

# *Emscote Express*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be welcoming all the children back into school this Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Well done to parents, children and staff for all your efforts over the past few weeks. We couldn't have asked for more!

With so much in the media about the importance of children "catching up" and "lost learning", we would like to reassure parents not to worry about any of this. The most important thing is that we all support the children with settling back into school routine and the many aspects of school life that we have all missed so very much, such as friendships, teachers, social interaction, sports and play. On this note we are really pleased to welcome back Premier Active, Fiery Feet and Arts Insight who will be running a combination of lunchtime, in-school enrichment activities and after school clubs to help support the children in their return to school.

To help with the smooth running of school from Monday, please remember to stick to the staggered timings, to wear a mask at the school gates and to socially distance during drop off and pick up times.

Once again, thank you for your continued support towards our wonderful school community.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Queralt

## Dates for the Diary 2021

Monday 8th March	All children return to school	Reception to wear rainbow coloured clothes (see Round-Up), Yr 1 PE kits, Yr 2 to wear space themed outfit
Friday 19th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day	Red noses on sale in school for £1.50 or donate via our JustGiving page <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/all-saints-and-emscote-warwick">https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/all-saints-and-emscote-warwick</a>
Thursday 1st April	End of Term (Easter Break)	
Monday 19th April	Return to school	
19th - 30th April	Big Pedal	Find out more at <a href="http://www.bigpedal.org.uk">www.bigpedal.org.uk</a>
Thursday 13th May	Group school photos	Subject to change
Friday 14th May	Pyjamarama Day	A day in PJs to get children reading
Friday 28th May	End of Term (May half term)	
Monday 7th June	Inset Day	
Monday 8th June	Return to school	

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



### Gooddies School Uniform Orders

***Free deliveries into school are now available again.***

To place your order please visit <https://gooddies.co.uk>.  
Orders placed before midnight on the 15th of the month will be delivered approximately the end of the month.  
Orders placed before midnight on the last day of the month will be delivered approximately the middle of the following month.



**PE Kits in school** Please send children to school wearing PE kits on the days outlined below. PE will be held outdoors so please can children wear outdoor kits i.e tracksuit bottoms or leggings, t-shirt, hoodie or sweatshirt and trainers.

**All Reception Year – Tuesdays**

**Willow – Wednesdays**

**Cherry - Thursdays**

**Year 1 – Mondays and Thursdays**

**Year 2 – Wednesdays and Fridays**

## Healthy Selfie challenge!

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in your Healthy Selfies. Please keep them coming to [admin2332@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2332@welearn365.com). All pictures will feature on a special Healthy Selfie PE page on Emscote Infant School website.





## Year 2 Space Topic

It was lovely to see the year 2 children looking so happy, proud and totally absorbed in their moon buggy designs!



**Red Nose Day** is back on Friday 19th March and this year it's never felt more important to raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. Red noses are still on sale in school, but to help further support Comic relief we have set up a JustGiving page. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/all-saints-and-emscote-warwick>



### **A celebration of kindness and support shown by the community during the Pandemic**

We are really pleased to announce that we will be planting four new trees on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March to help celebrate kindness in the community. Thank you to Warwickshire Council Forestry Department and all the children and parents who voted for their favourite trees. You can read more about the project so far in the Leamington Courier online – look out for Mr Queralt's healthy selfie effort too in his cycling footwear! This is a lovely project for the children to be involved in, supporting our efforts as an Eco school and helping us to remember all the acts of kindness and the community spirit that have helped us through the past 12 months.

<https://www.warwickcourier.co.uk/news/people/warwick-residents-opinions-sought-tree-project-commemorating-community-spirit-3138188>



### **CBBC MY Life Hedgehog Rescue**

Cora in Sycamore class has been fostering a baby hedgehog called Evie for 4 months. She has been feeding, weighing and keeping her warm ready for release in the Spring.

