Emscote Express

Issue 3, 13th October 2023



It has been another busy fortnight at Emscote and the children are continuing to work hard and enjoy the warm weather with lots of outdoor learning. I have really enjoyed hearing all of the singing around school this week, as children prepare for our Harvest Festival next week. This will take place on Wednesday 18th October at 9.15am at All Saint's Church. Parents are welcome to join us.

The Eco Team have been thinking about recycling ahead of National Recycle Week (16-22 October), and the theme this year is The Big Recycling Hunt – a nationwide hunt to find 'lost recyclables' that often end up in the rubbish bin.

Eco council have decided they would like to run a competition and shared their ideas in a whole school assembly. Your child may choose to design a poster encouraging others to Recycle. This should be A4 in size. There will be a winner and a runner up from each year group, judged by the Eco team and these will appear around the school. All entries must be in school by Friday 20th October.

Alongside this school-based competition, parents may also enter their child's work into a National competition if they wish. You should send entries to theactionpack@edcoms.co.uk Visit https://schools.recyclenow.com/ to learn more! I was delighted to see Lewis in Sycamore class taking his Eco Councillor role outside of school as he helped to find litter near his home and importantly, recycle it! Well done Lewis!

Mrs Nicol



Dates for the Diary 2023/24

Mon 16th Oct	Individual school photos	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. Donations for Warwick Food Bank of long life milk, tinned custard, squash, biscuits, instant mash, noodles and toilet roll would be welcome.
Fri 20th Oct	Reception Phonics and Maths Workshop 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	
30th Oct - 3rd Nov	Half Term	
Mon 6th Nov	Inset Day	
Thurs 9th Nov	PTA Fireworks Night	5-7pm at All Saints' Junior School. More info regarding tickets to follow
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
Tues 12th Dec	Reception Year Christmas Performances 10am and 2pm	We kindly ask that parents and carers make
Wed 13th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Performances 10am and 2pm	alternative arrangements for younger siblings, as from experience, younger children can be disruptive to our young performers. We appreciate your help on this matter.
Wed 13th Dec	Year 2 Carol Service 5.30pm at All Saints' Church	tilis matter.
Fri 24th Nov	Flu Immunisations - all year groups	Online consent form to follow
Fri 22nd Dec	Last Day of Term	
Mon 8th Jan	Inset Day	
Tues 9th Jan	Children return to school	

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 them 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.

Parent Evenings

Our Autumn Parent Learning Review meetings are coming up. You will receive a communication in the coming days from the office team detailing how to make an appointment. Meetings will be face to face, unless you have a specific need for an online appointment (please speak to the class teacher). Appointments are 10 minutes in length and teachers will use timers to support everyone keeping to time. If you feel you need additional time, after this meeting, please arrange a further meeting with your child's teacher.

Tuesday 24th –Willow, Oak, Chestnut ,Maple and Sycamore Wednesday - 25th Cherry and Sycamore Thursday 26th –Cherry, Willow, Oak, Chestnut and Maple

EYFS Phonics and Maths Workshop

Next Friday, 20th October, at 1.30pm parents and carers of EYFS children are invited to attend an afternoon workshop to learn more about how we teach Literacy and Maths and how to support learning at home. Please speak to Miss Stanley for more details.

Bonfire Extravaganza!

Notice from the PTA: Fireworks night: 9th November 5-7pm at All Saints. They are looking for helpers for the firework event refreshments, marshalling, etc... Please email the PTA if you are interested in getting involved emscoteandallsaintspta@gmail.com

Christmas performances

I would like to draw your attention to the dates of Christmas performances in December to make any arrangements you may need to now. Reception will share their Christmas performance with parents at 10am and 2pm on Tuesday 12th December.

Year One will be performing their Nativity to parents on Wednesday 13th December at 10am and 2pm. Year Two will have a Carol Service at All Saint's Church on Wednesday 13th December at 5.30. We kindly ask that parents and carers make alternative arrangements for younger siblings, as from experience, younger children can be disruptive to our young performers. We appreciate your help on this matter.

Parking

Please see the attached communication from Warwickshire Police who continue to ask us to support them in their efforts to make parking at school drop off and pick ups as safe as they can be.

Makaton

In each newsletter we are going to share Makaton signs that we have been learning at school.

Why Do We Sign? Signing is a fantastic tool to support the development of spoken language. By using some basic signs, we help children to pay attention to us as we emphasise the key words of our message. Signing makes us slow down, allowing the child more time to process and signing gives a clear visual of what we are talking about. By teaching children some basic signs, we are supporting their communication with adults and also with their friends at school.

Some Basic Rules.

