

Emscote Express

Issue 7, 11th December 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems so strange to be in December already and to be without our usual Christmas productions and celebrations ahead. Please be assured that although we cannot invite families in to share, we are doing as much as possible to celebrate Christmas in every bubble. We will be posting photos and videos on the website so that you can take a look at all the festivities.

I would like to thank everyone for their support following the recent change in guidance and the decision to change the final day of the autumn term to Thursday 17th December. Please be aware that if your child tests positive for COVID-19 before midnight Wednesday 23 December 2020 **and** was present in school Thursday 17 December 2020, we would request that you contact the school by a text to the Coronavirus phone 07732 387372. This is to ensure we can comply with our responsibility of identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

As 4th January remains an inset day, further information about making up the required teaching day will be given once we have confirmation of this. In the meantime, we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas as we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

We are aware this is a bumper edition including lots of information about local community events. However, we think it best to keep everyone informed via one newsletter rather than through several emails.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Queralt

Dates for the diary.... All other future dates and events will be dependent on Government advice. We will send any information as soon as we can.

Dates for the Diary		
Wednesday 16th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	Non uniform Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas lunch (no need to preorder)	£1 donation for Save the Children
	Christmas class parties - year 2	
	Christmas Fair Reception Year (1-2.45pm)	
Thursday 17th Dec	Christmas class parties - reception and year 1	Reception and year 1 children to come dressed in party clothes
	Virtual Pantomime	
	Last Day of Term	
Friday 18th Dec	School Closed	
2021		
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day	
Tuesday 5 th January	Children return to school	
15 th - 19 th February	Half term	
Monday 22nd February	Inset day	
February 23 rd	Living eggs arrive in school	

School Games Santa Dash

On Friday 11th December, our children will be taking part in a National School Games Santa Dash. It's not a fund-raiser, it's just a bit of active fun! We hope to gets lots of photos of the Children in their running around in their Christmas jumpers and will share these with you on our school website.



Christmas at Emscote

Thank you to all the parents, PTA and staff who have helped make our Christmas Fairs so magical! Here are just a few photos so far...If you would like to donate to the PTA please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/EmscoteandAllSaints>



Fundraising in aid of Myton Hospice

As many of you will know, every year we hold a collection in aid of Myton Hospice at the end of each Christmas performance. Across the Federation, we raise almost £1000 from these collections alone. Although we aren't able to share our nativity performances in the same way this year, we are keen to continue our support of this incredible local charity. If you would like to help us raise vital funds in aid of Myton Hospice, you can do so in the following ways:

- Collection buckets will be on our school gates from tomorrow during drop off/pick up
- Donate online by visiting <https://www.mytonhospice.org>
- Or you can text MYTON 5 to 70500 (please note this is a £5 donation)

ASDA Christmas Kindness Campaign, Free meals for Children

Asda has today stepped up its support for families across the UK by offering children the chance to eat for free in its cafes throughout December.

All 216 of the supermarket's cafes are taking part and will provide children under the age of 16 with a meal completely free of any charge when accompanied by an adult. There are no minimum spend requirements or restrictions on the number of children in a family or group that can take advantage of this offer.

Asda expects to serve around 215,000 free meals to children from its cafes during December and is offering hot and cold menu choices such as fish fingers, chicken nuggets or sandwiches – all served with a drink and a piece of fruit.

Asda cafes located in areas with Tier 3 Covid restrictions will still provide this offer to local children via a takeaway service. The offer will run from December 1st to 31st December except Christmas Day when stores are closed.



Sports and active hobbies are a great way to get moving, which is really important for everyone's physical health, and can help improve confidence and self-esteem.

Kids should aim for a minimum of 60 minutes' activity every day. We know that might be hard to do right now, but we've got lots of great ideas to get you started.

Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities/sports-and-activities> for plenty of activities, games, recipes and more.

FREE - Olly The Brave Christmas Treasure Trail

Everyone is telling us that Christmas will be different this year so here at Molly Olly's Wishes, Olly The Brave wanted to spread a little bit of Christmas cheer and magic and invite you and your little ones to take part in our FREE Olly The Brave Christmas Treasure Trail. The Trail will take place around Warwick Town Centre from Friday 4th December until Tuesday 29th December. Your job is to find all the Cuddly Lion Ollys who will be sitting in various windows of shops or businesses and will be dressed up for Christmas, carrying a letter. At the end of the trail put the letters together and work out what seasonal words they spell. You can then post your answers into Molly Olly's letter box and have a chance to win a super-sized Olly The Brave.

The Treasure trail is free but if you would like to make a donation to our charity, we would be extremely grateful. To find the Treasure Trail follow the link below – and If you would like to donate please click on the pink donate button.

<https://www.mollyolly.co.uk/newsarchive/>

Warwickshire's Family Information Service Newsletter

In this edition of the Family Information Service newsletter you will find information about sharing your views on Warwickshire's Health and Wellbeing Strategy, funding for low income families with disabilities or seriously ill children, support for anyone affected by the death of a loved one and much more. For their latest newsletter please visit <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1193152?e=819c8cf1fc>

Warwickshire Families Magazine

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familieswarwickshirenovdec2020?fr=sNDBjNjlyNTc5NjU>

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

01926 359182 or 0800 408 1448

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme

For information about wider support from the council and other services, go to: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship

The leaflet about help with food access and money management is available at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/winterhardship

More information about the COVID Winter Grant is online at www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-winter-grant-scheme

Sallywags Update

Sallywags Kids Club is currently working from 2 sites.

