Emscote Express

Issue 2, 29th September 2023



The new term is now in full swing and the children have settled so well into their new classes.

This week saw the election of our school councillors and our Eco Rangers and Mr Queralt and I are looking forward to meeting with the children over the coming weeks to discuss their plans and ideas.

Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Tesco last week to support their learning about foods from around the world. We were welcomed into store, to explore the fruit section and the children were taken behind the scenes to taste a variety of fruits. The children returned to school to use some fruits to make delicious smoothies (which I was lucky enough to be given a sample of)! Thank you to our parent helpers and to Tesco.

Tuesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day and so we will be encouraging all children to "Wear it Yellow."

We can all struggle with how we're feeling, but sometimes things get tough and it can be difficult to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't get the help they need, when they need it. But together, we can change this.

By wearing yellow this World Mental Health Day on 10 October, and donating what you can, you can show young people that you're with them. Show them that they matter and deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

Please may I remind everyone about the importance of punctuality at drop off and pick up. I understand this week we have been faced with some challenging roadworks alongside adverse weather conditions, but as a reminder, children should be coming into school from 8.45 for an 8.55 start. The school day ends at 3pm (unless a child is in after-school provision). We understand that on occasions, people may be delayed in an emergency, but we must ask that you communicate with the office in this event.

You may have noticed the police monitoring traffic at school this week. All parents were sent a communication about this on Tuesday. We have also included this again for you further on in the newsletter.

On Tuesday we welcomed members of the Beauchamp Sinfonietta to school, who kindly demonstrated their instruments and played for the children, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Today saw the annual Macmillan Coffee morning and we were delighted to see parents and community members coming together for a chat and some cake. Funds raised will go towards helping those living with cancer to live life as fully as they can.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Nicol



Dates for the Diary 2023/24

Tues 10th Oct

Fri 24th Nov

Fri 22nd Dec

Mon 8th Jan

Tues 9th Jan

Mental Health Day

Flu Immunisations - all

Children return to school

year groups

Inset Day

Last Day of Term

Wear it Yellow for World No donation required. Children can come in their

own clothes and wear something yellow

Mon 16th Oct	Individual school photos	Children will also have a photo with their sibling if they are both at Emscote Infant School. If you wish to have a photo of your child with a younger or older sibling, please arrive at 8.30am and make your way to the school hall.
Wed 18th Oct	Harvest Festival Church Service	Parents welcome to join us for our church service after morning drop off. Donation for our local foodbank would be very welcome on the day.
Fri 20th Oct	Reception Phonics and Maths Afternoon 1.30pm	Parents are invited to join us at 1.30pm for a workshop explaining how we teach phonics and maths. You are then encouraged to stay and play before home time.
24/25/26 Oct	Parents Evening	More details to follow
30th Oct - 3rd Nov	Half Term	
Mon 6th Nov	Inset Day	
Mon 13th Nov	Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Awareness	No donation required. Children to wear uniform and odd/crazy socks to help us celebrate difference and diversity in our community.
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need	More details to follow

Online consent form to follow

Meet the School and Eco Council

At the start of the year all children in years 1 and 2 are given the opportunity to stand for School Council and Eco Council. Two to three representatives from each class are then chosen. They will meet 2-3 times a term and act as a voice for representing and feeding information back to their classes.



School Council	
Class	Counsillor
Oak	Betsy
Oak	Winnie
Chestnut	Khanak
Chestnut	Jaxson
Maple	James L
Maple	Sofia
Sycamore	Honor
Sycamore	Tobyn
Sycamore	Iris



Eco Rangers	
Class	Counsillor
Oak	Mabel
Oak	Ivy
Oak	Nye
Chestnut	Mason
Chestnut	Maya
Chestnut	Joseph
Maple	Arabella
Maple	Orla-Grace
Maple	Eleanor
Sycamore	Lewis
Sycamore	Millie
Sycamore	Chloe

Own Books Scheme – Free Books

We are delighted to let you know we have signed up to Own Books Scheme, a registered charity that provides schools with FREE recycled books for the children to take home and keep. Books are delivered to school each term and will be available for children to choose and keep.

Books are available from the bookcase in the reception area of school, please come and have a look.



