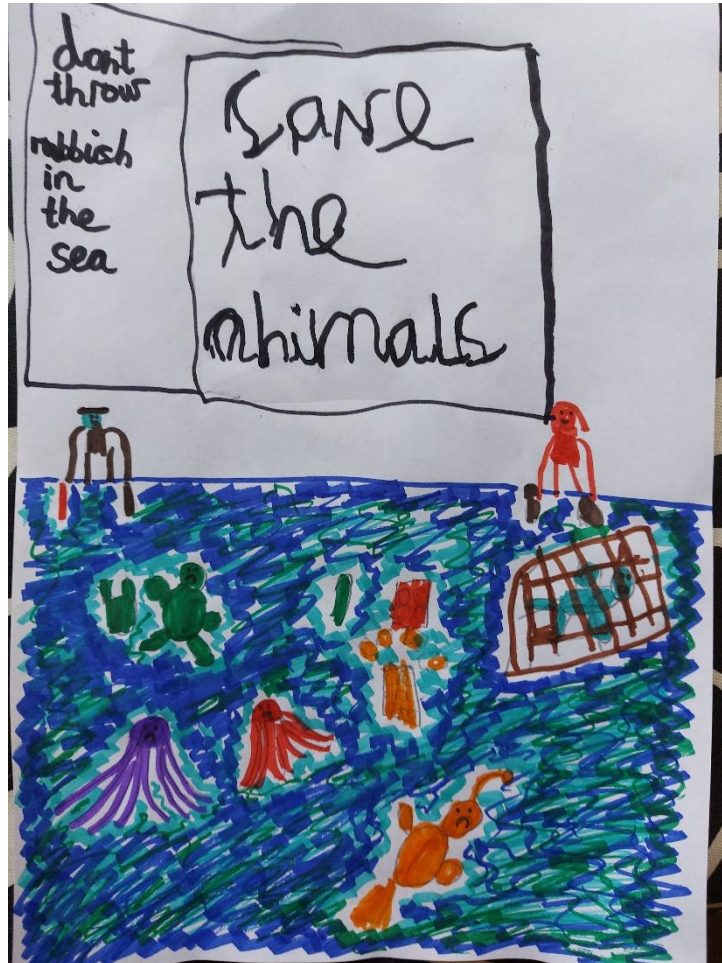
Thanks to your generous donations we raised £220.13 to help towards keeping children safe in Tonga.

## Donations of Boxes of Tissues

We still have lots of children with cough and colds at the moment. We would be really grateful for any donations of boxes of tissues. Please bring any donations to the school office. Thank you.

## Eco Team – Save the Planet Competition

Thank you to Olivia and Fred on our Eco Team for creating their fantastic Save the Planet posters!





# World Book Day and Pancake Day

## Fun this week at school...



## Mental Health Survey

Our school are invested in supporting the emotional and mental health needs of our school community. It is important to us that we capture your feedback as this will help us to develop our work, and make sure we are meeting everyone's needs. We'd be grateful if as many of you as possible could complete the questionnaire provided via the link below, by **Friday 11th March**. The survey has only 10 questions which ask how we as a school support mental well-being in children.

The information from this questionnaire will be used to help us develop our strategy to creating a whole school approach to mental health. Please note, this is completely anonymous so we will not be able to match any personal details with your answers. Those of you who have a child at Emscote will receive an identical but separate survey (see below) and we'd be grateful if you could complete both. Due to the age differences in each school, we have a necessarily different approach at times, but as a federation, we are keen to support all of our children to the best of our ability so your views will be highly valued.

<https://app.myedupod.com/survey/17e0bea8-bb53-4654-8017-38abe38b85fe/care-givers>

## Red Nose Day – Fri March 18<sup>th</sup>

Help us raise funds this year for comic relief by dressing in non-uniform and having crazy hair for the day! Red noses still on sale in school for £1.50 each.



## Online Payments

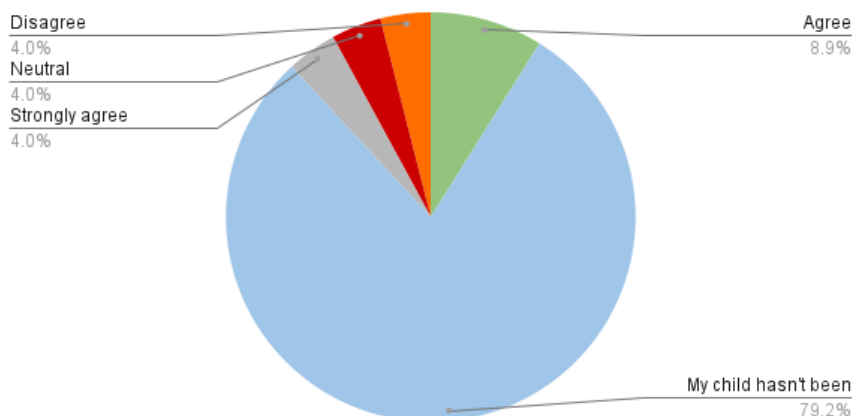
Following feedback from our recent parent questionnaire, we are currently looking into setting up an online payment system for trips, toast money and fundraising events at Emscote. We will be in touch with further details if we find this to be financially viable for the school.

