

Emscote Express

Issue 8, 19th January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to all of our children and families and a very Happy New Year!

The children have come back and jumped straight into their learning once again. We seem to have avoided any disruptive weather so far, but a reminder for parents that should school need to close for any reason we will communicate this to parents by text message.

On Monday the children experienced a planetarium at school where Year 2 children were excited to sit under a sky full of stars and learn more about space.

Last Friday the children had a visit from the Member of Parliament for Warwick and Leamington, Matt Western. The children were introduced to Matt via an assembly earlier in the week, where we discussed where parliament is and what happens there and the school council asked Matt some questions. Matt also visited Early Years where he met some children and participated in learning about how to clean your teeth!

Some of the questions the children asked were; *What is your favourite thing about Warwick and how could it be better for children like us? We would like to plant some more trees at school, who should we ask to pay for them? Why did you decide to become an MP? Cycling to school and around Warwick is not always very safe, what can you do to make it safer? Can schools have more money for equipment, such as glue sticks?*

A reminder that we holding a Mathletics competition during January. Well done to the many children who have gained a certificate. Each pupil who earns a certificate during this month will have their name entered into a tombola with the opportunity to win one of many Lego prizes. Going forwards, children will receive their first Gold certificate in class and the first in each achievement level certificate from Platinum upwards in assembly. We have taken this decision following the changes in the Mathletics system from September. We want all children to strive to gain their certificates and these can also be accessed by parents online.

Before the break, some of our children worked to design "Thank you & Merry Christmas" cards which were printed and sent to organisations and charities who have helped to support our school and families during the last year. We are very grateful for their support. These include:

Melissa- *Tesco Community Champion*

Little Journey

John Tunney and all at the *Warwick Lions Club*

Stacey and all at *Transforming Communities Together, Warwick*

James and all at *Your Farmer Mobile Shop*

Nathan, Katie and all at *Milestone Education*

Miriam and all at *Warwick District Food Bank*

Laura and all at *Emscote Preschool*

Andrew B. and all at *The Mission House*

Fiona and all at *Thrive Youth Ministries*

Lauren and all at *The GAP*

Alice and all at *Baby Basics Warwick*

Immediately following half term, we will be holding our Spring term parent's evening. These will be on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February. Times will be available to book from 29th January.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Nicol



We are excited to bring Raceways Revolution to your school. A physical activity programme which encourages children to run or walk marathon distances incrementally over the weeks and months of the academic year. Our programme develops a passion for physical activity, improving not only their physical wellbeing but enhancing their mental health too.

Our programme not only engages children to be physically active throughout the school week but also encourages them to run or walk at home.

Our Digital Tracking System, along with our free Raceways Revolution App, will help your child's teacher, school and you see how many kilometres they achieve over this academic year, and the more kilometres they notch up, the more certificates they will receive.

For your child to take part in the programme please complete the online consent form which has been sent out to via Teacher2Parents system. We can do the rest. This will allow your child's school to keep track of your child's progress and enable us to update you by email on how to download the free Raceways Revolution App.

Our Kids Run Marathons! Join us - The Raceways Team

NB: Raceways Revolution for Schools is facilitated by our partners, Aspire Active Education Group LTD

Dates for the Diary 2024

Thurs 1st Feb	Willow Class Sharing Assembly	
Fri 2nd Feb	Cherry Class Sharing Assembly	
Tues 20th & Wed 21st Feb	Parents Evenings	
Wed 28th Feb	Reception Year height and weight checks	More info to follow
Thurs 7th March	Oak Class Sharing Assembly	Dress up as a book as character of your choice and bring in a book to share. We are really keen for parents not to have to buy anything new, so dress up is optional.
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day	
Fri 8th March	Chestnut Class Sharing Assembly	
Fri 8th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	More info to follow
Mon 11th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	More info to follow
Mon 11th - 22nd March	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel	More info to follow
Thurs 14th March	Easter Service at All Saints' Church	Parents Welcome
Fri 15th March	Red Nose Day	More info to follow
Mon 18th March	Book Sharing	Parents are invited to look through their children's books in the classroom from 2.30pm
Wed 20th March	Maple Class Sharing Assembly	
Fri 22nd March	Sycamore Class Sharing Assembly	
Fri 22nd March	Reception Year Easter Craft Day	Timings TBC - parents welcome to join
Mon 25th March – Fri 5th April	Easter Holidays	
Mon 8th April	Children return to school	
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday	
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	