GIVING ALL CHILDREN THE ENJOYMENT OF BOOKS

Dear parent/carer

Myself PCSO SCOTT and my colleague PCSO MORGAN visited the school today (26/09/23) due to a few concerns in relation to parking issues outside the school within drop off times. We noticed that many parents were entering the islands area from both points and many parents that we spoke to are unaware that there is a giveaway marking on the road, which means that you can not enter from that point and is only an exit and give way point to oncoming traffic. There are also yellow Zigzag lines on the road near the school please don't park on these lines due to safety reasons. As an alternative there is parking at the back of the contact centre and there also is a car park opposite.

We understand that there isn't any clear signature in place for this however, this is something that we are going to raise.

It's important that all parents are aware and oblige by the highway code and the one-way system as the safety of yourself and the children are important to us at Warwick SNT.

The Neighbourhood team will monitor this and will patrol on occasion.

Thank you.

PCSO SCOTT AND PCSO MORGAN.

If you wish to raise anything, please report to 101 in a non-emergency.



Fire Drill

The school had a practice fire drill last week where all the children had to evacuate school and line up at our assembly point on the playground.

I am please to say that all went well and the children evacuated the building and lined up at the assembly point in a timely manner.

This was the first evacuation of the new academic year and these will carried out throughout the remainder of the academic year.

School Photos Mon 16th October

Jane Stapleton Photography will be in school on Mon 16th October to take individual photos of all the children. Children will also have a photo with their sibling if they are both at Emscote Infant School.

If you wish to have a photo of your child with a younger or older sibling, please arrive at 8.30am and make your way to the school hall.

Please note that all children will need to be in class for registration as normal at 9am.

Help needed!

Do you have any free time in your week that you would be willing to share with school to help support our learners? Do you know anyone who would like to volunteer in school? We are keen to recruit an army of helpers to support our children with tasks such as reading. If you, or anyone you know would be interested in helping out, please contact the school office. All volunteers would need a DBS check, which school can arrange.

Thursday 5th October - School Census Day

As part of the census, the government count how many children are having a school meal. The more meals served on this day, the more funding the school gets. So, even if you don't usually have school meals, it would be a great help if you ordered one for this day.

Meatball Rocks in a Tomato Sauce Served with Pasta or

(V) Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Moonwalker Fries

Space Thursday 5th October Adventure Lunch

Cosmic Corn, Solar Salad and Blast off Beans

Black Hole Chocolate and Toffee brownie

Emscote Preschool Spaces Available

Emscote Preschool has availability from 12-3.30pm each day for children from the age of 2 years and 9 months. Please contact preschool via their website or telephone 01926 495619 for more information.

Well done to all our reception year children, who have made so many accomplishments already - making friends, finding their way around, eating together in the school hall. The children are doing a superb job of settling well into school life, however some are still finding coming into school in the mornings quite overwhelming. Please can we ask that parents help by not crowding the gates at morning drop off. Please leave the area in the photo clear and leave a path for children to walk along and come through the gate. If you would like to stay and wave your child off, please move to the grassed area or further along the wooden fence.





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Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST) Tips For Wellness:

CHANGE

Similar to the weather changing as we move through the seasons, we all experience changes in our lives. These changes can feel fresh and exciting, but they can also make us feel anxious and out of our comfort zone. Whether it's starting a new school, making a new friend, trying a new hobby...change is all part of the learning process!

Progress is impossible without change.

Our tips for coping with change:

- 1- Look back through family photos and talk to an older family member about the changes they have experienced in their life and how they coped with them. What was life like when they were your age?
- 2- Think about changes you have coming up. How do you feel about them? Can you talk to someone who has been through these changes before? Is there anything you can do to prepare?
- 3- If you are worried about changes that are outside your control, make a list of activities to distract yourself, talk to someone you trust, and practise relaxation techniques to feel calmer.
 - 4- Is there anything in your life you would like to change? Make a plan and have a go!
 - 5- Plant some seeds/flowers in the garden and notice the changes as it grows!

#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.



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CONNECTING

Making a connection with other people can feel AMAZING! Connecting with others makes you feel like you belong, you are important and you are valued. Feeling a sense of belonging helps raise your self-esteem and is linked with increased mental health and wellbeing.