She was very poorly just after Christmas and needed hospital care and antibiotics. She nearly didn't make it but now she is stronger than ever. We are waiting for warmer weather so she can be released back into the wild very soon.

For more information and news about fostering hedgehogs please visit

<https://www.hedgehogfriendlytown.co.uk/>

Hedgehog Friendly Town, who are based in Stratford, will feature in CBBC on this Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 3.55pm. The programme is called My Life, Hedgehog Rescue and we are really exciting to let you know that Cora will be on the show, so please look out for her and Evie the hedgehog!





# Online safety at home: parents and carers newsletter

05<sup>th</sup> March 2021

With the majority of children still learning from home, they will be spending more time online doing their school work, playing games or watching videos. Technology is hugely valuable for education, as well as a way to keep in touch with friends and family. However it's important we all consider how we can support children's online safety during this lockdown, and always. Here's some information about what your child may enjoy online and what you can do to help keep them safer:

## Sharing pictures

Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a great way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first.

Read [younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#) for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.

## Watching videos

Children love to watch videos and YouTube is always a firm favourite! But sometimes children can be exposed to videos that are not meant for them.

[YouTube Kids](#) is a safer way for children to explore their interests. You can find more information about this on [YouTube: what parents need to know](#).

Remember, primary-age children should be supervised at all times when online.

## More information?

Thinkuknow is the education programme from the National Crime Agency's Child Protection Command CEOP (NCA-CEOP) whose aim is to protect children and young people from sexual abuse online.

For more information, advice and guidance, visit their [parents website](#) and download their [home activity worksheets](#) for fun, online safety activities to do with your family.

## Steps you can take to help keep your child safer online

**Parental controls:** Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so this shouldn't replace the support and guidance you give your child to help keep them safer. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters](#).

**Supervise their online activity:** Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. Primary-age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone, such as in a bedroom or bathroom.

**Explore together and chat little and often:** Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites and encourage them to teach you how to use these. Ask them if anything ever worries them online. Make sure they know they won't be in trouble and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad or scared.

## **Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service Newsletter**

This edition is packed with useful information for families including:

- Resources for making healthy lifestyle choices.
- ‘Family fun’ wellbeing activities.
- Public health campaign materials for National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, No Smoking Day, Stop CSE Awareness Day, World Sleep Day and World Oral Health Day.
- Information about the Change Makers healthy lifestyles services available.
- Support with emotions about the return to school, as well as general support available for mental health.
- COVID-19 latest info.
- How to access support from school nursing.

<http://www.compass-uk.org/wshwbs-newsletter-march-2021/>

## **Family Information Service Newsletter**

In this edition of the Family Information Service newsletter we have included an important survey for young people to help create a child friendly county, information on workshops to understand more about child exploitation, money management workshops and much more! Visit

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1194959?e=56e08a503a>

The Family Information Service is here to support you throughout lockdown and beyond on a range of issues. You can get in touch with us by emailing [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk) or calling [01926 742274](tel:01926742274).

## **Warwick School's Easter Action is now open for booking.**

Activities will range from Multi-Sports, Bouncy Castle and Indoor Archery, to Badminton, Cheerleading and Bo Karts! Furthermore - we are delighted to welcome back for Easter Action our fantastic specialist activities - including Art & Craft with Corinna, Fencing, Martial Arts, Interior Design, Dance with Liz, Fun Cookery, Hula Hooping, Tai Chi and Qi Gong (NEW for 2021!) and African Dance!

Visit the website and click on BOOK TODAY to make your holiday club booking.

<https://www.warwickschool.org/easter-action-2021>

**Join us for our  
Virtual Lambing Weekend  
13 – 14 March 2021**

**[wcg.ac.uk/lambing](http://wcg.ac.uk/lambing)**







# WIN A 'CHOCTASTIC' EASTER HAMPER AND A £20 BOOK TOKEN!

To enter please draw a picture that shows what  
'*Lockdown*' has represented for you.