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Warwick School February Holiday Action

Warwickshire County Council are looking for Support Assistants to help support our school workshop programme and deliver our family holiday events. You would be based mainly at St John's House and Market Hall Museum, both in Warwick. It's a flexible position and the school work is term time only during school hours - you can be back in time for school pick up!

Go to [Relief Schools and Activities Assistant job with Warwickshire County Council | 183069 \(wmjobs.co.uk\)](https://www.wmjobs.co.uk) or search Relief Schools and Activities Assistant on WM Jobs for more information (www.wmjobs.co.uk). Closing date: 22nd January

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>

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

Within this month's newsletter you can find out how easy it is to make healthy food choices. Download the NHS Food Scanner App, and with a speedy scan of your favourite foods, you can find healthier swaps next time you shop. If you would like further healthy lifestyle support contact the Change Makers team who teach families about good nutrition, staying active and other healthy living topics. You can learn about the importance of hand washing and germ prevention during the cold and flu season too.

[https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/C4H-January-Newsletter-2024.pdf?utm_source=WSHWBS&utm_campaign=728dff559f-April Newsletter Professionals COPY 01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0 f00493dc86-728dff559f-507989521](https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/C4H-January-Newsletter-2024.pdf?utm_source=WSHWBS&utm_campaign=728dff559f-April%20Newsletter%20Professionals%20COPY%2001&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f00493dc86-728dff559f-507989521)

Warwickshire Music Spring Term Newsletter 2024

https://www.warwickshiremusic.org/cms/pages/files/wm_spring_term_1705669079.pdf

Raring2go! - the winter edition of the magazine is out now

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/southwarwickshire/winter2024/>



RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

INCLUSION/BELONGING

We all wish to belong and feel valuable. It is about honouring and embracing people; regardless of race, gender, disability, medical, or any other need. Being included can help you develop a sense of belonging, acceptance and self-worth. Feeling like you belong motivates you to participate in school, after school clubs, community groups etc, and fosters a deeper connection.

Helping others to feel included, and forming friendships with people who are different from you, can help others feel connected too, boosting their happiness and overall wellbeing. Being the person that makes others feel included can also make you feel happy and raise your self-esteem.

Tips for Inclusion

- Reach out to others. Get to know a new person in your class, or sit next to someone different at lunch.
- Be patient and kind. Listen to others and allow them to express themselves.
- Ask a friend "What makes you unique?". Remember to listen and respect their answer. We are all unique.
- Respect someone for their specific skill set and contribute to shared goals.
- Challenge yourself to learn something new. Read stories about interesting people and role models from different and diverse backgrounds.

#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.

RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST) Parent/Carer Tips:

Supporting your child with positive friendships

It can be difficult to see your young person struggling with friendships and to know how to support them.

Top tips for speaking with your child about friendships:

- Be available to listen
- Avoid making assumptions or placing blame
- Don't diminish how they are feeling
- Try not to rush to solutions

It can be useful to discuss with your child what a positive friendship looks like:

- Being able to be yourself with someone and have fun
- Being able to trust someone and be honest with each other
- Respecting each others boundaries
- Listening to each other and being kind

It can be helpful to:

Share your own experiences of friendships

Modelling good friendships and positive talk about others

Have conversations about how they can be a good friend

Enable new friendship opportunities



A guide to supporting young people with their friendships



People at
our heart

Cashback for you and your school

In association with

Sainsbury's

Argos

ESPO

Help boost our budget with the My School Fund initiative

We're pleased to announce that Emscote Infant School is part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

This term, thanks to the scheme, we have purchased a new storage unit for second hand uniform which is on display in our main reception area as well as a new Henry Hoover.