- Always say the word as you make the sign
- Make sure the child is watching
- Allow time for a response
- Use appropriate expression and body language
- Remember to sign key words
- Reward any attempts at communication



Year 1 children have been busy making bread this week







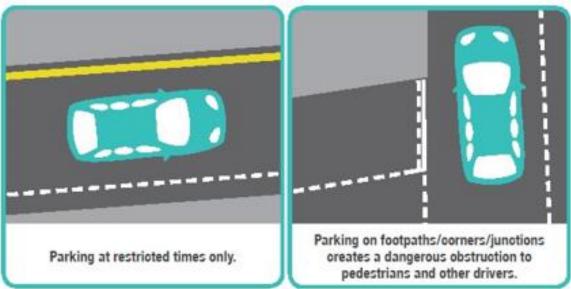




Illegal and irresponsible parking can put lives in danger.

Remember the following:





If you choose to ignore this advice you may be prosecuted.

The safety of pedestrians is far more important than finding a close spot to leave your car. Always think before you park.

In an emergency call 999, for non emergencies call 101.









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



It's currently illegal to ride a privately owned e-scooter in any public place

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as tax and insurance.

The current law is clear

You can buy one but it is illegal to use a PRIVATELY OWNED e-scooter in ANY public space including roads, pavements, parks, town centres or canal towpaths for example. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

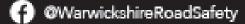


What will happen if I'm stopped by Warwickshire Police?

If you ride an e-scooter on public land and roads you need to comply with a number of conditions including having appropriate insurance. Warwickshire Police has the power to seize e-scooters if you do not have insurance and to prosecute riders – please make sure you keep your privately owned e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.







② ② WarksRoadSafety

www.warksroadsafety.org



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

BE YOU

'Be yourself, everyone else is already taken' - Oscar Wilde

It is important to remember that we are all unique, we all have different talents, interests, dreams and fears. That is what makes you, YOU!

If we were all exactly the same, it would be boring, so remember that being you is always OK. By being you, it can increase your confidence in yourself and your ability to take on new challenges. How we feel about ourselves can change but there are activities we can do to help us embrace being unique.

Our tips for being you:

- 1- Draw an outline of yourself and around it write all the things that make you, you. Think about your hobbies, interests, likes and dislikes, talents, favourite qualities etc.
- 2- Ask your friends and family to write down on post-it notes what they think is great about you, and what your strengths are. Add your own post-it notes if you want to! Keep them in a box and pick one to read out when you need a reminder.
- 3- Find out what you like. Spend time doing something that is important to you or makes you feel happy. Share this interest with a friend so they can get to know you better.
- 4- Unfollow any accounts on social media that do not benefit you or make you feel good. Try to keep your social media as a positive platform!

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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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STRENGTH

Asking for help is not a sign of weakness but a sign of strength and courage.

Strength is not only connected to our physical ability and what we can do, we also have mental strength! When we talk about our mental strength, this is all about our resilience and how we can cope and overcome day to day tasks, challenges and goals.

Our tips for being strong:

- 1- Create a new goal challenge yourself to try and learn something new, remember it is always OK to ask for help if you need it!
- 2- Have a go at positive affirmations by scanning the QR codes below. These are positive things we can say to ourselves each day to build our mental strength, resilience and mood. You could also create your own positive affirmations.
 - 3- Build on your network around you. Getting support from others around you can make stress or a new problem easier to manage, this could be talking to family, friends, teachers and support staff.



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STARTING CONVERSATIONS AROUND MENTAL HEALTH

It can be difficult to speak with your young person about their mental health and wellbeing. It is important to try different methods and see what works for you.

Useful conversation starters:

"How are you feeling?"

"What was the best and worst bit of your day?"

"How can I help you?"

"I can see that you are feeling _____. Do you want to talk about it?"

"Today I felt _____. How did you feel today?"



More conversation

Some young people find it easier to have these conversations when they do not need to make eye contact. Try having these conversations whilst doing a normal activity, such as cooking dinner, washing up or even in the car!

Top Tip: Try to avoid starting these conversations around bedtime.

Discussing and expressing feelings:

- Try using emojis, coloured stickers or pictures to show how you are feeling.
- If your young person finds it hard to have these conversations, they could try sending you
 text messages to let you know how they feel or using a shared feelings diary.

Statements of encouragement can help a young person share their feelings:

"I love you, nothing can ever change that"

"Even if I don't understand, know that I want to"

"If you need to talk to someone else, that's ok too"

"It is ok to feel this way"



WARWICKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE BONFIRE COMPETITION 2023

It's that time of year again when we look forward to celebrating all the sights and sounds of a fun filled bonfire night. It is important that whilst having fun, safety advice is followed to raise awareness and reduce the risk of incidents.

We would like to invite children to take part in our bonfire competition and will be selecting winners and awarding prizes for entries in each year group.

We are hoping for some fantastic, original stories and poems which highlight how we use all our senses to enjoy the celebrations, but also the important things to remember to keep us safe whilst having fun.

Closing date: Friday 27th October

Entries must include name and age of child on the back of the short story or poem.

