Emscote Express

Issue 12, 22nd March 2024



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our final Spring newsletter of this year.

Many families were able to join us at Church last week for our Easter service, where the children sang a range of songs and Reverend Diane, talked to the children about the forthcoming Christian celebration. Thank you to the Church for providing the children (and staff) with an Easter treat!

On Monday, some of our Year 2 children walked to Church to sing as part of the Memory Café. The children (and Miss Lowe) sang songs from their Easter service and represented the school brilliantly, well done to all.

This week we have enjoyed the displays of learning from Sycamore and Maple class in their sharing assemblies. Thank you to the staff and children for working so hard to showcase their fabulous journey over the last few weeks.

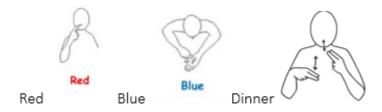
EYFS today held an Easter craft day, where parents and carers were invited to join in with the child's learning. The afternoon saw a fabulous Easter hat parade. Some of our families are now in the period of Ramadan and will be celebrating Eid-al-fitr, just as we return for the Summer break, so an early Eid Mubarak.

Children's Self Evaluation Statement.

Pupil voice is very important to our school. We would like our children to give us their thoughts about what we are doing well and what we could do even better! We know that children will have great ideas as well as being very honest about our current strengths and areas for development.

https://forms.gle/nZ3hc9BhGFH8xTPNA Please support your child to complete the questions in the Google form. They are welcome to include their name in any answers. This form will close on the 8th April.

<u>Makaton</u> – these are the signs children have been learning to support ordering their lunches. Remember to always say the word as you make the sign.



Makaton

Why Do We Sign? Signing is a fantastic tool to support the development of spoken language. By using some basic signs, we help children to pay attention to us as we emphasise the key words of our message. Signing makes us slow down, allowing the child more time to process and signing gives a clear visual of what we are talking about. By teaching children some basic signs, we are supporting their communication with adults and also with their friends at school.

Some Basic Rules.

- Always say the word as you make the sign
- Make sure the child is watching
- Allow time for a response
- Use appropriate expression and body language
- Remember to sign key words
- Reward any attempts at communication

From all the staff at Emscote, we wish you an enjoyable and restful Easter break.

Mrs Nicol

Dates for the Diary 2024

Mon 25th March – Fri 5th April	Easter Holidays	
Mon 8th April	Children return to school	
Mon 15th April	Reception year trip to Ryton Pools	Payment can now be made at www.eduspot.co.uk
Tues 30th April	Year 1 trip to Mary Arden's Farm	Payment can now be made at www.eduspot.co.uk
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday	
Wed 8th May	Class Photos	
Mon 27th – Fri 31st May	May Half Term Holiday	
Mon 3rd June	Inset Day	
Tues 4th June	Children return to school	
Wed 10th July	Transition Day	Children spend the day in their new year groups/ schools
Fri 19th July	Break up for the Summer Holidays	

PE Days Summer Term

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in PE Kit (plain white t-shirt, black shorts or joggers/leggings for colder weather, trainers and a school jumper) on the correct days.

Please see below for a handy reminder of when each class has PE.

CHERRY – TUESDAY, FRIDAY
WILLOW – TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
OAK – MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
CHESTNUT – MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
MAPLE – MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
SYCAMORE – MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Toast Payments Summer Term 2024

At morning break, a slice of wholemeal toast or an apple are on sale to any child that would like it.

Payment can be made online now for the full Summer term at www.eduspot.co.uk

Please ensure payment is made by Sunday 7th April so that we can send a register of those children having toast/fruit out to class teachers.

Please contact the office if you have any queries.



Eduspot Payments

Please ensure that all outstanding payments are settled on your account. If you have any issues please contact the school office.

Summer Uniform

During the summer term, girls are welcome to wear a summer dress (red gingham) rather than our usual t-shirt and pinafore. These can be purchased from any supermarket or school uniform stockist.



New Lunch Menu Starting 8th April 2024

A copy of the new menu has been emailed out to all parents and is also included towards the end out this newsletter.

School Attendance and Medical/Dental Appointments

Parents and Carers are asked not to arrange routine appointments during school hours, except in cases of emergency, so that interference with the school day is avoided.

As attendance levels make such a big difference to children's achievement at school we would ask you do all you can to make appointments outside of school hours (after 3pm) wherever possible, and not allowing your child to have time off school unless it is absolutely necessary.

Well done to Mrs Hutchin – Winner of our staff Easter Egg Hunt!







