

Emscote Express

Issue 13, 1st April 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those families who recently took the time to sign up to the MY-CATS programme, which is aimed at helping reduce anxiety and identify confidence issues in young children. We would also like to add that if your child is struggling or they have specific concerns about school, please share these worries with us. If you need a conversation with your child's teacher, please contact the office and they will arrange for the teacher to talk to you over the phone. I would urge you to talk to us about concerns as they arise and to avoid airing them on social media and/or WhatsApp. The latter can cause undue anxiety amongst other parents/carers and it is important that our staff are aware of any issues in order to address them.

In preparation for the Easter holidays, the local authority and Public Health Warwickshire have asked us to inform parents that they should keep in touch with school regarding coronavirus infections over the Easter break.

Any child who falls ill with any of the 3 main symptoms should still be tested over the holiday. This does mean self-isolation as a family until a negative result is received. It is imperative that we are able to inform other parents if a child falls ill with symptoms and needs to be tested. In terms of tracing we need to know if any child has symptoms and is being tested **up to midnight on Saturday Evening (3rd April)**. School leaders have been asked by the government to be available to assist with tracing contacts during the Easter holidays.

Please text the Federation **Covid phone 07732 387372** with any new symptoms or positive results. We will contact you via email should there be any need for your child to isolate.

Once again, thank you for your continued support this term and we wish you all a very happy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Queralt

Dates for the Diary

2021

Thursday 1st April	Non Uniform Day	Bring a donation of an easter egg for PTA Easter bingo and raffle - more info further on in newsletter
Thursday 1st April	End of Term (Easter Break)	Note: Thursday finish
Saturday 3rd May	PTA Easter Bingo	3-4pm, ticketed event
Monday 19th April	Return to school	
19th - 30th April	Big Pedal	Find out more at www.bigpedal.org.uk
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday	
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	
Wednesday 7th July	School Induction Day	

Virtual Tour of Emscote Infant School – experts needed!

Whilst we are still unable to have any visitors in school, we would like to create a professional virtual tour of our school (in the style of an estate agent's 360 tour) for any prospective parents and children to view. Please contact the office at admin2332@welearn365.com if you or someone you know would be able to help. Thank you!

Just a reminder that there must be no nuts or nut products (eg Nutella) in packed lunches or snacks to protect children with serious allergies.

Thank you

Fundraising for Red Nose Day

Thank you to parents and children for all your recent fundraising efforts for Comic Relief. In total we raised £144 towards amazing projects in the UK and around the world.



PE Kits in school – please note some changes to PE days below

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 black/navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings, white t-shirt, black/navy hoodie or sweatshirt and trainers.

Reception Year – Tuesday and Thursday

Chestnut - Monday and Thursday

Oak – Monday and Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Y2 lunchtime gymnastics club members – Wednesdays

Any children taking part in Multisports afterschool club can also wear PE kit to school

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World Book Day/ Pyjamarama Day

Due to the children not being in school on World Book Day this year we are taking part in pyjamarama day instead. On 14th May children can come dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas.

A promotional poster for Pyjamarama Day. It features a cartoon illustration of a girl with curly hair wearing red polka-dot pyjamas. To her right is the "pyjama rama" logo in colorful, playful letters, with a BookTrust logo above it. A starburst graphic says "Sign Up NOW".

**Pyjamarama - a day in PJs
to get children reading**

We are taking part in Pyjamarama day on 14th May –
Children can come dressed in their pyjamas or as a
favourite book character

Year 1 playing their home made musical instruments as an accompaniment to Prokofiev's 'Peter and the Wolf'.



Reception year celebrating Let's Count Day and other fun activities last week.



Double your child's chances of becoming a good reader at the click of a button

Turning on subtitles while children are watching TV can greatly improve their reading skills. A quick, simple, free way to make TV time, reading time.

This brilliantly simple idea **can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading.**

Incredible isn't it?

So the next time your child is watching TV or the tablet, there could actually be an opportunity to improve their reading skills at the same time! In fact research has shown that it can double the chance of your child leaving school as a proficient reader. You can turn them on for the whole family or most streaming services will now allow you to do it just for individual children if you like.

If you find this tip useful please do spread the word by sharing the media below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-zISnJ-oao&t=1s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRkn6m5rNVE&t=30s>





Parent Line -Text messaging service

Parents/Carers can text a school nurse from their mobile phone. ChatHealth, the school nurse messaging service, is confidential and available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. You can message for advice about general health, child development, behaviour, toileting and emotional health and wellbeing.

