

Emscote Express

Issue 12, 19th March 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome all the children back again and we have been really impressed with how well they have all settled into their school routine. Their return to learning, playing together and friendships has been such a positive one. We are aware the children will have missed face-to-face interaction with their teachers and peers during lockdown and urge parents to keep in touch if they have any worries or anxieties about the children being back at school. To help with this, we recently sent out an email informing parents that we are 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 are inviting all parents/carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes to take part. For more information, please read below in the newsletter as we would like as many families as possible to be involved.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Queralt

Dates for the Diary 2021

Monday 22nd March	Let's Count Day	Dress up along the theme of numbers or counting to help us mark National Census Day (Sun 21st) - see worksheet below
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	More info further on
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	
Wednesday 21st July	End of Term	Note: Wednesday finish

PE Kits in school 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 tracksuit bottoms or leggings, t-shirt, hoodie or sweatshirt and trainers.

Reception Year – Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year 1 – Mondays and Thursdays
Year 2 – Wednesdays and Fridays

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

Toast at Morning Break

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Robertson's Toast this week at morning break! Children can now choose from toast or a piece of fruit, but will not be allowed to have their own snacks from home. **All orders must be paid for on a Monday for the whole week in an envelope marked with your child's name (£1 per week)**. Alternatively, parents can pay half termly if this is easier.

Let's Count Day!

To help mark Census Day, we will be holding a "Let's Count Day" in school on **Monday 22nd March**. We have lots of counting activities planned for the children on the day and would also like to invite the children to dress up along the theme of numbers and counting. Some ideas might be:

- A football shirt with a number on the back
- An age birthday badge
- A t shirt with a paper number or playing cards pinned on
- An old t shirt decorated with number sentences/dice/spots or objects that could be counted
- Wear black and white and dress as a domino

To further support our 'Let's Count Day', please encourage your child/ren to count things as part of their daily routine, around the house or on their way to school. You are welcome to send in any drawings or photos of your child's counting to admin2332@welearn365.com so that we can share your work in assembly and on our school website.

After School Clubs

Drama Club Mon 3-4pm

Arts Insight are running a drama club on a Monday afternoon and have two spaces available. Please contact the office for further details if you are interested in booking.

Multisports with Premier Active

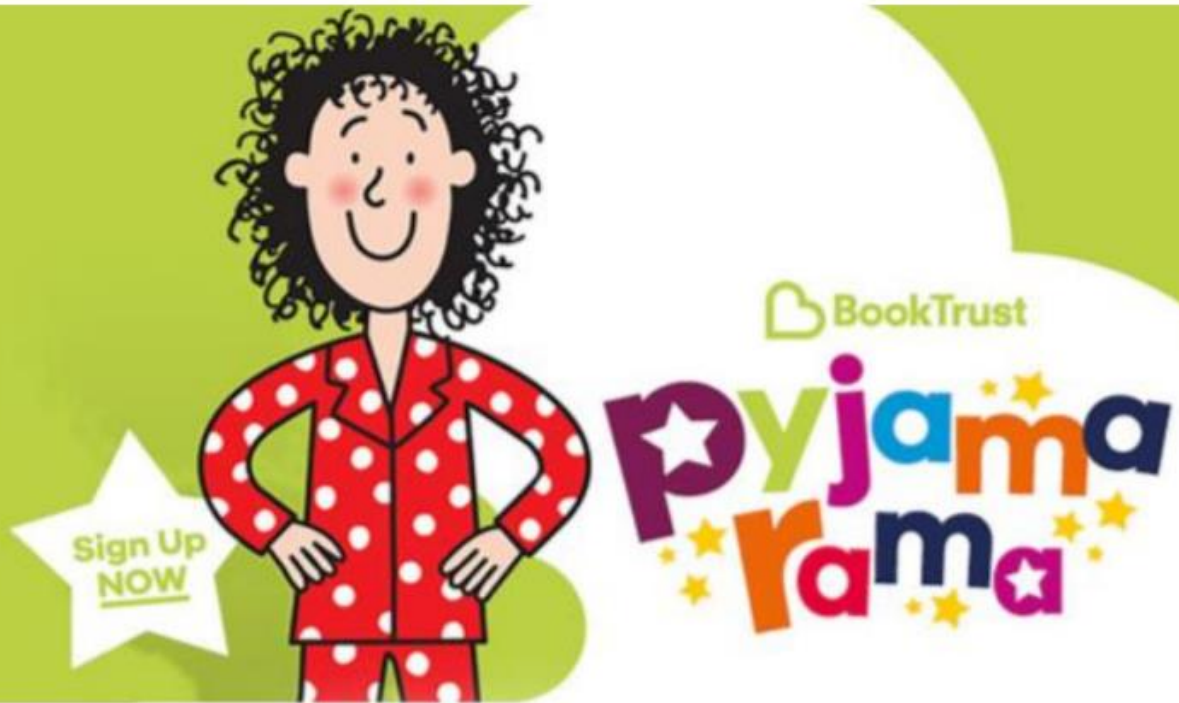
- Monday – reception 3-4pm
- Tuesday – Year 1 3-4pm
- Thursday – year 2 3-4pm

