

# ***Emscote Express***

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome you all back safely this term and we hope all children and parents enjoyed their well deserved half term break.

Autumn has always been a time to celebrate many traditional events and festivities, including Diwali, Bonfire Night and most recently Remembrance Day. I am extremely proud to say that our staff and children have not allowed Covid to stand in the way of these annual traditions. Just this week the whole school observed the 2 minutes silence in our 'fire' safety bubbles on the playground and placed wreaths at a wooden cross we'd made. Thanks to Mrs Madagan you can read about how we marked Remembrance Day this year in the Leamington Courier's online news articles.

In keeping with this, twice a week I hold a Zoom Assembly for all of the children, where we cover a range of topical themes, online safety and celebrate effort and achievement. At the start and end of each assembly I would like to spend a few minutes for children to show their talents, linked to growth mindset skills and practice. I would like you to send me a short clip (up to 30 seconds) of your child showing off a talent that they are proud of – this might be riding a bike, playing a musical instrument, reading a poem or explaining a master piece. Please email a short video clip (best with sound and filmed in landscape) to [admin2332@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2332@welearn365.com).

Yours sincerely,

Mr Queralt

Dates for the Diary	
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Sock Day (Anti Bullying Awareness)
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Lockdown Quiz 3-4pm
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Non uniform day & donate a tombola prize
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day- £1 donation for Save The Children
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lunch and virtual pantomime in school
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas class parties
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
February 15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset day
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Living eggs arrive in school

## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November Odd Socks Day

Throughout next week all children will be engaged in discussions in class and assembly to support and explain anti bullying. The aim is to prevent bullying and help children to deal with it appropriately. In support of the anti bullying campaign children can wear odd socks to school on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. There are no donations required though, we simply want to help raise awareness.

For more information please visit <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2020-united-against-bullying>



# Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you for taking the time to complete our parent questionnaire recently. We have published the results of this feedback below as well as summarising some of the improvements we have made so far. Mr Queralt has taken the time to contact individuals regarding certain issues raised. As ever, if you have any issues or concerns you are always welcome contact us at [admin2332@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2332@welearn365.com) and we will do our best to help.

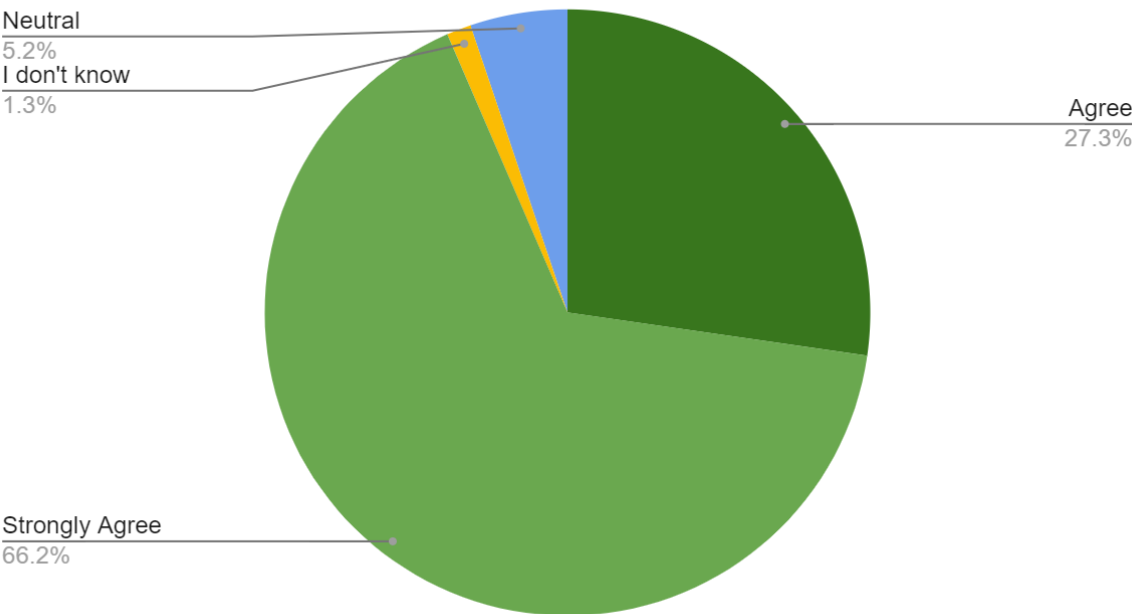
## Healthier Lunches

Our children are now able to receive a hot meal every lunchtime, which we saw as vital during the autumn and winter months. Following feedback we have removed juice cartons and desserts served in plastic cartons. Thereby helping to reduce the use of plastic and as well as offering a healthier choice of dessert, such as fruit and raisins.