Text number: 07520 619376

Family Information Service Newsletter

In this edition of the Family Information Service newsletter you'll find some exciting news about Warwickshire setting its sights on being the best place to grow up in, as well as advice on keeping your children's teeth healthy, a chance to share your views on the school admissions service in Warwickshire and much more! <https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=057fea4a94>

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 or calling 01926 742274.

School Health Newsletter April 2021

<https://www.compass-uk.org/wshwbs-newsletter-april-2021>

<https://www.compass-uk.org/stress-awareness-materials-for-schools>

<https://www.compass-uk.org/world-health-day-2021>

Families Warwickshire Mar/Apr issue

Lots of great family activities for Easter and ideas for making outside time a little bit more exciting now that the weather is warming up.

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families_warwickshire_ma21?fr=sOWYyYzMzMDI0MzI

Raring2go! - Spring 2021 digital edition

The Spring edition is full of ideas for Easter and the coming months..

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/southwarwickshire/spring/>



Tutor Bot

Tutor Bot contains completely free online maths games where children can practice their mathematics skills. We feature over 100 different customisable games which we hope kids will find to be a fun and new way to improve their mathematics fluency, accuracy and speed. Please follow the link below to access this resource:

<https://www.tutorhunt.com/tutor-bot/>

Online Courses for Parents, Grandparents and Carers

How do I access?

www.inourplace.co.uk

What's the code?

- If you haven't used it already here is the access code for all the [online](#) courses (funded for residents of Warwickshire): **BEAR**
- If, like many parents, you have already used this code, log into your account [here](#) and this course will be ready in your dashboard to start whenever you are ready.

Can I tell my family and friends?

Absolutely! Share the news with other families in the area so that they too can take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

How long is it?

There are 7 modules which each take about 5 minutes to complete and will benefit from time to digest in between.

If you like this...

...you might like the bigger [‘Understanding your child’](#) or [‘Understanding your child with additional needs’](#), or other courses in the series. www.inourplace.co.uk

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MHST tips for wellness

Nutrition

This week's theme is Nutrition.

Feeding our brains with a balanced diet can improve our physical and mental health. Good nutrition has been linked to academic success and healthy brain development. A good diet doesn't mean we can't enjoy our favourite foods, but that we are feeding our bodies with lots of different nutrients.

Try one, or both, of the below activities throughout this week.

- 1) Let's eat a rainbow! How many different colours of the rainbow have you eaten in your fruit and vegetables this week? Can you add a few more colours to your next meal?
- 2) Take a look at [what is in season right now](#). Commit to adding one new piece of fruit or veg to your diet this week.

The Mental Health in Schools Team provides support to students and schools. We are available during term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead, or your Education Mental Health Practitioner for information and advice.

Useful dates for April:

2nd World Autism Awareness Day
3rd Walk to Work Day



Family Learning—Free Online Courses

Family Learning that takes place among family members including parents, carers and sometimes children. It's about discovering and exploring things together and learning in a relaxed atmosphere. A sample of our courses:

Literacy and English:

Early Years
Literacy
Story and Nursery
Rhyme Sacks
Creative Spaces
Phonics
Spelling,
Punctuation and
Grammar
Film Club

Early Years Numeracy and Primary Maths:

Practitioners

REAL: Supporting Parents
with Early Literacy

Communication
Awareness

Well Being for Children

Other courses:

Parenting: Triple P
Parenting: Solihull
Approach
Communication Awareness
Exploring Science
Online Safety
Food Explorers
Learning About Play
Getting Ready for School
Art
Well Being for Children

Warwickshire Adult and Community Learning

For more information and to book a place on one of our courses
please visit our website:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl>



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Raising Early

Achievement in Maths

Starts Tuesday 27th April

19:30—21:00

Free four week online course for parents with children aged 2-5

If you would like to deepen your understanding of your child's
Maths development and gain ideas to support their learning,

For more information or to book a place please visit:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl or email:

joanneparvez@warwickshire.gov.uk



Family Learning

Warwickshire Adult and Community Learning

Getting the Most Out of the Outdoors



Isn't it wonderful to be able to explore again?

This four week, online course will help you get the very most of being **outside** with your child, discovering plants and wildlife in your local area and using nature as an inspiration to unlock creativity.

The course includes a short online session to attend at a set time each week, with activities for you to do with your child as and when you choose.