You can connect with people in lots of different ways. Try and connect with someone every day by using the tips below!

Our tips for connecting:

- 1- Encourage others to join in with you at break time. If you see someone without a friend on the playground, ask them to join in with your game, or invite them into your conversation. You might even make a new friend!
- 2- Give positive feedback to someone (e.g., say thank you when someone holds the door open for you or does something nice for you).
- 3- Ask your parent/carer to help you contact a family member or friend. Remember you can connect virtually if they live far away (e.g., video chat or phone call).
 - 4- Try switching off the TV or phone for a short time while you're with your family or friends. This will help to strengthen your connections without distractions!
- 5- You could also bake something delicious to share with others (e.g., family, neighbours, or friends).

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To find out if you are eligible go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or call 01926 359189 for menu information go to www.educaterers.co.uk

UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL

Don't forget if you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to a free school lunch everyday too.

Food for Life
A guarantee that
fresh, seasonal
food is always on
our menu





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.

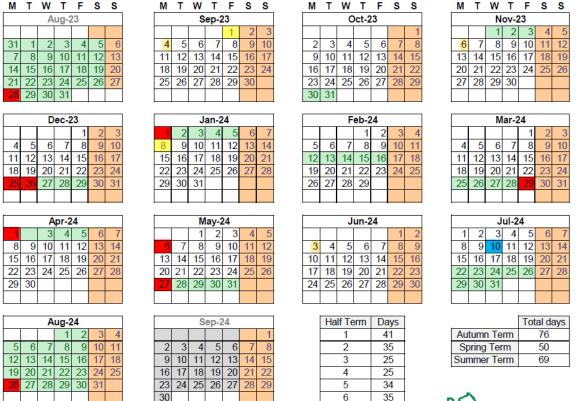
If you can answer yes to any of the following questions you may be eligible:

- •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



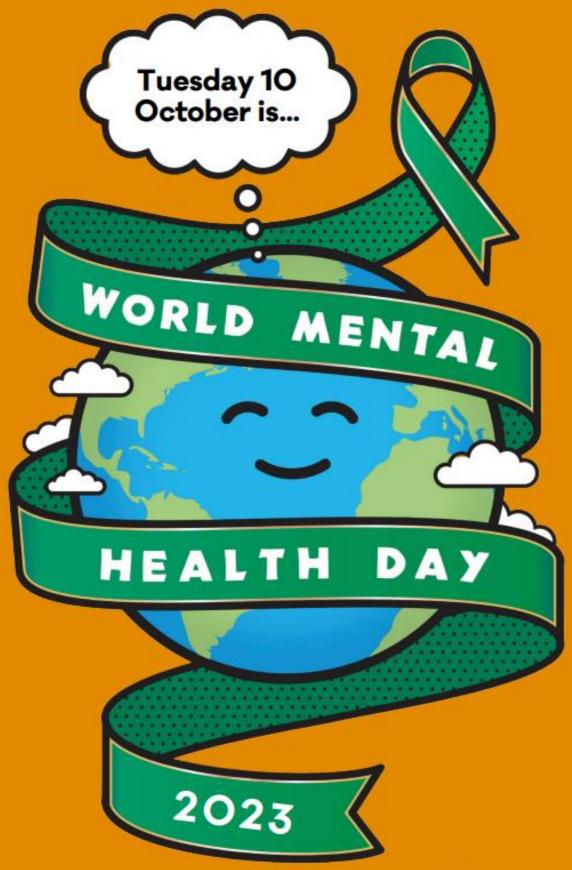






Total

195







HARVEST APPEAL

COLLECTION POINT HERE

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Milk (long life) Tinned custard

Tinned rice pudding

Squash

Biscuits

Instant mash

Instant noodles

Small choc bars

lane

Toilet rolls

Don't forget ...

You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.







Warwick District Foodbank Tel: 07850 293383

Email: info@warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1160705





Family-friendly worship with crafts, songs & refreshments

3rd Sunday of the month at 10.30am

Sunday 17th September

God's Wonderful Creation

Sunday 15th October

Harvest

Contact Ania for more details:



COME AND SEE!



