

# *Emscote Express*

*Issue 6, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020*



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking parents, staff and the children for all the support and effort that has gone onto making home learning so successful over the past week. The children have been enjoying daily lessons via Zoom, live marking and feedback from the year 2 teachers and we have been so pleased to see such high attendance. Thank you to everyone for helping us to keep this running so smoothly. Zoom links and information for next week's lessons will be issued to year 2 parents later today.

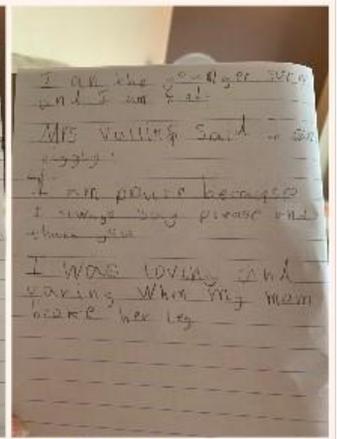
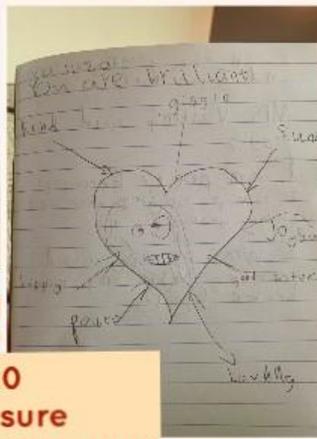
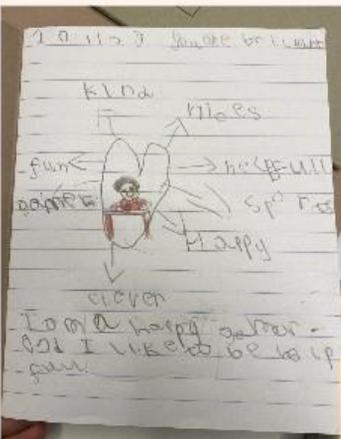
I would like to invite our reception year parents to a maths learning workshop on 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. Please read below for details and I hope you will be able to join me.

We are all getting excited about upcoming festivities in school including an outdoor Christingle service, Christmas jumper day and lunch, class parties and a virtual panto with Cinderella this year. The PTA and staff have also worked really hard to make sure the children can still enjoy their Christmas fair with games, crafts and a goody bag. Please take the time to visit our PTA website to find out more:

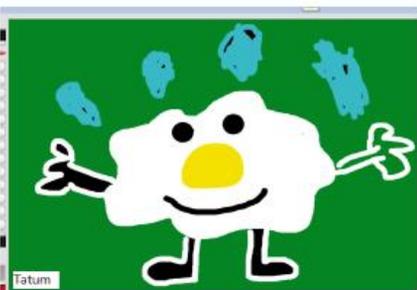
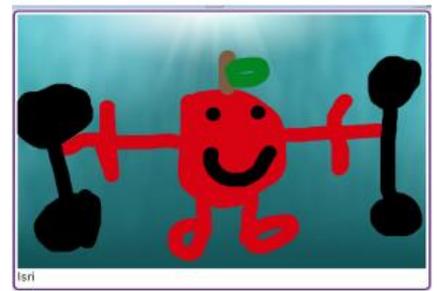
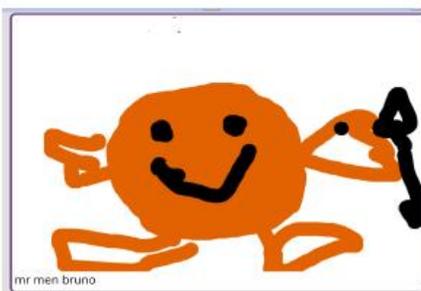
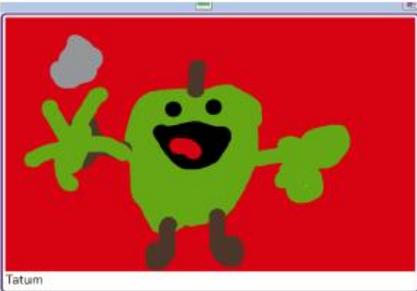
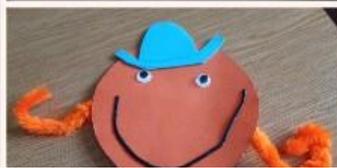
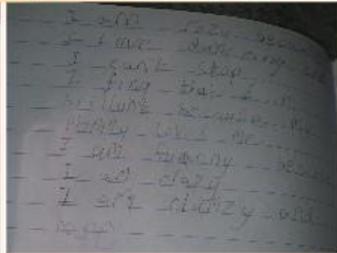
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Yours sincerely,