Mondays at 9.30am or 7.00pm, April 26th to May 17th
or **Tuesdays** at 11am, April 27th to May 18th

To enrol please follow the link below, and select

Family Learning: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl



If you'd like further information please email

catherinewest@warwickshire.gov.uk

Sessions take place on zoom

Emscote Infant School is working with a team of researchers at the University of Oxford on a research project called MY-CATS. The MY-CATS team are testing out a new way of identifying and supporting young children who might benefit from help to build confidence and reduce the chance of problems with anxiety, now and in the future. We would like as many families as possible in these participating classes to be involved!

You can watch a short video about the project here:

[MYCATS video](#)

You can also watch a longer, more detailed video about the project here:

[MYCATS parent information session](#)

If you would like to take part, please follow the link below to complete the consent form and provide your contact details.

[MYCATS parent consent](#)

You will then receive an email with a link to the screening questionnaires.


Minimising Young Children's Anxiety Through Schools



Could you volunteer to be a MY-CATS parent champion?



Parent champions help others learn about the project and get involved.



Champions spread the word to parents who may not be on social media and explain the study.



Champions help others to remember key dates by using Facebook and WhatsApp.





THANKS

As a thank you, we'll offer you a £20 gift voucher for your time and your valuable contribution to the MY-CATS project.

Email mycats@psych.ox.ac.uk or the school office for more details

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme



The Department for Education (DfE) has made funds available to every local authority in England to coordinate free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities. The programme will cover the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays in 2021.

The funding is for children who receive benefits-related free school meals (Reception to Year 11). In addition to the HAF programme, Warwickshire County Council will separately be providing the Winter Grant scheme payment to eligible families for the Easter holidays.

If you can answer yes to any of the following questions you may be eligible for Free School Meals, the HAF programme and Winter Grant Scheme:

- 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**?

If you think you may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals and supporting schemes mentioned above please apply online at:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Warwick School Easter Action Holiday Activities

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School Year</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Thursday 1st April (1 day)	Fun Activities & Multi-Sports	School Years 2 and 3	9.00am - 16.30pm	£32
	Wall Climbing & Team Building	School Years 4 to 7	9.00am - 16.30pm	£32
Tues 6th to Fri 9th April (4 days)	Cygnets Multi-Activities	Reception and School Year 1	9.00am - 16.30pm	£128
	'Super Six' Activities	School Years 2 to 7 (up to and including 12 year olds)	9.00am - 16.30pm	£128
Mon 12th to Fri 16th April (5 days)	Cygnets Multi-Activities	Reception and School Year 1	9.00am - 16.30pm	£160
	'Super Six' Activities	School Years 2 to 7 (up to and including 12 year olds)	9.00am - 16.30pm	£160

Please visit their website and click on **BOOK TODAY** to make your booking.

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

Please note: due to COVID-19 restrictions currently in place our availability in the Community Activities office may be limited and our ability to answer the phone not guaranteed. Therefore, if you experience any problems with your booking then please email A.Bevan@warwickschools.co.uk and we will be able to assist you.

Once courses are fully booked they will show as **'Waiting List'** on the course page. If you would like to be added to the waiting list for a particular course, then you can do so by following the steps on the system or alternatively you can email Adrian Bevan at A.Bevan@warwickschools.co.uk and we will add you on.



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EMAIL US ON bookings@kitsacademy.com

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Age 6 - 16**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO BOOK PLACES AT ANY OF
THE SESSIONS PLEASE CONTACT:
chris.knott@leamingtonfc.co.uk**



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UNDER 19'S FLOODLIT,
UNDER 23'S, FIRST TEAM (NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH)**



**TO CHECK CLASS
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KENILWORTHARTCLUB@OUTLOOK.COM**

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**Primary School Class
1.15pm to 2.45pm - followed by Secondary
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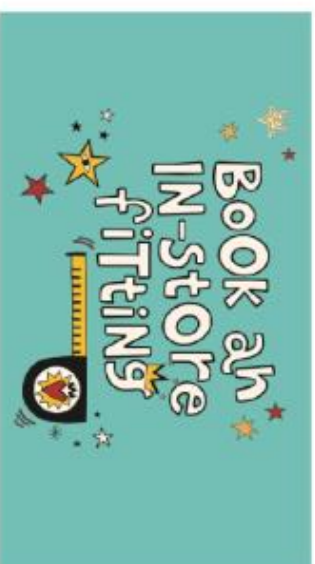
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IN-STORE FITTING

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Shoe shopping can be overwhelming for some children. If you think a shopping experience without crowds, noise and bright lights would be better, then book a Quiet Time appointment.

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Or call the Customer Care team on 01458 899053

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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>