Limited spaces still available. If you would like to book please visit <https://www.premieractive.co.uk/>

Please ensure you click the correct dates and year group when booking.

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.



Pyjamarama - a day in PJs to get children reading

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favourite book character

PTA Easter Bingo Sat 3rd April – tickets on line this year!

On the last day of term the children will be able to come into school in non uniform in return for bringing an Easter Egg. These will be the prizes for the Bingo and Tombola as we have done before but this year all the tickets will be sold online at Eventbrite and sent home at the end of term. To book tickets for the Bingo or Easter Egg tombola please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/easter-bingo-tickets-146313986071>

There will also be an Easter trail to do over the Easter holidays with details of that to follow.

Gooddies School Uniform Orders

Free deliveries into school are now available again.

To place your order please visit <https://gooddies.co.uk>.
Orders placed before midnight on the 15th of the month
will be delivered approximately the end of the month.
Orders placed before midnight on the last day of the
month will be delivered approximately the middle of the
following month.



A Celebration Of Kindness and Community Spirit

Four new trees have been planted outside Emscote Infant School as a reminder of the many acts of kindness and community spirit that have helped us all throughout the Pandemic.

Key workers planting the trees included Nurses, Police Officers, Care Workers, Henry VIII Charity, St Edith's House, The Gap Community Centre, who were joined by pupils and adults from Emscote Infant School and All Saints' C of E Junior School and Bishop David Evans.

Thank you to everyone who voted for their favourite trees in our online poll.

You can read more about the tree planting in the Leamington Courier on online.

<https://www.warwickcourier.co.uk/news/people/warwick-schools-celebrate-kindness-and-support-shown-by-the-community-during-the-pandemic-3160508>

<https://www.warwickcourier.co.uk/news/people/warwick-residents-opinions-sought-tree-project-commemorating-community-spirit-3138188>





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 there's information on a new child exploitation awareness campaign called Something's Not Right, child exploitation online workshops for parents and carers, a reminder to take part in the Census 2021 survey to help inform decisions that shape your community, Easter activities and much more! <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1195303?e=56e08a503a>

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.

Free online guides to help parents feel more confident

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

This programme consists of four online guides that have been developed by NHS experts and parents using an evidence-based approach to increase the confidence of parents-to-be, mums, dads, parents-to-be, grandparents and carers.

The guides are on:

- Understanding your pregnancy
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your teenager's brain

The four online guides are FREE for Warwickshire residents using the access code BEAR. All of the guides can be completed flexibly, at your own pace. Each of the guides' modules takes around 15-20 minutes to complete with each guide containing several modules.

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/>



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>

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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

EVERYONE MATTERS

EVERYONE COUNTS

CENSUS PURPOSE: WHAT'S IT FOR?