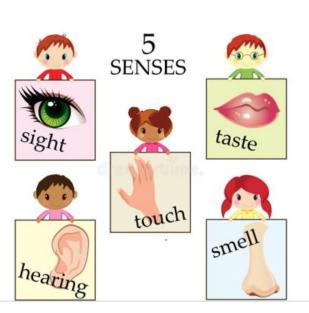
Please post/email entries to:

Sara Beirne
Community Safety Officer
Bedworth Fire Station
Park Road
Bedworth CV12 8LB
sarabeirne@warwickshire.gov.uk



Competition rules:

Write a short story or a poem about bonfire night \underline{BUT} you must include at least 1 word from each of the following groups –



Smell

Onions Smoke Gunpowder

Taste

Sight Smiles

Glow Sparkling

Pretty

Colourful

Toffee Apples Marshmallows Sausages / Burgers Hot chocolate

Hearing

Whizzing Crackling Sizzling Bang Oooooohs /Aaaahs

Touch

Hot Burn Gloves Flames

Anti-social behaviour

Other

Fireworks Guy Fawkes Sand
Bonfire Safety Bucket
Danger Excited Adult
Sirens Scared Pets





GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT YOU COULD WIN £100!

Capture the wonders of nature in **Warwick District with our biodiversity** photography competition!

This is an exciting opportunity to capture and showcase the rich natural environment of Warwick District.

The competition is open to all ages and abilities. Find out more and submit your entry at

www.warwickdc.gov.uk/biodiversitycompetition

or simply scan this QR code.



Closing date:





Get ready for a family friendly bone-chilling experience at ST JOHN'S HAUNTED HOUSE! Bring your friends and family for screams and thrills!

Saturday 28th - Tuesday 31st October 10am - 4.30pm

Get spooked as you explore rooms at St John's House, see them as you've never seen them before.

Discover the creepy story of Hansel and Gretel, go on a trail and hope the witch isn't in the kitchen!

Make slime and get messy making potions and enjoy messy play.

Tickets: £12 children, £6 adults, 2 and under free. Spaces limited so book soon. Adult tickets includes a hot drink. Book at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice







Arty Tots: WHOOSH! BANG! WHIZZ! Market Hall Museum

Wednesday 1st November 10am - 1pm
Calling all Arty Tots and their families. It's time
to light up the skies, ready for Bonfire Night.
You can create 'Bonfire Night' inspired crafts
to decorate your home and dazzle your family
and friends. Let's all SPARKLE!

£3 per child, no need to book just drop in. Suitable for under 5's, older siblings welcome

CSI Warwick Market Hall Museum

Thursday 2nd November 10am - 1pm

A valuable artefact has been stolen from Market Hall Museum! Test out your forensic skills with STEM activities and become a super science sleuth. Will you be able to solve the crime and work out who the culprit is?

£3 per child, no need to book just drop in.

Make and Create Market Hall Museum

Saturday 4th November 10am - 12noon

Get ready for Bonfire Night with some fantastic fireworks crafts!

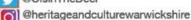
£1 per child, no need to book just drop in.

St John's House, St John's, Warwick, CV34 4NF Market Hall Museum, Market Place, Warwick CV34 4SA Tel: 01926 412501

Email: museum@warwickshire.gov.uk Website: heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk



Warwickshire Museum @OisinTheDeer







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

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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.

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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.

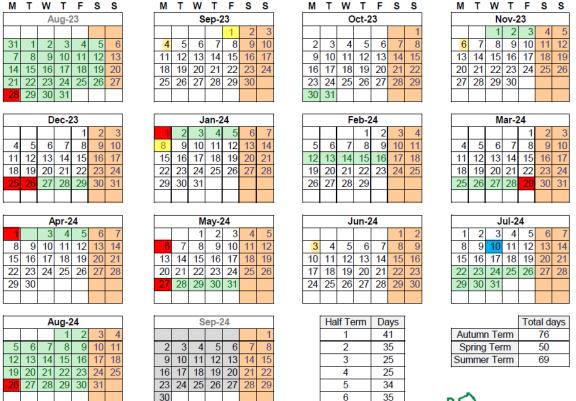
If you can answer yes to any of the following questions you may be eligible:

- •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









Total

195



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!



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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





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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.



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Payment required at least 24 hours before attendance

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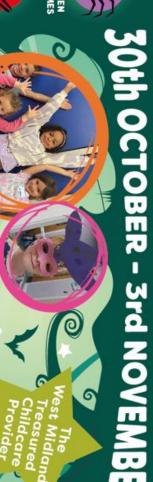
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VENUES

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LATE PICK UP UNTIL 4.30PM

Green Lane, Coventry, CV3 6EJ

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KINGSLEY PREP SCHOOL

Vickers Way, Warwick, CV34 7AP

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

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?

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

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

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

Financial Support

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

To register, visit:

or scan the QR Code www.prestomusic.com/stringsproject and fill out the online form!



INTERESTED IN OTHER CLASSES?

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