BookTrust Newsletter

Discover author interviews, book recommendations, reading tips, fun activities and thoughts on everything to do with children's books in our features!

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/



Welcome to Connect for Health's March health and well-being update

This month you can celebrate the power of reading this world book day. Whether you're a parent/carer or an educator, this is the perfect opportunity to encourage children and young people to read.

Download Newsletter



Holiday Activities at Market Hall Museum, Warwick

https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/events?location=6&period=full&filterList=Go

Parental Resources

SSS Learning recognise that as primary carers, parents and guardians have an important part to play in keeping their children safe. To support them in doing this we have created a range of free resources which you can make available via a link on your school website. https://ssslearning.co.uk/parentsandguardians

Warwickshire Music Spring Term Newsletter 2024

https://www.warwickshiremusichub.org/cms/pages/files/wm_spring_term__1705669079.pdf

A MIND OF THEIR OWN - a great event for parents/carers and anyone working with children about building your child's emotional wellbeing

In an anxious and confusing world, this event will give parents, carers, and anyone working with young people, practical and preventative tools to help your children build strong emotional resilience and healthy mental wellbeing.

https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/a-mind-of-their-own/

Lambing & Animals Weekend 2024 at Moreton Morrell College, CV35 9BP Sat 20 Apr 2024 10:30 AM - Sun 21 Apr 2024

Our annual Lambing & Animals weekend is returning to Moreton Morrell College on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21 April 2024. Come along to see all of the newly born lambs at Nethermorton Farm, meet Farmer Dan, climb up on a tractor and find out how we look after our lambs and ewes. As well as the Farm, you can also visit our more exotic animals in our animal centre, we've got meerkats, raccoon dogs and lots of other cute characters. This year we will see our Farmer's Market returning with even more stalls, lots of local produce and gifts for all the family. We would love you all to join us again in 2024, therefore we have kept our ticket prices the same as last year. The money made from ticket sales goes directly back into Moreton Morrell College.





Being brave

Being brave isn't about not feeling scared. Being brave is about what you do even when you do feel scared.

Feeling scared is often a sign that we are doing something challenging, and it is completely normal to feel this way! Even though it can feel uncomfortable, being brave and facing difficulties can also help us to learn and grow, both physically and emotionally. Therefore, we need to step outside our comfort zone at times to be able to overcome challenges. Remember, being brave does not mean we have to cope alone!

"Asking for help is one of the most courageous things you can do" - Charlie Mackesy

Our tips for being brave:

- Take chances and make mistakes! Sometimes it is helpful to fail, so you can practise
 being brave. Try something you have been wanting to try and take that chance to move out
 of your comfort zone. You might even find that it wasn't as bad as you thought it would be.
- Practise positive self-talk to help develop your bravery. Repeat these sentences to
 yourself or out loud 'I can do hard things'; 'I am awesome'; 'I can enjoy challenge'. You
 might want to write positive statements on post-it notes and stick them around your mirror so
 you can remind yourself of them every day!
- 3. Ask for help when you need it from someone you trust. Taking the step to talk to someone is one of the bravest things you can do!
- 4. Strike a power pose! Standing up tall, your head held high and with your hands on your hips can help make you feel more confident and ready to take on a challenge. What pose makes you feel more confident?

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate! thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

> Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



Mood Boosters

Feeling low in mood is a completely normal emotion, and we all feel sad from time to time, even as adults! Maybe you have had a stressful time at school recently? Maybe you are going through friendship difficulties? Or maybe you have been feeling under the weather?

Whilst it is normal to feel this way at times, there are things we can do to boost our mood and help us to feel happier. By doing more of the things we love and value, or 'doing more of what matters', we can boost our mood. This helps us to feel less tired, get a sense of achievement, and feel better about ourselves!

Our tips for boosting your mood:

 Have a look at the BBC Moodboosters video resources by scanning the QR code. You will find a selection of videos which help to manage feelings, learn emotional and social skills, and have fun!

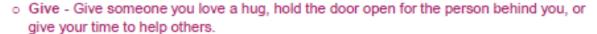


BBC

- Follow the five ways to wellbeing to help you live a happier life! Watch the video on the QR code for more information.
- Connect Reach out to a friend/family member, listen to music that reminds you of happy memories, look at old photographs, or arrange activities with friends.
- Be Active Get your body moving in any way you like. You could dance, walk, skip, or hula hoop!







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CONNECT FOR HEALTH

Your School Nursing Service in Warwickshire

WHO WE ARE

Connect for Health is a school nurse-led service that support children, young people and their families in Warwickshire. We delivery key element of the Healthy Child programme, working to identify and meet the health and wellbeing needs of the school-age population and give individuals the best possible start in life.



