

# ***Emscote Express***

*Issue 14, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021*



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break and the opportunity to see family and friends after such a long time. We have enjoyed welcoming your children back for the start of the summer term, especially with the sunny weather to match! We look forward to continuing with a sense of 'normality' this term and to putting more events in the diary such as sports day for the children and a school Bake Off between children, parents and staff (date to be confirmed!).

Next week, in the lead up to local elections and to help promote democracy, the children have the opportunity to interview a local councillor during Wednesday's assembly. So far they have come up with some excellent questions!

As mentioned in our last newsletter we are also in the process of creating a virtual tour of our school to enable new parents and children to look around. With this in mind we are asking for parents or grandparents who would be happy to volunteer some of their time to help with gardening or keeping our library tidy.

Enjoy your Bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back to school next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Queralt

## Dates for the Diary 2021

Mon 3rd May	Bank Holiday	
Thurs 13th May	Group school photos	To be held outside in bubbles
Fri 14th May	Pyjamarama Day/Book Day	Come dressed in your pyjamas or as your favourite book character
Mon 31st May to Fri 4th June	Half Term Holiday	
Mon 7th June	Inset Day	
Mon 8th June	Return to school	
Wed 16th June	New Parents Meeting	Online meeting starting at 6pm. Details to follow.
Wed 30th June	Sports Day	To be held in bubbles
Wed 7th July	Warwickshire Transition Day	
Fri 9th July	School Reports Out	
Wed 21st July	End of Term	Note: Wednesday finish
Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd Sept	Inset Days	
Mon 6th Sept	Yr 1 and Yr 2 return to school	

### 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 black/navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings, white t-shirt, black/navy hoodie or sweatshirt and trainers.

Reception Year – Tuesday and Thursday

Chestnut - Monday and Thursday

Oak – Monday and Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Y2 lunchtime gymnastics club members – Wednesdays

Any children taking part in Multisports afterschool club can also wear PE kit to school

**Year 1** have been busy this week and wanted to share some of the lovely things they have been up to...



In Maths we have been grouping and sharing objects.



We programmed the Beebots to follow our instructions.



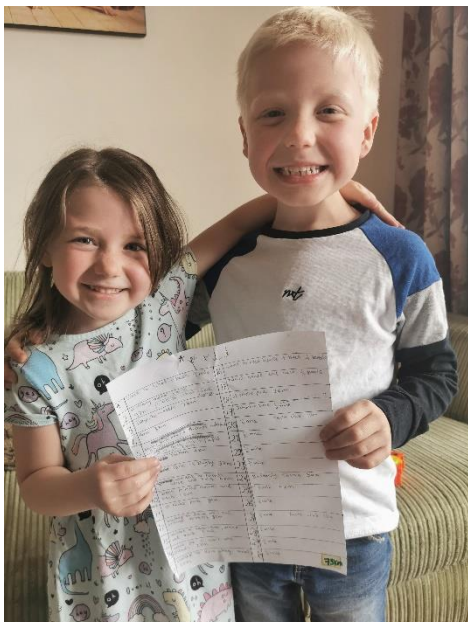
We love our Yoga - we've been practising 'The Downward Dog'!

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# #ACTIVEAPRIL

Well done to all those who took part in Active April! It's not too late to let your teachers know how many km's you have travelled this month, whether it's been by bike, walking, scooting or running.



APRIL	
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## Volunteers Needed!

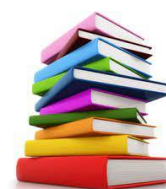
### Brighten up our playground

Would any green fingered parents or grandparents be willing to put together a plant pot for brightening up the outside of our classrooms? We are keen to bring as much colour to the school playground as possible!



### Library

Our library is in much need of a good spring clean! We are looking for a parent or grandparent who would be happy to donate some of their time to sorting through our books and helping us to get our library looking neat and tidy.



Please let the office know if you would like to help by contacting [admin2332@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2332@welearn365.com) or 01926 491433.

## Toast Money

Please remember to pay for toast/fruit at the beginning of the week and to send the money in a named envelope. Parents are welcome to pay half termly if this is more convenient.

## Get your Family Moving in May!

**As May is National Walking Month**, Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service have put together this resource to get the whole family walking through a range of fun activities. <https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/National-Walking-Month-Family-Materials.pdf>

### **Children who walk to school concentrate better**

According to a recent Danish study into the link between diet, exercise and the power of concentration, children who walk or cycle to school rather than being driven by their parents have an increased power of concentration, and the effect of this 'exercise' lasts all morning.



### **Exercise in the morning and sleep better at night**

If you lay awake at night, struggling to get to sleep, then it may be time to start exercising in the morning.

“Exercising in the morning daylight helps you to sleep. It helps to kick-start the brain in the same way as when you expose yourself to bright light early in the morning, and it makes the body release melatonin earlier in the evening,” says Laage-Christiansen.

To read more visit:

<https://sciencenordic.com/denmark-fitness-sleep/exercise-in-the-morning-and-sleep-better-at-night/1436958#:~:text=in%20sleep%20research.,%2C%E2%80%9D%20says%20Laage%2DChristiansen>



### 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**

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### **Family Information Service Newsletter**

In this edition of the Family Information Service newsletter you will find some important information about school admissions, workshops for disabled children and their families, internships for young people and much more! <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1195991?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](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk) or calling 01926 742274.