Emscote children are still using the Contact Centre - behind the church, while All Saints children are on site at the school.

We are determined to continue having a positive impact on children's lives and to provide a valued service to parents and the schools.

We have availability for before and after school childcare.

Casual bookings are welcome.

Have a look on our website www.sallywagskids.co.uk for full details and contact numbers.

Premier Active, Inspiring Active Lives

Our very first blog is here.... <https://www.premieractive.co.uk/safe-social-distancing-games-approved-kids/>

Warwick School Christmas Action Holiday Courses

NEW courses that we are launching for Christmas. The following are all 1-day courses, which are available at a cost of £32.

Arctic Foxes (Year 4-7 boys and girls) Fri 18th December Our Super Six program, including six exciting Christmas themed activities across the day!

Art & Craft (Year 2-3 boys and girls) Tues 22nd December Children will enjoy a full day of seasonal art & craft with our expert artist!

Wall Climbing & Team Building (Year 4-7 boys and girls) Wed 23rd December Children will have a fabulous time on our indoor wall climbing and team building activity day! Our energetic and experienced coach will ensure fun for all abilities!

Interior Design (Year 4-7 boys and girls) Mon 4th January Join local interior designers Flora & Finn (recently featured in Ideal Home and 25 Beautiful Homes) for a fun day of creativity. You will create a scheme and mood board for your bedroom or playroom, design and make your own wallpaper and also create your own business card.

All courses will run from 9.00am – 4.30pm (staggered drop-off 9.00 - 9.15 / collection 4.15 - 4.30)

To book please visit <https://www.warwickschool.org/chris>

All Saints' Church, Emscote



**Come and see
our outdoor
Christmas 'Memory' Tree.**

**Tie a coloured ribbon around
the tree in memory of someone,
or leave
a message of hope.**



Midnight Mass 'Bethlehem Time'

Christmas Eve 8.00pm

All Saints' Church, Emscote



**A beautiful
candlelit
celebration**

***O come, let us
adore him!***

Please contact All Saints Church Office on 01926 492073 to book for
Midnight Mass

Family Learning **PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS**

Monday 25th January 19:00-20:30

Or

Wednesday 17th 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

Go to Warwickshire County Council Adult Learning

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

or scan the QR code to enrol.



Adult and Community Learning

Free Family Learning Course Course will be delivered online via Zoom

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Starts:

**Thursday 4th March
1-2pm for four weeks.**

Please contact

Jo Parvez - joanneparvez@warwickshire.gov.uk or
Lisa Tytler - lisatytler@warwickshire.gov.uk



Looking for

Warwick Lights of Love



2020

Celebrate the ones you love

The Mayor and The Rotary Club of Warwick invite you to remember someone you love as we celebrate Christmas this year.

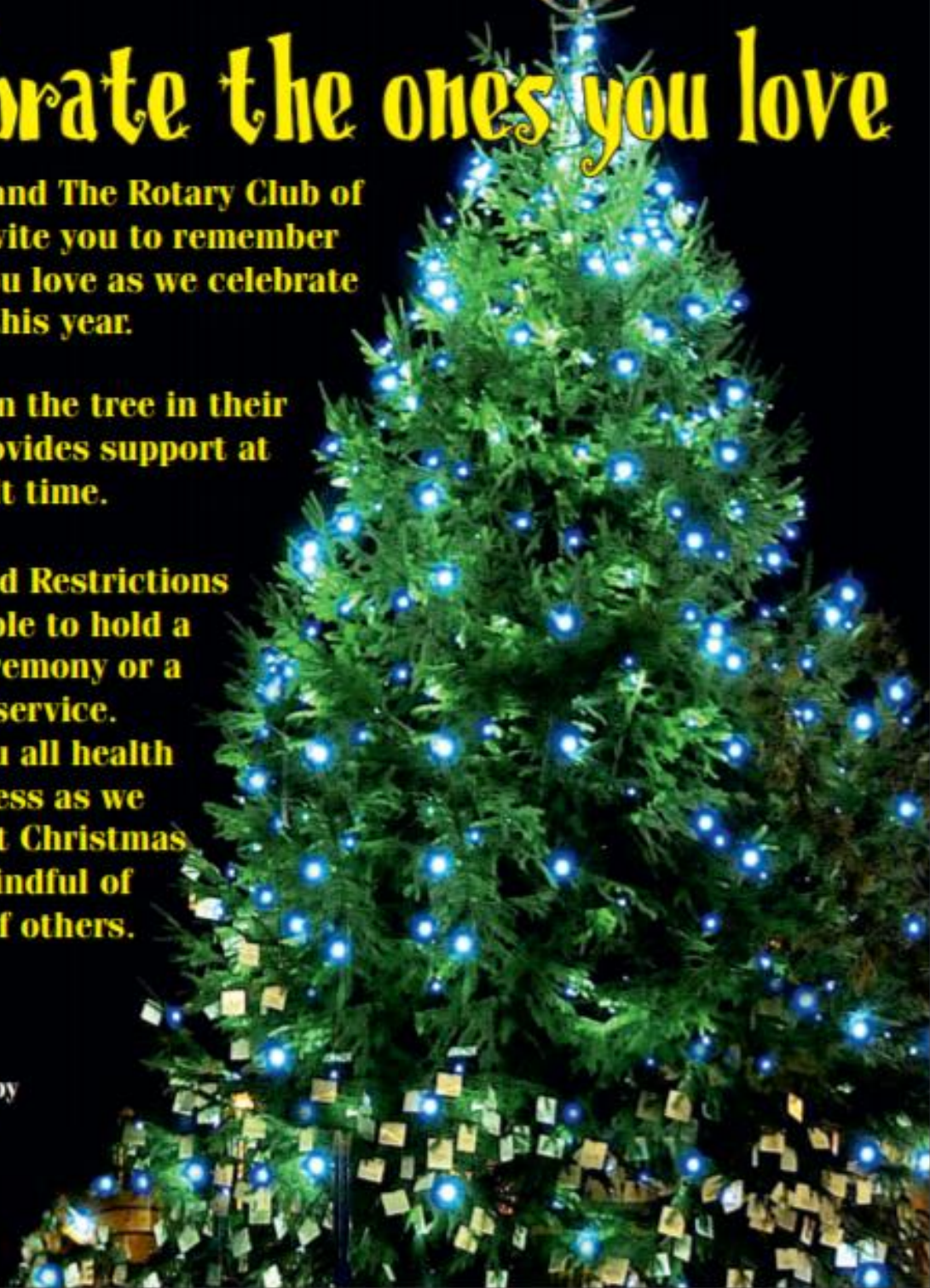
Your card on the tree in their memory provides support at this difficult time.