HEALTH SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Our service is here for all school-aged children (aged 5 to 19, or up to 25 for individuals with SEND) and their parent/carers - regardless of whether they attend a mainstream school.

Support can be provided in a way that suits you, including: individually faceto-face or over the phone, in group workshops or via our confidential messaging services.

WHAT WE CAN SUPPORT WITH...

- Healthy eating
- Bental health
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- Body image
- Bullying
- School abxiety
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- Committee
- Sexual health
- Long-term medical conditions
- Gender and sexuality
- Parenting
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- Refer to additional service

Why not read our monthly newsletters online!

TURN





Do you want to work for the School Nursing service? View our Stratford team vacancies...



We are HIRING

Are you a registered nurse?

Join the Warwickshire school nursing team!

APPLY ONLINE

Connect for Health is the School Nursing service in Warwickshire. We give school-aged children, young people and their families the tools to lead healthy, happy lives.



School Staff Nurse

Full time role Stratford, Cygnet Court £28,395 - £35,126 p.a.

School Nurse (SCPHN)

Full time role Stratford, Cygnet Court £35,665 - £43603 p.a.

Candidates will need to have the relevant nursing qualifications and experience for the role selected.

Scan the QR code to see our organisations vacancies and to view the roles in more detail.

If you wish to contact a member of our service leadership team for an informal chat about the role, please contact:



03300 245 204



connectforhealth@compass-uk.org



Holy Week Services 2024

As the journey with Jesus continues...

Stations of the Cross

Stations (on the outside)

as he makes the journey to the Cross. Spend time with Jesus

Booklets are available for you to walk the Stations or you may wish to use the booklet at home. on the outside of All Saints

Stations (on the inside)

We gather on Wednesday 24th March at 7.00pm in the main worship space

Holy Week Services 2024

As the journey with Jesus continues...

The Triduum

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Holy Eucharist begins at 8.00pm

Bring a bell to ring during the service. Followed by the All Night Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY

The Last Hour by the Cross begins at 2.00pm

EASTER EVE

Renewal of Baptismal Vows Service of Light, Vigil and

Bring a bell to celebrate! begins at 7.30pm

EASTER DAY

Festival Mass in the joy of the Risen Christ

begins at 10.30am

Bring a bell to celebrate!

A happy hunt for Easter Eggs follows





EASTER SPECIAL

WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL

HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WARWICK

9.30 - TINY MOVERS - Crawling - 2 years

10.30 - LITTLE MOVERS - 2 years - 5 years

11.30 - BIG MOVERS - 3 years - 7 years

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE SPORTSHALL, LEAMINGTON

9.30 - LITTLE MOVERS - 2 years - 5 years

10.30 - LITTLE MOVERS - 2 years - 5 years

11.30 - BIG MOVERS - 3 years - 7 years

25% Sibling Discount



BOOK YOUR SPACE HERE:









Bee Friendly Warwick presents

A Celebration Of Bees!

Sat 18 and Sun 19 May, 2024 from 11am to 4pm

At Hill Close Gardens:

Go on an 'Is it a Bee Safari?' Follow the treasure trail Come in fancy dress Paint rocks and do some crafting

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust Bees of Hill Close display Bee Friendly Warwick

Bee-friendly plants Honey for sale and gift stalls Hot drinks, hot food and cakes

At Guy's Cliffe Walled Garden:

Warwick & Leamington Beekeepers Bee Friendly Kenilworth & Leamington Bee and Butterfly face painting Enjoy story time with the Bees

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust Find out about moths & pollinators See the artist in residence Find out about the social gardening project

> Bee-friendly plants and gift stalls Hot drinks and cakes









Entry to Guy's Cliffe
Walled Garden is
Walled Garden free for



Easter egg hunt

Join us for an 'eggciting' hunt around the home

Friday 29th March

Starting at 12 noon in the café

* Everyone welcome *

For more information, call us on 01926 569300

THE SCHOOL

School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free that claiming free school meals school to free school to free school and food?