### **School Health Newsletter**

The month of May sees the promotion of Hand Hygiene Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> and Sun Awareness Week from 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. To promote Hand Hygiene and Sun Awareness the Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service have created resources for families and teachers <http://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Sun-Safety-Awareness-family-resource.pdf>

**Morrisons Seeds of Hope Campaign, "From small acts of kindness, good things can and do happen".**

Thank you to Orla and all the other families who nominated Emscote Infant School in the recent 'Seeds of Hope' Campaign held by Morrisons. We were one of the lucky winners!



**My School Fund**

Introducing **My School Fund**, an exciting new initiative that combines the spending power of parents, guardians and carers in order to **boost school budgets**.



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## Booking for May Action at Warwick School is now open!

Dates	Course	School Year	Time	Cost
Tues 1st to Fri 4th June (4 days)	Cygnets Multi-Activities	Reception and School Year 1	9.00am - 16.30pm	£152
	'Super Six' Activities	School Years 2 to 7 (up to and including 12 year olds)	9.00am - 16.30pm	£152

Please visit the website below and click on BOOK TODAY to make your booking.

<https://www.warwickschool.org/may-half-term-2021>

### Advice from DFE on Covid update for Travelling to school Safely

It is likely that the roads and public transport system will be busier than when students returned in March, given other businesses have reopened.

As part of your ongoing communications with your pupils and their parents, you may wish to share the following messages on how pupils can travel to and from school safely:

- if you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- if you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey

When you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:

- wear a face covering (unless you are exempt –including if you are aged 11 and under).It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
- social distance where possible
- wash or sanitise your hands regularly
- be considerate to fellow passengers and staff.

### Message from Gooddies – School Uniform Supplier

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS USING GOODDIES ONLINE SERVICE

THE CUT -OFF DATE FOR DELIVERIES TO SCHOOL BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK IS 15TH JUNE

THE CUT -OFF DATE FOR DELIVERIES TO HOME ADDRESSES BEFORE THE 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST IS MIDNIGHT ON THE 15TH JULY

PLEASE NOTE YOU CAN STILL PLACE ORDERS AFTER THESE DATES

AND WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE HOWEVER, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE DELIVERY BEFORE SEPTEMBER

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2021/22

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School Induction Day

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## How does it work?

My School Fund links your spend to your chosen school, meaning every time you make a purchase at participating retailers you both benefit through an innovative cashback scheme.

## What's in it for me and my child's school?

Both you and your child's school will receive eGift Cards to spend in participating retailers based on a percentage of your overall spend.



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

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and register for free today!**

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## Getting started



### Step 1

Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to sign up for free and link to your child's school



### Step 2

Register your credit/debit card to your account



### Step 3

Spend at participating retailers



### Step 4

Start receiving your eGift Cards!

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Adult and Community Learning

New for Summer 2021

## Getting the Most Out of the Outdoors

Isn't it wonderful to be able to explore again?

This four week, online course will help you get the very most of being **outside** with your child, discovering plants and wildlife in your local area and using nature as an inspiration to unlock creativity.

The course includes a short online session to attend at a set time each week, with activities for you to do with your child as and when you choose.



**Mondays** at 9.30am or 7.00pm, April 26th to May 17th  
or **Tuesdays** at 11am, April 27th to May 18th

To enrol please follow the link below, and select

Family Learning: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl)



If you'd like further information please email

**[catherinewest@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:catherinewest@warwickshire.gov.uk)**

Sessions take place on zoom



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## FOOTBALL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL!

Email for more information...

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**PAN DISABILITY SESSION  
SATURDAY MORNINGS  
@AYLESFORD SCHOOL  
10.45am - 11.45am  
AGE 4+**

**FREE!**

**SOCCER SCHOOLS  
SATURDAY MORNINGS  
VARIOUS VENUES  
AGE 4 - 11**

### UNDER 7 - 16 ACADEMY

- UEFA A License Head of Youth and Academy manager
  - UEFA / FA Qualified coaches
  - Progressive coaching syllabus
  - Games Programme / Showcase Fixtures
  - And more....
  - FEMALE elite programme coming soon
- You can still play for your junior teams and attend the academy.*

**LEAMINGTON FC BRAKES  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TEAMS  
Under 7 - 18's**

**FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE  
Age 5 - 12**

**GOALKEEPER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE  
Age 6 - 16**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO BOOK PLACES AT ANY OF  
THE SESSIONS PLEASE CONTACT:  
[chris.knott@leamingtonfc.co.uk](mailto:chris.knott@leamingtonfc.co.uk)**



**LONG TERM PATHWAY INTO POST 16 COLLEGE ACADEMY,  
UNDER 19'S FLOODLIT,  
UNDER 23'S, FIRST TEAM (NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH)**

## KENILWORTH SATURDAY ART CLUB REOPENS 24TH APRIL

**Primary School Class  
1.15pm to 2.45pm - followed by Secondary  
Kenilworth Old High Street  
Parochial Hall**

**£16 per session**

**INSTAGRAM  
KENILWORTHARTCLUB**



**TO CHECK CLASS  
AVAILABILITY, PLEASE CONTACT  
JULIE SOMMERVILLE  
07968 031831/  
[KENILWORTHARTCLUB@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:KENILWORTHARTCLUB@OUTLOOK.COM)**

**JULIE IS EXPERIENCED IN TEACHING ART,  
FULLY DBS CHECKED AND IS A MASTERS  
POSTGRADUATE IN PAINTING.**



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# 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>