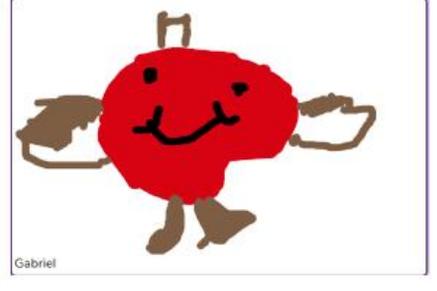
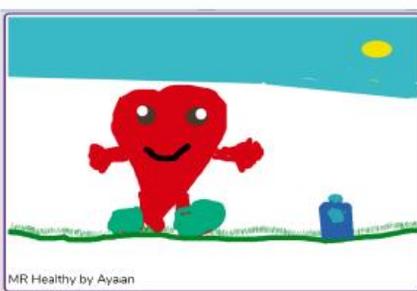
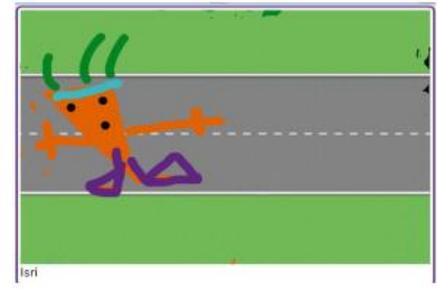
Mr Queralt



**Friday 20/11/20  
Day 1 Bubble Closure  
Super learning from Sycamore!**



**23.11.20**  
**Mr Healthy and Little Miss Healthy Characters**  
We have been learning how to safely access our welearn365 accounts. We then went on to Purple Mash and used the 2paint programme to create our Mr Men characters!



**Thank you to all our year 2 staff and parents for their support with daily zoom lessons. We hope the children have enjoyed their home learning so far!**

Dates for the Diary	
December 2nd	Christmas Fair Year 1 (1-2.45pm)
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Year Maths Meeting 6.30-7.30pm
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair Year 2 (1-2.45pm)
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation for Save The Children
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lunch
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair Reception 1 (1-2.45pm)
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas class parties
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual panto (Cinderella)/Last Day of Term
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
February 15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset day
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Living eggs arrive in school

## Reception Maths Meeting

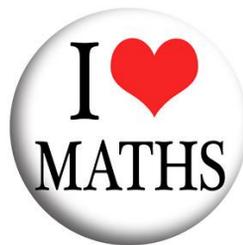
We would like to invite all reception parents to join a maths meeting on 7th December 18:30-19:30

Please see below for Zoom meeting details:

<https://zoom.us/j/94977781863?pwd=Z1FqaEVrT21XcDdaZ3dpblZvdnFoUT09>

Meeting ID: 949 7778 1863

Passcode: ilovemaths



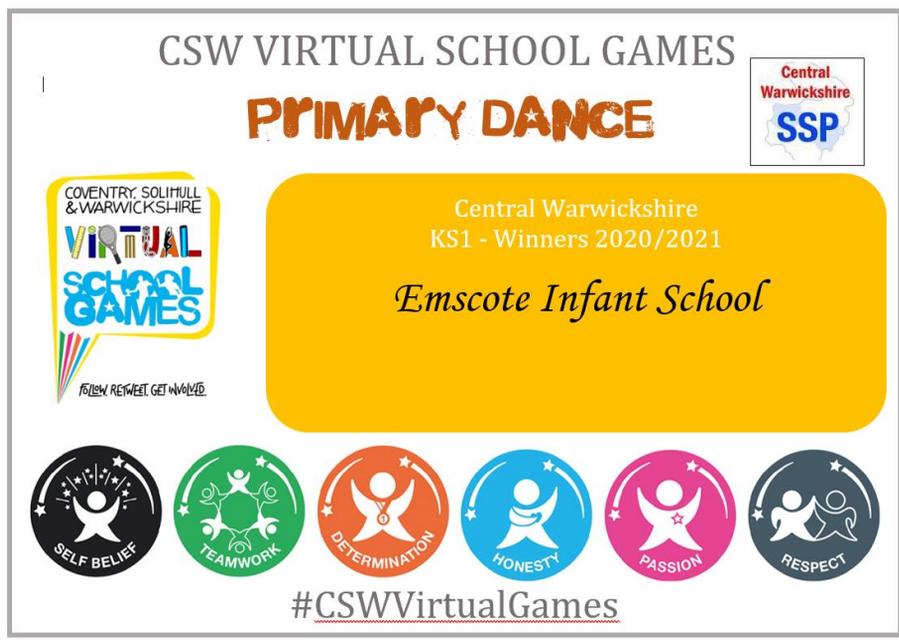
## Christmas Cards

We would like to carry on this tradition as we know that children really enjoy writing cards for their friends and teachers. Therefore, if children want to send cards in they will be kept in each classroom until the last day of term, when they will be given to children as they leave school.

Cards can be brought into school **from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. This then gives us enough time to quarantine the cards and sort them ready to be handed out to the children at the end of term.

## Congratulations!

Sycamore Class have been selected to represent the School Sport Partnership at the county virtual School Games finals. Thank you to Mrs Vallins and to Mrs Evans of Fiery Feet for coordinating this. Good luck in the county finals!



## Anti-Bullying Week

Following on from anti-bullying week the children have been learning about what makes a good friend. This may be something you'd like to discuss at home with your children too.



## School Open Days/Tours

Although we are unable to show have any visitors into school at the moment, Mr Queralt is happy to arrange a call or a Zoom meeting with any prospective new parents looking at schools for 21/22. Please let any friends or family know to contact the office if they would like to make an appointment. We are also able to send lots of information, including a virtual tour of our classrooms, via email or this can be accessed via our website.

## **Preparing for Spring!**

Thank you to Carty Services, local landscaping and gardening contractors, for donating our spring bulbs ready for planting in the school grounds. Our thanks also goes to parent volunteers for helping us prepare and weed the flowerbeds this week.

## **St Mary's Virtual Christmas Tree Festival**

St. Mary's Church has been at the heart of Warwick for many events throughout the years and is usually full of Christmas Trees during December, each decorated by local schools, businesses and groups. That tradition will, like many other things in 2020, be "virtual" this year. Thank you to Mrs Madagan for entering us again, please see our entry at: <https://www.stmaryschristmas.org.uk/christmas-tree-supporters>

## **Light up the District this Christmas!**

Though we can't come together to celebrate the light switch-ons in our town centres this year, we are enabling you to see the lights switched on in the town centres from the comfort of your own home whilst switching yours on at the same time!

## **Families Warwickshire Magazine**

For the latest digital issue of Families Warwickshire magazine visit: <https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familieswarwickshirenovdec2020?fr=sNDBjNjlyNTc5NjU>

## **Warwickshire Family Service**

The latest edition of the Family Information Service newsletter is available to read at <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1193016?e=56e08a503a>

In this edition of the Family Information Service newsletter you will find information about parent/carer information sessions organised by CW Mind Autism Support Service, how to help Stratford Foodbank this Christmas, family support in Warwickshire and much more.

## **School Policy Changes and Updates**

We have recently updated our privacy information to explain when we may need to share some personal information with public health agencies. Individuals have a right to object to such data sharing. Full information of these changes can be found here

<http://www.allsaintsemscotefederation.co.uk/web/policies>

## **1:1 Teaching Assistant, Emscote Infant School**

This specific role is working in conjunction with another TA to support a child with complex needs who has an EHCP. The candidate will ideally have had experience of supporting complex needs in a mainstream classroom and possess the resilience and humour this role can require.

The role is 25 hours per week, Term Time Only (TTO, 39 Weeks) until 21 July 2021.

The deadline for applications is **5pm on Monday 7th December 2020**. Shortlisting will be completed on Wednesday 9th December with interviews taking place on Friday 11th December 2020.

To apply please visit <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/85460/1-1-teaching-assistant/>

## **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](http://www.sallywagskids.co.uk) for full details and contact numbers.



Virtual

St. Mary's  
Warwick's Church of Treasures

# Christmas Tree Festival

[www.stmaryschristmas.org.uk](http://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** - 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**Year Two** - 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Reception** - 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/EmscoteandAllSaints)

**or the PTA website**

[www.pta-events.co.uk/emscoteandallsaintspta](http://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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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



FREE GIFT FOR  
EVERY CHILD!

## To book visit

[www.kitsacademy.com](http://www.kitsacademy.com)

## For more information

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# 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

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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](http://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>