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Emerson Valley School weekly newsletter for children, parents, staff and Governors.
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Dear Parents / Guardians

We have had a fantastic start to our new academic year. Year 5 kick started their unit of learning on Space through our visiting Explorer Dome. Zac J (5RR) and Abbie J (5PH) commented, "We thought it was amazing!! We learnt lots of cool things about space". Zac added, "I felt on the edge of my seat when I was in the dome." Livvi R (5RR) added "I loved it! We learnt loads of facts. I will never forget this experience."

Year 3 used salt dough to make their own impression of a bear's face, as their reading book is *The Bear and The Piano*. Year 4 are learning about Rosa Parks as part of their study about influential people who changed the course of history. Year 6 are exploring Evolution and studying Charles Darwin.

Although the staff have not had access to the internet, I am very pleased to report that the quality of engagement and learning that has taken place has been of the highest standard.

During the next few weeks we will be conducting elections for House Captains, and class representatives for our School Council. Candidates are expected to present their manifesto to their peers in an eloquent and concise manner. The results of the election will be communicated to you. This feature of our school life feeds into the democracy aspect of the British Values, which has 5 components.

From Monday, Mrs White, our Head of School, will greet the Year 3 and 4 pupils in the mornings and Mr Mortimer, our Assistant Headteacher will say goodbye to them at the end of the day. I will be at the far end gate welcoming our children.

On Tuesday Councillor James Lancaster visited the school. He was genuinely impressed by the calmness, purposefulness, structure and discipline that he saw at our school. He commented on how polite, focused and happy our children are. He will be leading an assembly on 7th October to talk about friendship groups and citizenship.

Please remember to check the lost property as there are already a number of jackets and school jumpers that have been misplaced.

I hope you agree that we have had a fabulous start to a promising new academic year.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Mathison

Dates for your diary

Monday 16th September
School Photo Day

Friday 27th September
Prospective Parents Tour

Thursday 24th October
Children Break up for Half Term

Tuesday 22nd October
Prospective Parents Tour

Friday 25th October
Parent/Teacher Consultation Day (more information to follow)

Monday 4th November
Children return to School

Friday 22nd November
Nasal Flu Spray – All Year Groups

Nasal Flu Spray – Date Change

The planned Nasal-Flu Spray was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 2nd October, however due to a delay in the production of the vaccine the date has changed. This will now be administered on **Friday 22nd November**. Please continue to send your consent forms in by Monday 16th September. Thank you.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for making a positive start to the new school year by arriving for school on time. Please note that the school bell rings at 8:50am and children are expected to be in their classroom before the close of the register at 8.55am to ensure a smooth start to the school day. To our new year 3 parents, please help us to make your child more independent by allowing them to take responsibility for their own belongings on their way to school by carrying their own bags. From Monday, we expect children to be entering the cloakrooms on their own and to hang up their things and ask that parents say goodbye to their children before the children enter the cloakrooms.

Thank you for your support with this.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit and trainers in school on a Monday and that they do not take it home until Friday. Children will be outside, come rain or shine, so please remember extra warm and waterproof clothing. **Please remember to clearly name your child's belongings.**

Recycling

We are still recycling! Please continue to send in your used crisp packets and batteries to school. You can find the recycling bins in reception. Thank you.

Job Vacancies

We currently have positions available for experienced Cleaners (3:30pm-5:30pm) and Midday Supervisors (12pm-1:30pm plus a further 15 minutes per week for a team meeting). If you are interested in joining our team, please pick up an application pack from reception.

Bike Pass

If your child would like to cycle / scoot to school, please ask at reception for a bike pass. Please be aware you will need a helmet and bike lock. Thank you

Lost Property

Please be aware that the lost property boxes are located in reception. Please remember to clearly mark your child's belongings. Thank you.

**Composer of the month – Tchaikovsky**

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky born 7th May 1840, was a Russian composer of the romantic period. His most celebrated works include Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty and The Nut Cracker.

Please remember to park safely outside school