Can l apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

child is aged 4-7

You should still apply if your

and receives a universal free

school meal

- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee 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 paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit If you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

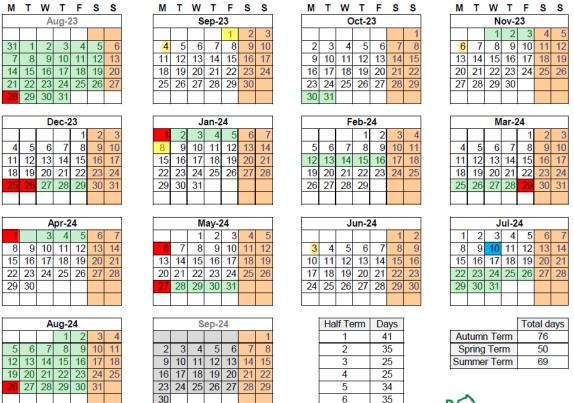
Find out more and apply at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm







Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2023/24









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Total









Calling all active 4 to 12 Year Olds!

Monday 25th to Thursday 28th March & Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 5th April 9 am to 4pm each day!



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Sports and active games Team building games Arts and Crafts Baking

Tuesday 2 - Friday 5 April 2024

10 - 12:15pm For Reception to Year 6

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NEW CLASSES START SOON

Monday & Wednesday Heathcote Primary School Vickers Way, Warwick, CV34 7AP

Tuesday

Lillington Free Church
Cubbington Road,
Leamington Spa,
CV32 7AL

CV35 9QG

Thursday Southam Club

Friday
Wellesbourne Primary School
Mountford Close,
Wellesbourne,

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cassieoury@hotmail.co.uk
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YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16-23 IN WARWICK SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AGED 6+ AND WEEKEND SINGING AND SONGWRITING

SPRING DATES

Sunday 10th March 2pm Saturday 3rd February 2pm to 5pm Saturday 20th January 2pm to 5pm

CONCERT SUN 10th MARCH 4pm

APPLY HERE: www.bit.ly/WYCjoinus

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For 2024 You Can Sing Competition Applicants Join our 3rd Feb workshop for help with your

Music application - only £5









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PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN NETBALL FOR

Brand new weekly netball sessions at Kenilworth School for children aged Reception to Year 6.

Launching in January 2024, our weekly netbal sessions on a Thursday evening are aimed at 4 to 11 year-olds

Session 1 (Reception / Year 1/ Year 2 / Year 3) 6:00-6:45pm Session 2 (Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6) 6:00-7:00pm

First session for free, sign up now!



What parents say about Kid Squad.

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"My daughter LOVES going to Kid Squad Warwickshire. Kid Squad is a fantastic

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coordination skills, learn drills & new skills and play together as a team opportunity for children to make friends, keep fit & agile, develop handleye coaches who are clearly passionate about netball and sport in general. A great be lacking in typical girts team sports in the area. The sessions are run by introduction to netball for primary age school children - something that seemed to

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WARWICKSHIRE

PARENT CARER VOICE

PARENT CARER FORUM

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disability (SEND)?





WARWICKSHIRE

PARENT CARER VOICE

CARER FORUM?

A parent carer forum is a group of parents and carers of disabled children. Their aim is to make sure the services in their area meet the needs of disabled children and their families. Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice is the recognised forum for Warwickshire. We are completely independent of Warwickshire County Council and the local health services.





Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice is a **parent carer led organisation** working to ensure that every parent carer in Warwickshire feels that their views and experiences matter, and gets their voice heard to develop and improve services for children and young people with special educational needs and/ or SEND.

We welcome any parent carer who lives (or uses services) in Warwickshire, with a child or young person (aged 0-25) regardless of their disabilities (no diagnosis necessary) to join us.

Tell us your experiences | Fill in our surveys | Join our meetings Spread the word | Join us as a Member

Visit our website: www.warwickshireparentcarervoice.org or email hello@warwickshireparentcarervoice.org for more information

WHAT DO PARENT CARER FORUMS DO?

We work with organisations that provide services for our families. We gather the views of local families and then work in partnership with local authorities, education settings, health providers and other providers to highlight where local services, processes and commissioners are working well, or challenge when changes or improvements need to be made.





GET INVOLVED - YOUR VOICE IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

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Help to pay your household bills

Are you, or is anyone you know, struggling to pay energy bills?

If you or someone you know are struggling financially and unable to afford to pay their gas or electricity bill, please call the Local Welfare Scheme in confidence.

Call 0800 408 1448 between 4 and 22 April 2022.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme



The Household
Support Fund
can help
households in
need of support



Do you need help to access food and manage your money?

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help.

It also administers the Household Support Fund, which provides one-off financial support for people in need as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic. It can help families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals facing hardship this winter, to ensure that they have the support they need to afford food, energy, water bills and associated costs. To enquire or apply call the Local Welfare Scheme.

Visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ localwelfarescheme Call: 0800 408 1448

or 01926 359182