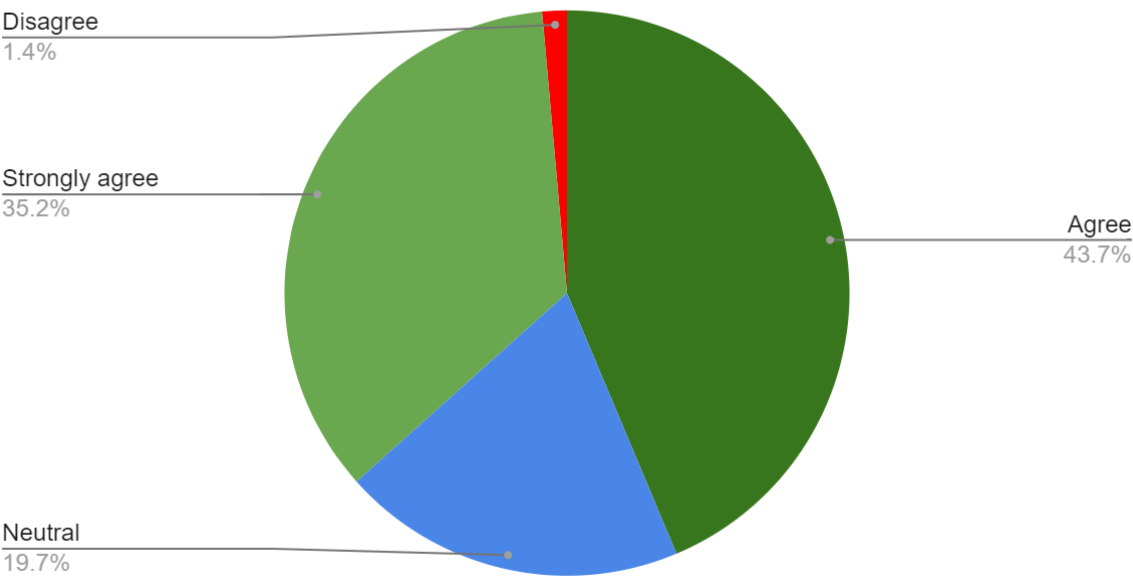
## Communication

We are conscious that the volume of emails has increased this term and we are working to reduce the number of emails and texts being sent out to parents. To help with this we will communicate as much as possible via our bi-monthly newsletter and flag any important messages as **\*\*Must Read\*\***. We hope this helps with parent admin!

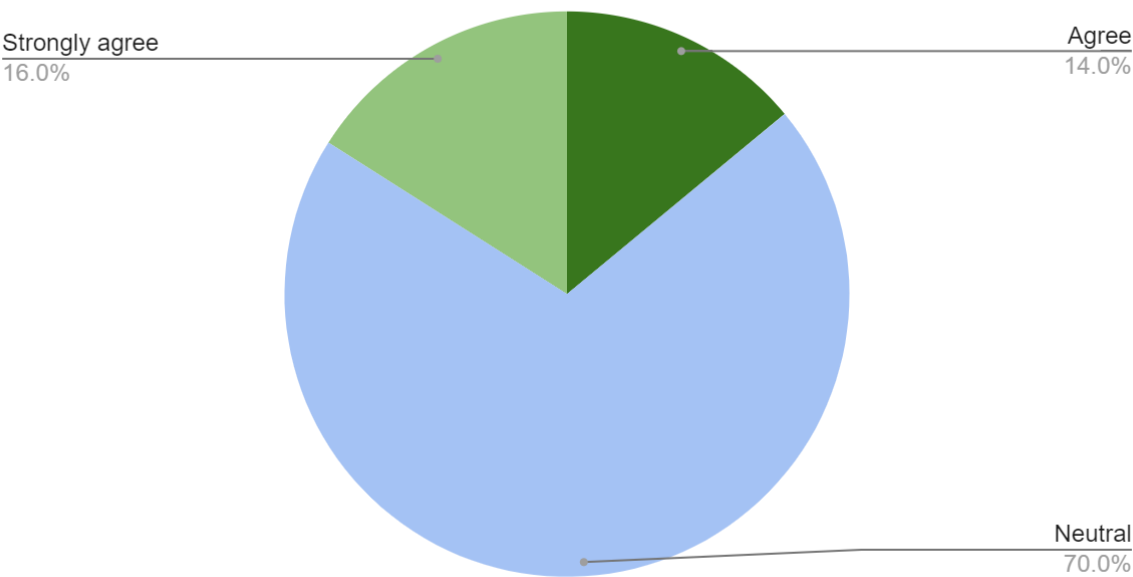
My child is happy at this school



When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.



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



# ***Stars of the Week!***

Here are just a few of our super stars this from this half term...