The Census is a compulsory survey of all households in England & Wales every 10 years. Everyone needs to be included whatever your status or circumstances. That's every 10 years since 1801 (apart from 1941) and the data informs planning for future services and meeting needs.

The Census helps when unravelling the past – historians and people researching their heritage and roots use information from past censuses.

Census 2021 is organized and delivered by The Office for National Statistics and is independent from the Government.

CENSUS PROCESS: WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

All households (including residential and care homes, hostels and refuges) will receive a letter with information on Census 2021 and your unique code number.

You will have got this by now

You can fill in your form online or on paper from 1st March. Most people will fill it in online www.census.gov.uk and many will have paper-copies delivered.

Census 2021 Day is Sunday 21st March – that day becomes a snapshot of society. Census data is the basis of funding for local councils and planning for community needs such as schools and transport. Remember, the census data that you submit is anonymous (names are released after 100 years).

You must fill in your household census, but you do not need to answer all of the questions. You can also request a paper copy. You can also get a separate form from the rest of your household if you want to keep any personal information about yourself private

Starting on the 22nd March a team of 220 people will be working across the entire District, they will be knocking on doors and offering to help anyone who has not yet completed Census 2021. This work will continue until the 28th April when Census 2021 closes.

Fill in your Census form at www.census.gov.uk

Call 0800 141 2021 to find out when your local Support Centres are open, tell the Census people you want a paper copy, or to get one privately (they will send it to you in a plain envelope).

Language Helpline: 0800 587 2021 • Text Relay Service: (0800) 0800 141 2021

WORDSEARCH

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Find these words!

CENSUS • COUNT • DATA • FUTURE
HISTORY • HOUSEHOLD • NUMBER
PEOPLE • STATISTICS • SURVEY

NEW QUESTIONS... NEW TIMES

Each Census reflects changes in our society, these were all new questions in:

- 1841 – What is your name?
- 1971 – Is there a car or van in the household?
- 2001 – What is your religion?
- 2021 – What is your sexual orientation?
What is your gender identity?

BIG CENSUS QUESTIONS

1. What religion had 6,242 followers in 2011?
2. What's to stop them selling all my family information?
3. When did the Census first ask people about their race and ethnicity?
4. A friend of mine needs **HELP & SUPPORT** to fill in their form – can they speak with a real person?
5. How many females were born overseas in the 1861 Census?

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Census 2021 Day
is the 21st March,
which is also the
first day of Spring.
A time of renewal
and looking forward.

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This Census 2021 poster was originally in Arts and Crafts
Communities' 7th edition of Bundles of Creativity, a pandemic
project to reach out to digitally excluded families and those in need.

Website: www.artworkscraftive.org.uk • Phone: 01274 256919 • Twitter: [ArtsandCrafts](https://twitter.com/ArtsandCrafts)
Facebook: [ArtsandCrafts](https://facebook.com/ArtsandCrafts) • Instagram: [ArtsandCrafts](https://instagram.com/ArtsandCrafts)

EMSCOTE AND ALLSAINTS PTA PRESENTS...

The annual Easter Family

BINGO!

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Saturday 3rd April 3pm - 4pm



TICKETS:

£3/book – Adult

£2/book – Child

(Buy as many as you like.)

Easter Egg Tombola £1 for 5 tickets

Buy tickets for both from:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/easter-bingo-tickets-146313986071>

Ticket sales close 11:59pm Saturday 27th March 2021.

Books and tickets will be sent home with children
on week commencing 29th March.

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

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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6th - 9th April 2021,
12th - 15th April 2021

AGES: Year 1 - Year 8
COST: £45 per week
EARLY BIRD: £40 per week*
(*If booked before Friday 19th March)

TIMES

DROP OFF 9:00am
PICK UP 4:00pm

ALL ACTIVITIES MEET NHS AND DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION GUIDELINES

ONLINE BOOKING ONLY DUE TO COVID-19

TO BOOK: VISIT WWW.KITSACADEMY.COM

for more information CALL US ON 07772 873271
EMAIL US ON bookings@kitsacademy.com

We are the official schools and community partner of Coventry Blaze. Throughout the holidays there will be hockey related fun and games & the chance to meet Scorch the Dragon!