How to get involved

Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free and link to Emscote Infant School. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at myschoolfund.org



A vegan meal is available on request on days when (vg) is not shown as a choice on the menu.
All our fish is natural whole fillet and although great care has been taken to remove all bones, some may remain.



Weekly Menu

Week one

Warwickshire, Coventry: 18/09, 9/10
Oxfordshire: 18/09, 9/10
Leicestershire: 28/8, 18/09, 9/10

Choose a main meal... MONDAY

Best of British Pork Sausages with Gravy and Creamy Mashed Potatoes

(v) Veggie Korma Curry with Wholegrain or White Rice *mild and creamy*

On the side...
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(v) Swirly Chocolate Mousse
(vg) Homemade Fruity Flapjack
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... TUESDAY

Homemade Cheesy Pasta with Peas, Bacon, and Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette

(v) Veggie Breakfast Pattie in a Bag with Oven Baked Potato Wedges

On the side...
Fresh Salad Choice...
Vegetables of the Day
Baked Beans

For dessert...
(v) Homemade Crispy Cornflake Cookie
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST

British Roast Chicken Joint or Fillet, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy

(vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy with Sage and Onion Stuffing

Crispy Roast Potatoes

On the side...
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(v) Homemade Chocolate and Orange Brownie
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... THURSDAY

Homemade British Beef Bolognaise with Pasta and Garlic Bread

(v) Homemade Vegetable Burrito Bake with Crispy Diced Potatoes
Mild Mexican flavoured veggies and cheese, layered between soft tortillas

On the side...
Fresh Salad Choice
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(v) Homemade Strawberry Slice
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY

(msc) Harry Ramsden's Crispy Salmon and Sweet Potato Fishcake

(v) Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Chipped Potatoes

On the side...
Fresh Salad Choice
Peas or Baked Beans

For dessert...
(v) Cheddar Cheese, Crackers and Apple Wedges
(v) Ice Cream
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Week two

Warwickshire, Coventry: 4/9, 25/9, 16/10
Oxfordshire: 4/9, 25/9, 16/10
Leicestershire: 4/9, 25/9

Choose a main meal... MEAT FREE MONDAY

(vg) Quorn Dippers with Rainbow Rice and Sweet Chilli Dipping Sauce or Ketchup

(v) Homemade Mac 'n' Cheese with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette

On the side...
Fresh Salad Choice
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
Chocolate Mousse with Fruit in Juice
(v) Homemade Cherry Cookie
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... TUESDAY

British Chicken Fillet in Wrap with Fresh Salad, Mayonnaise or Ketchup and Oven Baked Potato Wedges

(vg) Plant Power Meatballs with Noodles and a Sweet and Sour Sauce

On the side...
Fresh Salad Choice
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) Homemade Chocolate Shortbread
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST

British Roast Gammon Steak with Gravy

(vg) Quorn Roast with Gravy

Crispy Roast Potatoes

On the side...
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(vg) Homemade Jam Tart
(v) Ice Cream Tub
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... THURSDAY

British Beef Grill Burger in a High Fibre Bun with Ketchup and Crispy Diced Potatoes

(vg) Veggie Burger in a High Fibre Bun with Ketchup and Crispy Diced Potatoes

On the side...
Fresh Salad Vegetable Sticks
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(v) Homemade 'School Favourite' Sprinkles Sponge Cake
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY

(msc) Gluten Free Battered Fish Fillet with Chipped Potatoes

(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese

On the side...
Fresh Salad Choice
Peas or Baked Beans

For dessert...
Jelly with Fruit
(v) Ice Cream
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Week three