WARWICKSHIRE

PARENT CARER VOICE

JOIN YOUR LOCAL PARENT CARER FORUM

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





WARWICKSHIRE

PARENT CARER VOICE

CARER FORUM? WHAT IS A PARENT

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



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

person (aged 0-25) regardless of their disabilities services) in Warwickshire, with a child or young We welcome any parent carer who lives (or uses (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

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

WHAT DO PARENT CARER FORUMS DO?

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





GET INVOLVED - YOUR VOICE IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

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

household bills Help to pay your

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

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

Call 0800 408 1448 between 4 and 22 April 2022.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ localwelfarescheme



need of support can help households in The Household Support Fund





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

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

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

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

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

or 01926 359182





October Skills & More Activity Camps!









Calling all active 4 to 12 Year Olds!

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November! g 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 Nature Camps

OR

Our brand new Creative Minecraft Camp*

'31st Only



Payment required at least 24 hours before attendance

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most enjoy! They are expertly crafted to full of activities we know your little ones Each day at GO GO Camp is jam packed

PACKAGES encourage learning, development and inspire new friendships.

OWN PACK LUNCH ALL CHILDREN TO BRING (Please provide one snack & a drink) £27.95

STANDARD DAY PACKAGE 9AM - 3.30PM

EARLY DROP OFF FROM 8AM

INCLUDES DRINK & A BISCUIT INCLUDES BREAKFAST

+£4.50

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INCLUDES DRINK, BISCUIT & TEA

WRAP / SANDWICH PLUS FRUIT + £5.50

VENUES

LATE PICK UP UNTIL 5.30PM

LATE PICK UP UNTIL 4.30PM

MEW! FINHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL Green Lane, Coventry, CV3 6EJ

E: hello@gogomakers.co.uk W: www.gogomakers.co.uk 01926 935377

My Daughters last words last night before falling asleep.. "I love GO GO Makers, it's magnificent!"

3RD NOVEMBER

inton Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 1BA

ARCHERY

KINGSLEY PREP SCHOOL

Vickers Way, Warwick, CV34 7AP

Beauchamp Avenue, Learnington Spa, CV32 5RD

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WE ACCEPT

Inspiring young minds to think BIG! 🛧 🛧 🛧 🛧 rated 5 stars on google



Strings Project

Suitable for Children aged 4-7 (typically in Reception, Year 1 and 2)

Starting September 2023

Helping to create the next generation of musicians and young string players in Warwickshire

Limited places available

Running Saturday mornings in term time (10 sessions per term and including extra mini-concerts at the end of the Christmas and Summer terms), the project is led by experienced teacher and violinist Barbara O'Reilly.

What will my child be doing?

Pre-Instrumental Musicianship - Foundation Stage: The pre-instrumental class, based on Dalcroze and Kodály concepts, uses singing and movement to develop the musical skills required for learning an instrument.

Violin and Musicianship - Stage 1: The children begin group violin lessons whilst continuing to develop their musicianship.

Violin and Musicianship - Stage 2: The children build on their early experience of violin playing technically and musically, learning both aurally and through written music.

Saturday	Class	Ages	School Year	Cost
9.15 - 9.45 (30 min)	Pre-Instrumental Musicianship	4-5	Reception	£6/week
9.50 - 10.40 (50 min)	Violin and Musicianship Stage 1	5-7	Year 1-2	£10/week (or £12 including violin rental)
10.45 - 11.35 (50 min)	Violin and Musicianship Stage 2	5-7	Year 1-2	£10/week (or £12 including violin rental)

Please note a parent must stay with their child every week.

Where?

In our purpose-built studio at Presto Music, 23 Regent Grove, Learnington, CV32 4NN

When?

Autumn Term: from 16th September to 2nd December (excluding Half term) plus extra

Christmas play-together on 9th December

Spring Term: from 6th January to 23th March (excluding Half term)
Summer Term: from 13th April to 29th June (excluding Half term) plus extra summer concert on 6th July

Financial Support

Presto Music strongly believes that money should not be a barrier to opportunities. If you need help please contact us and we will do everything we can to assist.

To register, visit:



INTERESTED IN OTHER CLASSES?

Please visit www.prestomusic.com/classes to register an interest.