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WIN A 'CHOCTASTIC' EASTER HAMPER AND A £20 BOOK TOKEN!

To enter please draw a picture that shows what
'*Lockdown*' has represented for you.

Please photograph or scan the drawing and email it,
along with the following information, to the email below:

- *Child's name*
- *Postal address*
- *Contact details**
- *Primary school/nursery name*
- *Age of child*

Email to: anna.knight@dalrod.co.uk

* We will only use this information when getting your prize arranged. You will not be added to any mailing lists!



Entries must be emailed to Anna by the end of:

Wednesday 26th March 2021

The winners** will be announced on the **DALROD Coventry and Warwickshire**
Facebook page on Wednesday 31st March 2021 at midday.

Please 'like' the page so that you see the post!



**One winner for each of the following age groups: 3 to 5 years, 6 to 8 years, 9 to 11 years



*The winners' school or nursery will also receive
a FREE GIFT worth £250 courtesy of DALROD
Coventry & Warwickshire!*

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FREE ONLINE PRIMARY TEACHER TRAINING & RESOURCES from the LTA

A new, free online course to guide you through how to use our innovative resources that have been developed by teachers, for teachers.

As well as teaching fundamental movement skills and developing physical literacy, tennis is also a great way of developing personal and character skills and we have classroom materials to support.

Teachers who complete the course will receive a resource pack and a £250 voucher* to spend on equipment, or ten hours of team teaching support from an LTA Accredited Coach!

Sign up to the online course and access all the resources at: www.lta.org.uk/schools

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SCHOOL**

*A limited to one per school.
The LTA Youth Schools Programme has been granted 'Approved Provider Status' by the Association for Physical Education's Professional Development Board. Supported by The Tennis Foundation.



SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE ORDERING



Our School uniform is now available to purchase online through our new web store <https://gooddies.co.uk>



Order Deadline Dates

Orders placed before midnight on the 15th of the month will be delivered approximately the end of the month. Orders placed before midnight on the last day of the month will be delivered approximately the middle of the following month. Please allow up to 20 working days from cut off during the busy months of June – September.

Deliveries into school are free, however, you do have the option to pay for home delivery.

PLEASE NOTE – Home delivery is not an express option.

Any orders that are due for delivery into school while the schools are closed will be held in our warehouse until the school re-opens.

In partnership with



Are you a Coventry/Warwickshire based parent/carer of an autistic child or teenager?

Do you want to understand their autism and help them understand their autism?

We are offering a series of facilitator led workshops

CASP: Children's Autism Support Programme for parents/carers of children aged 4-12

TASP: Teenage Autism Support Programme for parents/carers of children aged 13-18

The workshops are fully-funded and comprise of 4 x 3-hour sessions over a 4-week period facilitated by autism professionals who are also parents.

You will be joined by up to 15 other parents for an informative and empowering workshop.

Objectives:

- To enable parents/carers to understand their child's lived experience – the joys and the challenges
- To facilitate a 'conscious connection' between parent/carer and their child via the **3 C pathway**, a relational approach to parenting
- To identify adjustments/changes to help their child feel secure and be understood

The four weeks will follow a broad framework:

1. Autism, a brief history and context. Your child and their autism
2. The sensory world – experience it and consider how it impacts on your child
3. Communication – making connections and building a secure base
4. Transitions, advocacy, planning next steps and problem solving

Each week aims to be person-focused and attendees will be encouraged to share and comment.

Open to families based across Coventry and Warwickshire.

Please contact Julie Hampton for details and booking forms
Courses run throughout 2021. All sessions will take place virtually on Zoom until further notice.

julie@actforautism.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>