## **Workers of the Week**

Freya in Oak - 'working so hard with her numeracy and never giving up! She has been so focussed'. Cora in Oak 'For trying so hard to apply her learning and doing extra at home too. She's such a superstar'.

Imogen in Sycamore class received Worker Of Week for writing amazing instructions for using sparklers safely. Casper in Sycamore class received Worker Of Week for persevering with new subtraction learning and getting it right in the end!

Worker of the Week Kiera for super maths work this week and writing adding sums using very careful formation.

## **Pupil of the week**

Ernest in Oak for 'his enthusiasm with his reading'. Hattie in Oak this week for her 'Fantastic explanations of words during our guided reading. All done with a huge smile.'

Mya in Sycamore received her Star Award for always smiling and trying her best to improve her work.

## **Mr Partridge Awards**

Amelia in Oak for being a real team player and involving everyone and Finley who listened, observed, and achieved as a result!

*Year 2 also had loads of fun with sparklers last week as well as learning how to write their own instructions on how to use sparklers safely.*





## Year 2 Tesco Halloween Colouring Competition

Thanks again to Tesco for the prizes for the Halloween colouring competition. The children were thrilled with the goody filled buckets and the milky ways!



## Remembrance Day

This week the children have been learning all about Remembrance and Armistice Days. Year One have looked at the poem Flanders Field, written our own acrostic poems and made our own poppies that we planted outside. On Wednesday, we observed the 2 minutes silence on the playground and year one pupil Euan made his own poppy wreath that was taken to be displayed at the War Memorial on Church St in Warwick. Our thanks goes to Mrs Dunkley for helping to decorate our Remembrance cross too. You can read more about how we marked this event in the Leamington Courier

<https://www.leamingtoncourier.co.uk/news/people/your-photos-how-warwick-district-marked-remembrance-sunday-and-armistice-day-3034220>





*A chance to share some photos of our receptions years enjoying the fresh air this week...*





## **Fiery Feet!**

Year 2 have combined getting active with lots of fresh air during our Thursday PE sessions with the help of 'Fiery Feet' dance specialist teacher Mrs Evans. The first autumn half term has focused on learning a whole class dance routine to the music "Life's A Happy Song" - From Disney's The Muppets. The children demonstrated many skills - learning to change rhythm, speed, level and direction. Dancing with increased control and co-ordination and most importantly great listening skills! We can't wait to start learning the next routine and hope to end this half term with an even better performance! You can take a look at the video on our website at [https://emscote-infant-all-saints-junior.eschools.co.uk/web/year\\_two/363705/cHJldmllld3x8MjAyMC0xMS0xMyAxND0zND0wNA%3D%3D](https://emscote-infant-all-saints-junior.eschools.co.uk/web/year_two/363705/cHJldmllld3x8MjAyMC0xMS0xMyAxND0zND0wNA%3D%3D)

## **Foodbank Donations**

Thank you for all your generous donations of food which have been donated to Warwick District Foodbank. This will make a huge difference to many families in crisis.

## **Clothing for Autumn Term**

As well as providing a warm waterproof coat and wellies in school, can we also ask that the children wear a vest under their standard uniform. We try and keep our classroom windows and doors open at the moment to help ventilate the classrooms and a vest may help to keep everyone warm. 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-1192764?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1192764?e=[UNIQID]) In this edition of the Family Information Service newsletter you will find information on a freephone helpline and webchat provided by Barnardo's, a series of virtual discussions that The Equality and Inclusion Partnership is hosting, how to support care leavers this Christmas, how to become a Covid-19 community champion and lots more!



EMSCOTE AND ALL SAINTS' PTA PRESENT

— T H E F A M I L Y —

# Lockdown ZOOM QUIZ

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**November**  
3:00 - 4:00 pm

FUN FOR THE  
WHOLE FAMILY!

**WIN  
PRIZES!**

**PURCHASE YOUR £3 TICKET ONLINE**

[www.pta-events.co.uk/emscoteandallsaintspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/emscoteandallsaintspta)

SCAN  
ME!



**1 TICKET PER FAMILY,  
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT  
EMSCOTE AND  
ALL SAINTS' SCHOOLS**

LET'S BREAK THE BOREDOM OF LOCKDOWN !



# Parentkind



**Bring a little  
sparkle and  
festive cheer this year!**

**WIN  
UP TO £5,000**

**£3 ticket enters you in all 12 draws**

- ★ Help boost PTA fundraising
- ★ Tickets cost just £3
- ★ 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- ★ Tickets are limited so once they're gone... they're gone!



**BUY TICKETS**

**Don't delay - tickets are limited**

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for the Big PTA Raffle 2020 will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 6000 133 or visit [www.gamcare.org.uk](http://www.gamcare.org.uk)

# 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>