## Results of February Parent Questionnaire

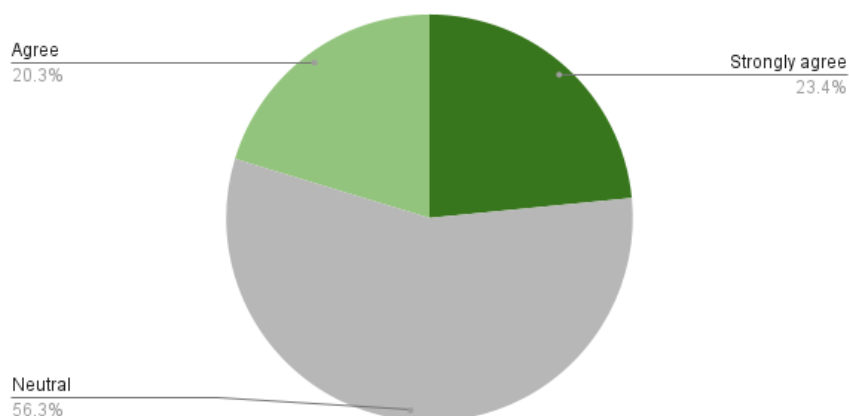
Thank you for taking the time to complete our most recent parent questionnaire. We would like to take this opportunity to share a selection of the results with you.

Please remember that we are always here for parents should they have any questions or concerns.

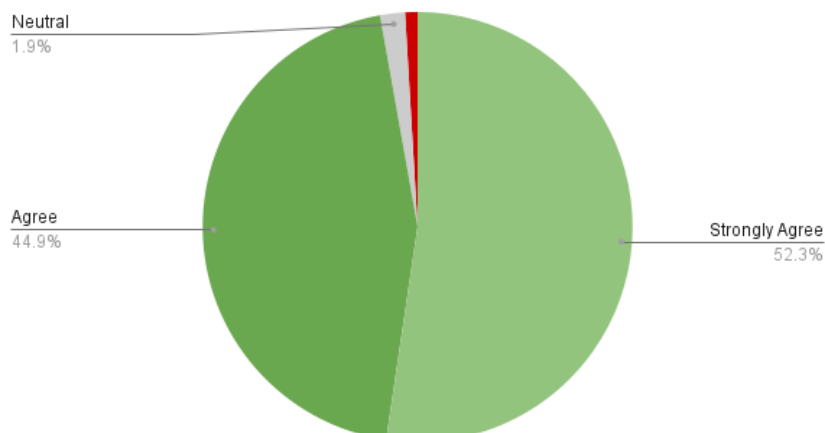
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.



If you have a child with a special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), how well are they supported to succeed?