Warwickshire, Coventry: 11/9, 2/10, 23/10
Oxfordshire: 11/9, 2/10
Leicestershire: 11/9, 2/10

Choose a main meal... MONDAY

Gluten Free British Pork Meatballs in a Rustic Tomato Sauce with Pasta

(vg) Sticky Barbeque Quorn with Oven Baked Potato Wedges

On the side...
Fresh Salad Choice
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(v) Homemade Chocolate Cracknel
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... TUESDAY

Chicken Korma Curry with Wholegrain or White Rice - mild and creamy

(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wedge with Italian Herby Potatoes

On the side...
Fresh Salad Choice
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(v) Swirly Strawberry Mousse
(vg) Homemade Orange Cookie
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST

British Roast Beef, with Traditional Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

(v) Veggie Toad in the Hole with Gravy

Crispy Roast Potatoes

On the side...
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(v) Homemade Fruit Crumble with Custard
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... THURSDAY

Homemade British Chicken Pie with Gravy and Creamy Mash

(vg) Breaded Vegetable Fingers and Crispy Diced Potatoes

On the side...
Vegetables of the Day
Baked Beans

For dessert...
(vg) Homemade Flapjack with Fresh Fruit Wedges
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY

(msc) Crisped Fish Fillet Fingers with Chipped Potatoes

(vg) Veggie Sausage Hot Dog with Ketchup and Chipped Potatoes

On the side...
Fresh Salad Choice
Peas or Baked Beans

For dessert...
(v) Dinky Doughnuts/Chocolate Sauce
(v) Ice Cream Tub
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Fruit Cordial or Fruity Water from the Hydration Station, Semi Skimmed Milk & Fresh Bread are also offered daily
Vegetable accompaniments change to reflect seasonal availability.

(vg) Vegan
(v) Vegetarian Option (h) Homemade
(msc) Certified Sustainable Seafood



Allergies
Please contact your school cook for information regarding the content of dishes and products on our menu.

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2023/24

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Half Term	Days
1	41
2	35
3	25
4	25
5	34
6	35
Total	195

	Total days
Autumn Term	76
Spring Term	50
Summer Term	69

School Holiday
 Public Holiday
 Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)

Secondary School Induction Day



FREE SCHOOL MEALS



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 school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?



To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 359189



Warwickshire
County Council

Can I 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
- 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)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

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



Warwickshire
County Council

Warwick
Schools
Foundation



February Holiday Action

12 - 16 February

Multi activities for Reception and Year 1

Fun short courses for Years 2-7

New programme for 12-14 year olds



[warwickschool.org/
february-holiday-action-2024](http://warwickschool.org/february-holiday-action-2024)

All enquiries to Dan Partridge and Adrian Bevan 01926 735473
holidayaction@warwickschools.co.uk



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COMPETITIONS
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raring2go.co.uk

WINTER 2024

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/southwarwickshire/winter2024/>

February Skills & More Activity Camps!

brought to you by SKILLS and MORE - a Career Seekers Direct (based in Hutton) initiative.



Calling all active 4 to 12 Year Olds!

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th February 2024!

9 am to 4pm each day!

At Central Ajax Football Club, Warwick, CV35 8HA.



Choose from our range of camps including:

- Football Camps
- Multi Activity Camps
- Minecraft Camps



Payment required at least 24 hours before attendance



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DATE - 16TH FEBRUARY

COST - FREE

TIME - 9AM TIL 3PM

VENUE - NICHOLAS CHAMBERLAIN SCHOOL

(INDOOR!)

What to expect?



6 HOURS OF FOOTBALL FUN



PROFESSIONAL COACHES



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WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
ASTON VILLA FOOTBALL CLUB
ACADEMY



HOW TO BOOK:

24HR TEXT SERVICE - 07817307074 WITH CHILD'S NAME & DATES

EMAIL - SOCCERCAMPS@DEVELOPMENTSCHOOLS.CO.UK

CALL - 01858 461166



'Help! I'm Running a Library' Training course

This is a great opportunity to gain knowledge, skills and confidence in the day-to-day running of the library.