Please photograph or scan the drawing and email it,  
along with the following information, to the email below:

- *Child's name*
- *Postal address*
- *Contact details\**
- *Primary school/nursery name*
- *Age of child*

**Email to:** [anna.knight@dalrod.co.uk](mailto:anna.knight@dalrod.co.uk)

\* We will only use this information when getting your prize arranged. You will not be added to any mailing lists!



**Entries must be emailed to Anna by the end of:**

***Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021***

The winners\*\* will be announced on the **DALROD Coventry and Warwickshire** Facebook page on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at midday.

Please 'like' the page so that you see the post!



\*\*One winner for each of the following age groups: 3 to 5 years, 6 to 8 years, 9 to 11 years



*The winners' school or nursery will also receive  
a FREE GIFT worth £250 courtesy of DALROD  
Coventry & Warwickshire!*

**DALROD**

**Drainage Solutions**

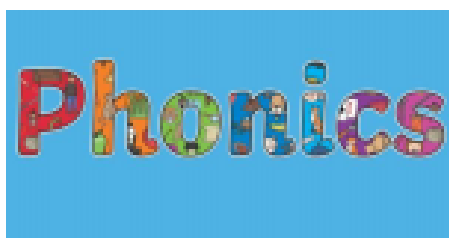
Your local drainage experts in  
Coventry & Warwickshire

**Family Learning**  
**PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 19:00-20:30**

**Or**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 13:00-14:30**



**What is this course about?** This course is for parents to find out more about supporting children's early reading. It explores phonics as the main way that schools use to teach reading and suggests practical activities for families to support learning at home.

**Topics include:**

- What do we mean by phonics and why is it the main method to teach reading?
- An introduction to the technical language used in phonics.
- Different phonics schemes used by schools.
- How to support your child to love reading.

**How will I learn?** Learning will be online with a Family Learning Tutor. There will be a presentation that you will also be able to access after the live session. We will get you involved with discussions and with practical activities that you can do with your child at home sessions. There will be opportunities to do further reading and access online sources.

**If you need to brush up your ICT skills before joining a course we will support you. If you have any questions please email [cheryl.neil@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:cheryl.neil@warwickshire.gov.uk)**

**Go to Warwickshire County Council Adult Learning**  
**<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/adultlearningandtrainingcourses>**  
**or scan the QR code to enrol.**





# SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE ORDERING



Our School uniform is now available to purchase online through our new web store <https://gooddies.co.uk>



## Order Deadline Dates

Orders placed before midnight on the 15th of the month will be delivered approximately the end of the month. Orders placed before midnight on the last day of the month will be delivered approximately the middle of the following month. Please allow up to 20 working days from cut off during the busy months of June – September.

Deliveries into school are free, however, you do have the option to pay for home delivery.

**PLEASE NOTE** – Home delivery is not an express option.

Any orders that are due for delivery into school while the schools are closed will be held in our warehouse until the school re-opens.



# EVERYONE MATTERS EVERYONE COUNTS

## CENSUS PURPOSE: WHAT'S IT FOR?

The **Census** is a compulsory survey of all households in England & Wales every 10 years. Everyone needs to be included whatever your status or circumstances. That's every 10 years since 1801 (apart from 1941) and the data informs planning for future services and meeting needs.

The **Census** helps when unravelling the past – historians and people researching their heritage and roots use information from past censuses.

**Census 2021** is organized and delivered by **The Office for National Statistics** and is independent from the Government.

## CENSUS PROCESS: WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

All households (including residential and care homes, hostels and refuges) will receive a letter with information on **Census 2021** and your unique code number. You will have got this by now.

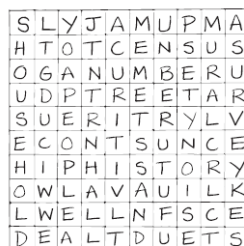
You can fill in your form online or on paper from 1st March. Most people will fill it in online [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk) and many will have paper-copies delivered.