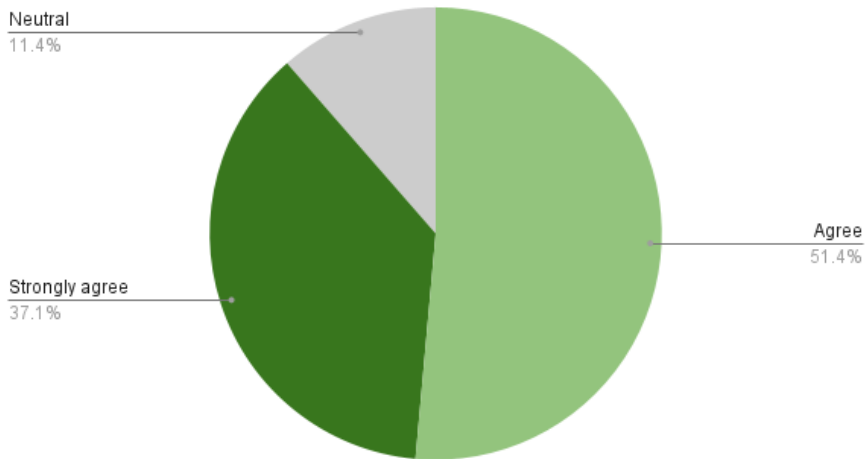


My child is happy at this school

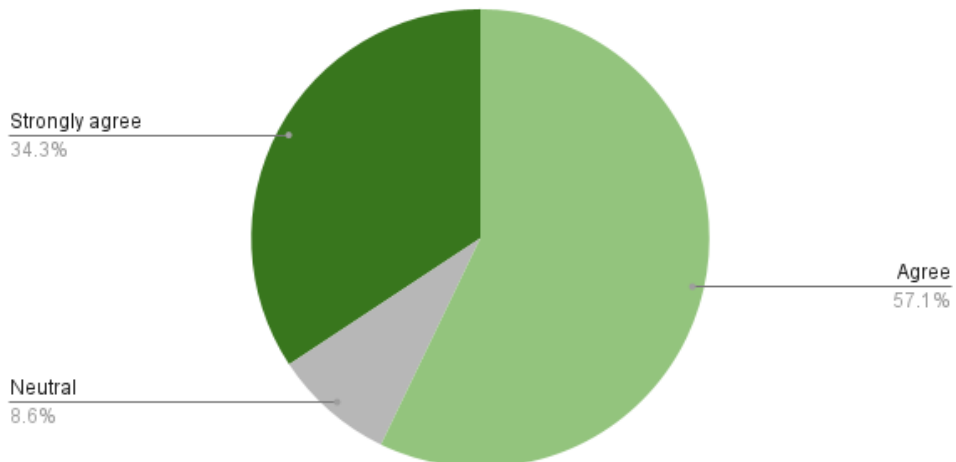




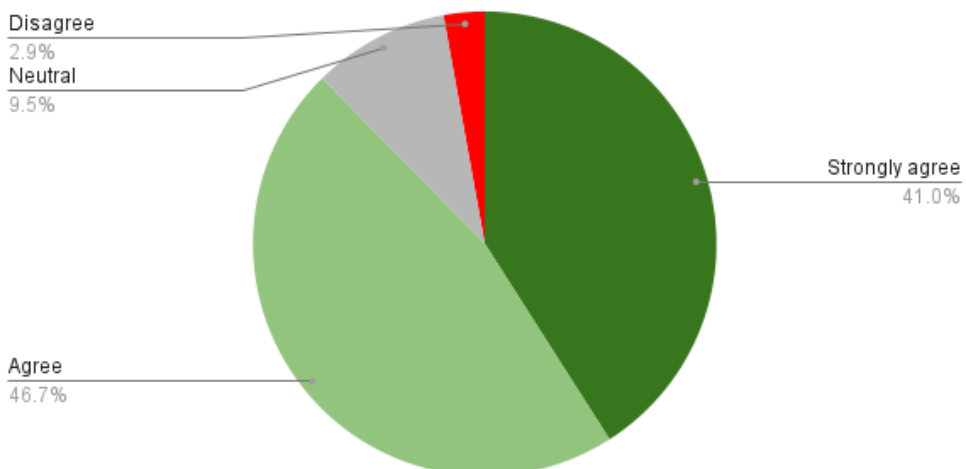
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.



There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.



Count of My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.



## Helpers in School

After the February Half Term, we would like to actively welcome parent/grandparent helpers to come and support us in school. We know many of you have skills and experience which can really add to the pupils learning and experience during their time at our school. Over the years, we have had parents come and actively participate with a variety of tasks such as art or cooking and help us in areas such as hearing children read and supporting us on the school trips and visits.

If you think you may be interested please contact the school office so that we can arrange for you to apply for an Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring screening check) in advance.

## PTA Second Hand Clothes Rail



Each school office has a PTA uniform rail with a range of uniform including cardigans and jumpers. Please feel free to have a browse and make a donation if you are able, or if you are in need please take for free.

## Heathy Food Choices

We always try to promote healthy eating choices within school and would like to remind parents that if sending in birthday treats, please can you only send in a very small treat. Thank you!



**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-1202594?e=56e08a503a>

In this weeks Family Information Service newsletter find out about National Offer Day, community supermarkets, Act for Autism workshops and much more!

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with advice and information. You can get in touch with the team for by emailing [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk) or calling [01926 742274](tel:01926742274).

**March newsletter from Connect for Health**

Our March health and wellbeing update for families includes information about World Sleep Day, Child Exploitation Awareness Day, and the Hebrew festival Holi. We hope the public health messages covered will help families to get a better night's sleep and learn to spot the signs of child exploitation. Link: <https://www.compass-uk.org/newsletter-march-2022/>

**Kooth resources**

Kooth is an online wellbeing community that offers free, anonymous support for young people.

**What's on in March?** Link: <https://www.compass-uk.org/whats-on-in-march/>  
**Eating Disorder Week** Link: <https://www.compass-uk.org/eating-disorder-week/>  
**Self-Injury Awareness Day** Link: <https://www.compass-uk.org/self-injury-awareness-day/>



**FOOD glorious FOOD**

# WE ARE RECRUITING

## A HEAD OF KITCHEN

At Newburgh Primary

Are you looking for a role where you can spread smiles by serving delicious food to children and also be part of an amazing team?