Date: Tuesday 23rd January 2024, 9.30am-1pm Venue: Warwickshire Schools Library Service

Price: WSLs Subscribers: £55/Non WSLs Subscribers: £85

Click [here](#) for more information or to sign-up.

Primary Network Meeting (virtual): Graphic Novels

Thursday 25th January: 3.30pm-4.30pm: All schools are very welcome to attend this FREE event. A great opportunity for any school staff with responsibility for reading/the library. We share lots of useful resources/information regarding reading for pleasure, author events and training. We will have a particular focus on graphic novels. Click [here](#) for more information.

Pupil Librarian Training

Pupil librarians are a great asset to a school library and the role can help your pupils develop important skills and improve their confidence. We can deliver a pupil librarian training course either in your school or at our premises in Warwick. Email: schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk for more information. Subscribing schools receive a discount on the price.

Coming soon from WSLs: Warwickshire Junior and Picture Book Awards

We will be inviting schools to sign up to our popular Junior book award towards the end of the Spring term. We will also be launching our new Picture Book Award aimed at your younger pupils. These will take place in the Summer term.

Do you need new books/resources or help with your school library? We can help...

We can provide a range of subscription options to meet your curriculum and reading for pleasure needs. Subscriptions can start at any point in the school year. We also offer library support and can complete a range of tasks at your school, such as, weeding, auditing, organising. Email: schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk

Useful links/resources

- Children's Mental Health Week: 5th-11th Feb 2024. Lots of resources for schools and family [here](#). Also great book lists from the [Reading Agency](#) and [EmpathyLab](#) to explore, support and raise awareness of mental health with children.
- Help building your school library: [Stratford Literary Festival](#) are looking to support 5 schools to help them build-up the books in their library to increase reading for pleasure. You must apply by 29th Jan 2024, more information [here](#).
- Online calendar of events: Created by [The Literacy Hive](#) is invaluable as details a huge range of events that can be celebrated with books. You can search by month, event type, key stage, region etc.
- Holocaust Memorial Day: Free [Tom Palmer online event](#) on 26th Jan for upper KS2) and free books to 100 schools.
- Free online author events: Have a look at these events on offer from [ReadingZone](#) to engage and inspire your readers.

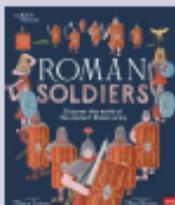
New books to look out for...(need more recommendations? Get in touch and we can help)

The [Reader Teacher](#) has created a video with the Children's books they are most excited about in 2024. Here are

A hilariously relatable story about learning to share and tantrums with bright, bold and quirky illustrations. Perfect for early years/ KS1.



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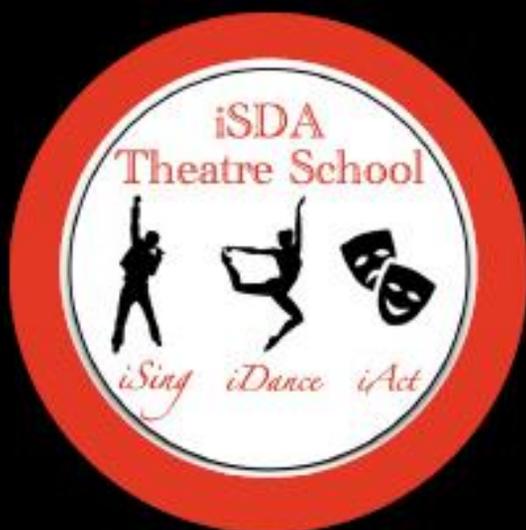
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PARENT CARER VOICE

WHAT IS A PARENT 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.

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.



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