Due to Covid Restrictions we are unable to hold a lighting ceremony or a dedication service.

We wish you all health and happiness as we keep a quiet Christmas this year mindful of the needs of others.

**Tree provided by
Barn Close
Nurseries**

Photograph courtesy
of Gill Fletcher





Virtual

St·Mary's
Warwick's Church of Treasures

Christmas Tree Festival

www.stmaryschristmas.org.uk

Visit our Christmas website to see
a showcase of previous exhibitors
and seasonal messages

Emscote Christmas Fair

★ ★ ★ Let's make it magical! ★ ★ ★

The show must go on

We **WILL** be holding Christmas fairs for the children this year with **crafts, games** and **party bags** for them to enjoy.

When?

Wednesdays 1:00pm-2:45pm in year group bubbles.

Year One - 2nd December

Year Two - 9th December

Reception - 16th December

Uniform to be worn as normal please.

We can't do it without your support!

Minimum suggested
donation is £3 through:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/EmscoteandAllSaints

or the PTA website

www.pta-events.co.uk/emscoteandallsaintspta



Parentkind



**Bring a little
sparkle and
festive cheer this year!**

**WIN
UP TO £5,000**

£3 ticket enters you in all 12 draws

- ★ Help boost PTA fundraising
- ★ Tickets cost just £3
- ★ 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- ★ Tickets are limited so once they're gone... they're gone!



To buy tickets, visit: **bigptaraffle.co.uk**
and search for: Emscote and All Saints

Don't delay - tickets are limited

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for the Big PTA Raffle 2020 will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 7th Dec 2020. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 6000 133 or visit www.gamcare.org.uk



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Working or need to do
some last minute
shopping?

Bring your children
along for 4 fun filled
days of Christmas
Multi Sport or Dance.

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL

Nelson Avenue, CV34 5LY

Monday 21st - Thursday 24th December

9am-4pm

£45

School years 1-8



To book visit

www.kitsacademy.com

For more information

07772 873271 or bookings@kitsacademy.com



FREE GIFT FOR
EVERY CHILD!

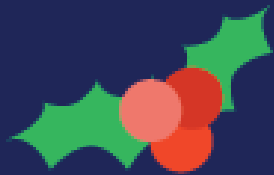


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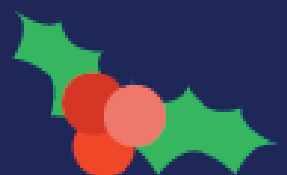


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it Better



WE NEED YOUR HELP

TO CHEER UP OLDER PEOPLE IN HOSPITALS AND CARE HOMES

Please can you help with making:

- Christmas cards
- Large snow flakes for wards and windows
- Christmas decorations or hearts to hang by beds
- Colourful pictures of winter scenes, landscape, flowers, animals
- Material face masks that can be gifted to patients
- Collect/fund raise to buy unopened hand creams, lip balms for NHS staff – please ask parents to donate items

Please include on the items, if possible, a positive uplifting message and your first name and school.

Please send your items to:

Kissing it Better, The Old Vicarage, Church Lane, Aston Cantlow, Henley in Arden, B95 6JB

www.kissingitbetter.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>