**27.5 hours per week    £ 10    Per Hour**

If you're interested in the role, please send your CV to [hr@educaterers.co.uk](mailto:hr@educaterers.co.uk)

Or if you would like more information, please call us on **01926 743434**

Educaterers offer **great benefits**,

- School holidays off - Equated pay
- Term time only working hours
- NEST pension
- Reward and recognition schemes

- Staff benefits package which includes discount shopping vouchers, leisure attractions, utilities, insurances and more...

# 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>



A vegan meal is available on request on days when (vg) is not shown as a choice on the menu.

All our fish is natural whole fillet and although great care has been taken to remove all bones, some may remain.

## Week one

Week Commencing: 7/3, 28/3, 2/5, 23/5, 20/6, 1/7.

Choose a main meal... **MEAT FREE MONDAY**

**MONDAY**

(v) Crispy Quorn Dippers

with Barbecue Sauce or Ketchup and Baked Potato Wedges

(v/h) Vegetarian Korma with Quorn and Rice

Quorn is a plant based meat alternative that looks just like chicken, made from soy beans

Choose a main meal...

Gold Medal Winning British Pork Sausages with Gravy and Creamy Mash

(vg/h) Plant Power "Meatballs" in Rich and Rustic Tomato Sauce with Pasta

Our vegan "meatballs" come from the Kitchen of Forest Green Rovers FC, the world's first carbon neutral football team

Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**

**WEDNESDAY**

British Roast Chicken Joint or Fillet, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy

(vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy with Sage and Onion Stuffing

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Choose a main meal...

(h) Beef Bolognese with Pasta and Garlic Bread

(vg) Veggie Hot Dog with Crispy Diced Potatoes

Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY**

**FRIDAY**

(meo) Crispy Battered Salmon Fillet with Criss-Cross Potatoes

(v/h) Cheese and Tomato Pizzas with Criss-Cross Potatoes

Everyday we offer: Fruit Juice Cordial, Ketchup is offered with selected dishes.

Vegetable accompaniments change to reflect seasonal availability.

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## Weekly Menu

### Week two

Week Commencing: 14/3, 4/4, 9/5, 6/6, 27/6, 18/7.

Choose a main meal... **MEAT FREE MONDAY**

**MONDAY**

(v) Quorn Sausage Pate in a Breakfast Bap with Ketchup and Baked Potato Wedges

(v/h) Homemade Mac 'n' Cheese with a Crispy Top and Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette

Choose a main meal...

(h) Homemade Chicken Pie with Gravy and Creamy Mash

(v) Crispy Quorn Dippers with a Mild and Creamy Curry Sauce and Rainbow Rice

Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**

**WEDNESDAY**

British Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

(vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy (v) Yorkshire Pudding

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Choose a main meal...

(h) Organic Pork, Meatballs with Rich and Rustic Tomato Sauce and Pasta

(v/h) Homemade Vegetable Bunting Bake with Crispy Diced Potatoes

Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY**

**FRIDAY**

(meo) Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers

(vg) Breaded Vegetable Fingers

Everyday we offer: Fruit Juice Cordial, Ketchup is offered with selected dishes.

(v) Vegetarian Option (h) Homemade (vg) Vegan (meo) Certified Sustainable Seafood (h) Homemade

### Week three

Week Commencing: 21/3, 25/4, 16/5, 13/6, 4/7.

Choose a main meal... **MEAT FREE MONDAY**

**MONDAY**

(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizzas with Crispy Diced Potatoes

(vg) Sweet 'n' Sour Quorn with Noodles

Choose a main meal...

The Big Breakfast Brunch Bacon Medallion, Pork Sausage and Omelette with Baked Potato Wedges

(v/h) Cheesy Tomato Pasta with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette

Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**

**WEDNESDAY**

British Roast Pork or Gammon Joint or Lamb Steak, Apple Sauce and Gravy

(v) Quorn Roast in Gravy with Apple Sauce

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Choose a main meal...

Lowerhurst Farm Organic Beef Burger in a High Fibre Bun with Ketchup

(vg) Plant Power "Burger" in a High Fibre Bun with Ketchup and another veggie dip from the kitchen at Forest Green Rovers FC

Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY**

**FRIDAY**

(meo) Breaded Fish Fillet with Chipped Potatoes

(v/h) Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese

Everyday we offer: Fruit Juice Cordial, Ketchup is offered with selected dishes.

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



Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2021/22

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Half Term	Days
1	37
2	35
3	34
4	30
5	24
6	34
Total*	194

	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** Queens'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]