

Emscote Express

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Diary dates

2019



21st Choir trip to Young Voices, Birmingham

29th Federation School Council trip to Houses of Parliament

February

4th Growth Mindset information evening 6pm

5th Parent's Evening from 5pm

6th Severn Trent science workshops
Parent's Evening from 3.15pm

18th – 22nd – HALF TERM

25th Living Eggs arrive in school (hatching programme)

March

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

22nd Chestnut Sharing Assembly

29th Cherry Sharing Assembly

April

5th Willow Sharing Assembly

10th Maple Sharing Assembly

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



Good readers have happier and more successful lives!

We are always encouraging children at Emscote to read, and reminding parents to help them develop this skill by regularly listening to them.

Recent studies show that children who read well at 7 years of age are generally more successfully academically and have better careers as adults.

Even more importantly there is strong evidence that reading for pleasure can increase empathy, improve relationships with others, reduce the symptoms of depression and improve wellbeing throughout life.

Help your child develop this important life skill by listening to them read at least 4 times per week.

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

Mathletics madness!

As you are hopefully now aware, January is our Mathletics Month. Children are encouraged to log in to Mathletics as often as possible, and every time they earn a certificate, they will be entered into a draw to win some fantastic prizes. These include Pie Face, a light box, Dobble and some lego. We have 89 entries so far, so keep going!

If you have lost your log in or need any other assistance please see Mrs Baker in the office.



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!

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.**

What is a Growth Mindset?

Children with a **fixed mindset** believe that they are born with their intelligence and talent and it can't change...

Children with a **growth mindset** believe that ability can change as a result of effort, perseverance, and practice.

You might hear them say, "Maths is hard, but if I keep trying, I can get better at it."

No need to book!

Miss Letchford off to Sierra Leone

Miss Letchford is very excited to be packing her suitcase and travelling to Bo, Sierra Leone in February. She's going with two other teachers from local schools, to work with schools in our One World Link programme. The town of Bo used to have a huge rubbish dump that was burned regularly, and the teachers will be visiting it to see how the town are moving toward recycling.

The UK teachers will be also running workshops with the Bo schools to help the teachers there teach science and environmental issues better, including using problem solving strategies. We wish her a wonderful trip and can't wait to hear all about it on her return.



Safer Internet Day Competition

As a school we will be marking Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 5th February. We would like it if any of our children would like to enter the Warwickshire Safer Internet Day Competition.

Children are invited to design and make an online safety mascot for our school and write a short explanation about your choice and how your mascot might help to keep pupils in your school safe online. Class teachers will have full details and the winner will get a £100 cash prize for their school.



Running Club for Beginners

Andy Hudson, one of our Federation parents, has started a beginners running club using the 'Couch to 5 K' programme. They meet after drop off outside school on a Thursday morning, and sessions last no more than 1 hour. If you would like to join in, just turn up and have a chat to Andy. Open to men and women, and no running experience necessary.

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



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 Willow Class TA **Mrs Hart**

Title of Book

'You are all my favourites' by Sam McBratney

What's it about?

Mummy Bear and Daddy Bear must set about reassuring their three little bears – who are all different – that each one of them is equally special and equally loved.

Why is it your favourite book?

I liked it as sometimes my children would ask me 'am I your favourite just like the little bear and I would read them this story because they are both my favourite of course!