**Census 2021 Day is Sunday 21st March** – that day becomes a snapshot of society. Census data is the basis of funding for local councils and planning for community needs such as schools and transport. Remember, the census data that you submit is anonymous (names are released after 100 years).

You must fill in your household census, but you do not need to answer all of the questions. You can also request a paper copy. You can also get a separate form from the rest of your household if you want to keep any personal information about yourself private.

Starting on the **22nd March** a team of 220 people will be working across the entire District, they will be knocking on doors and offering to help anyone who has not yet completed **Census 2021**. This work will continue until the **28th April** when **Census 2021** closes.

## WORDSEARCH



### Find these words!

CENSUS • COUNT • DATA • FUTURE  
HISTORY • HOUSEHOLD • NUMBER  
PEOPLE • STATISTICS • SURVEY

## NEW QUESTIONS... NEW TIMES

Each Census reflects changes in our society, these were all new questions in:

- 1841** – What is your name?
- 1971** – Is there a car or van in the household?
- 2001** – What is your religion?
- 2021** – What is your sexual orientation?  
What is your gender identity?

## BIG CENSUS QUESTIONS

1. What religion had 6,242 followers in 2011?
2. What's to stop them selling all my family information?
3. When did the Census first ask people about their race and ethnicity?
4. A friend of mine needs **HELP & SUPPORT** to fill in their form – can they speak with a real person?
5. How many females were born overseas in the 1861 Census?

**BIG CENSUS ANSWERS**

1. Heavy Metal Music!
2. Names are separated from the used data and all data is anonymous. The sharing of this personal data is a crime.
3. 119T
4. Yes, all towns and cities have Census 2021 Support Centres you can visit.
5. 26,564.



**Census 2021 Day** is the **21st March**, which is also the first day of Spring. A time of renewal and looking forward.

**census  
2021**

Fill in your Census form at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

Call **0800 141 2021** to find out when your local Support Centres are open, tell the Census people you want a paper copy, or to get one privately (they will send it to you in a plain envelope).

Language Helpline: **0800 587 2021** • Text Relay Service: **(0800) 0800 141 2021**



This **Census 2021** poster was originally in **Artworks Creative Communities'** 7th edition of **Bundles of Creativity**; a pandemic project to reach out to digitally excluded families and those in need.

Website: [www.artworkscreative.org.uk](http://www.artworkscreative.org.uk) • Phone: **01274 256919** • Twitter: **ArtworksED1**  
Facebook: **Artworks Creative Communities** • Instagram: **@WeAreArtworks**

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Are you a Coventry/Warwickshire based parent/carer of an autistic child or teenager?

Do you want to understand their autism and help them understand their autism?

We are offering a series of facilitator led workshops

**CASP:** Children's Autism Support Programme for parents/carers of children aged 4-12

**TASP:** Teenage Autism Support Programme for parents/carers of children aged 13-18

The workshops are fully-funded and comprise of 4 x 3-hour sessions over a 4-week period facilitated by autism professionals who are also parents.

You will be joined by up to 15 other parents for an informative and empowering workshop.

#### Objectives:

- To enable parents/carers to understand their child's lived experience – the joys and the challenges
- To facilitate a 'conscious connection' between parent/carer and their child via the **3 C pathway**, a relational approach to parenting
- To identify adjustments/changes to help their child feel secure and be understood

The four weeks will follow a broad framework:

1. Autism, a brief history and context. Your child and their autism
2. The sensory world – experience it and consider how it impacts on your child
3. Communication – making connections and building a secure base
4. Transitions, advocacy, planning next steps and problem solving

Each week aims to be person-focused and attendees will be encouraged to share and comment.

Open to families based across Coventry and Warwickshire.

Please contact Julie Hampton for details and booking forms  
Courses run throughout 2021. All sessions will take place virtually on Zoom until further notice.

julie@actforautism.co.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>