

# Evenlode Newsletter: Friday 4th February 2022

*'Always being our best, for ourselves and for each other'*



Dear Parents and Carers

Next week, we have our Parent Consultation Meetings on Tuesday 8th February and Wednesday 9th February. As these meetings are still virtual, we realise that you haven't had the opportunity to see children's work in a while. Therefore, on Monday 7th February, teachers will send home books for the night, so that you have opportunity to look at the work before the Parent Consultation Meetings.

**Please note that the books MUST be returned on the Tuesday morning with the children as they come in to school** as of course, the children will need them. Please also bear in mind that these books are not the only work that children will be experiencing of course, we have lots of learning that is carried out in different ways: speaking and listening presentations, artwork, seesaw work etc etc!

We are developing a new system of marking: 'live marking' which is marking at the point of learning in the lesson to move on learning that is secure and address any misconceptions quickly. This is a new strategy this term so you may see different types of marking in books as we develop this approach.

In terms of virtual appointments, we seem to have the process of joining online at the right time running smoothly now. If there are problems, there will be staff in the office and the teachers will have your phone numbers available quickly... just in case! We would kindly ask that when you add in a time for your virtual appointment on our system, you keep it please. If Parents don't keep the appointment, teachers do not necessarily have additional time to make another appointment- school is a very busy environment !

Enjoy looking at the books on Monday evening and we look forward to talking to you next week.

Finally, I would just like to acknowledge and thank our fantastic staff. As you know, we have had quite a few Covid cases in school over the last couple of weeks. Staff have had to be very flexible with changes in staffing and covering absences, they have been fantastic in keeping school life going. Thanks Evenlode staff! Because of this situation, and a lack of supply cover, your child may have a different teacher at times, at short notice. At the moment, we are able to keep classes open, but please be aware that this is something that may change if absence increases.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Foster and all of us at  
Evenlode.

**PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)**  
**Tuesday 15th February 7PM**  
**on Zoom please email**  
**evenlodepta@outlook.com**  
**for the zoom details.**

Please join us and help shape the future of Evenlode PTA.  
 So we can continue to enhance our children's time at school.  
 We need your support!

Please keep an eye out on Seesaw for links for home learning for Foundation Phase and Key Stage Two. (see referenced posts below).

Seesaw Post

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Resources shown: Spellingframe, Hwb, Mathematics, BBC Bitesize, CASPAR KIDS!

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Respect

Compassion

Determined

Thinking outside the box



Resilient

Inquisitive

Positive

Kind

Happy

## Winter of Wellbeing Free Online Events

We're excited to share with you the first events of the Winter of Wellbeing campaign that will take place next week online (8, 9 February)!

We have four brilliant speakers leading virtual events, including the actor, poet and writer Connor Allen who will be talking to young adults and teenagers about the power of creativity and why empowerment is the greatest tool we have.

We also have Manon Steffan Ros, author of the new YA novel *The Blue Book of Nebo*, chatting about how books can be your best mates!

And don't miss Eloise Williams and Sarah KilBride who will be kicking off each evening. Eloise will be sharing how the outdoors inspires her novels (a treat for 9 - 13s), while Sarah invites you to join her for some cosy suppertime stories and games with pre-schoolers.

To find out more about the events and register for free go to <https://winterofwellbeing.readingagency.org.uk/events>.



### Winter of Wellbeing

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#### Walking for Wellbeing

Perfect for 9-14-year-olds

8 February 6-7PM  
FREE

Come on a journey with us! Join Eloise Williams, award-winning author and inaugural Children's Laureate Wales (2019-21) to discover how the great outdoors inspires her stories and what you can learn from her as she shares them.



#### Books Are Your Best Mates

Perfect for 9-14-year-olds

8 February 7.30-8.30PM  
FREE

A fabulous opportunity to hear from award-winning author, Manon Steffan Ros about how books can inspire us, affect us, and keep us company. We'll talk about the books we love and why we love them, and there will be an opportunity to ask Manon any questions you may have about being an author.



Welsh language event

#### Celebrate you - and your day!

Perfect for 0-4-year-olds

9 February 6-7PM  
FREE

Cwtch up and bring your favourite cuddly! One of your favourite picture book authors, Sarah KilBride (you may know her gorgeous 'A Cuddle and a Cwtch') is ready to share some magical suppertime reading and relaxation with you and your little ones, as well as some inspiring ideas for bringing stories alive every day, everywhere!



#### You are enough, and I can prove it...

Perfect for ages 15+

9 February 7.30-8.30PM  
FREE

Award-winning writer, poet, actor and current Children's Laureate Wales Connor Allen will lead this special conversation with young people across Wales about the power of creativity and why empowerment is the greatest tool we have.



**Book Online: [WinterOfWellbeing.ReadingAgency.org.uk](https://WinterOfWellbeing.ReadingAgency.org.uk)**