



Emscote and All Saints' PTA

February Newsletter 2018



We are very pleased to inform you all that the joining of the two Friends' committees at both Emscote Infant School and All Saints' Junior School has now been formally approved by the Charity Commission under the new name 'The Emscote and All Saints' PTA'. The joint committee will help parents to participate and contribute to both schools with one set of meetings and less duplication. We are excited about this new development and are determined that it will prove successful in terms of fundraising and promoting the school/parent partnership that we endeavor to enhance. We had a very successful first term of fundraising and are delighted to report in this joint newsletter everything that we have done so far and all the exciting upcoming events.

Items for **Emscote** have a red title, items for **All Saints'** have a green title and **joint items** are gold.

Please note our new joint email address is: emscoteandallsaintspta@gmail.com

REPORT ON FUNDRAISING SO FAR

Thank you for all your support since September. We are delighted to announce the following funds raised to directly support all the children at both schools.

- Reception Afternoon (Emscote £162)
- Fireworks (Joint £763.56)
- Disco (Emscote £230.50)
- Christmas Fair (Emscote £1,249.44 and All Saints (£1,005.00)
- Christmas Raffle (Joint £1,010)
- National Grid Matched Funding (Joint £800)

REPORT ON SPENDING SO FAR

Emscote spending / upcoming spending

So far this year, we've supported children by purchasing new rugs for the reception classrooms (£500), funding the visiting pantomime (£314), paying for the year 1 / 2 cinema trip (£250), funding a visiting poet (£350), contributing towards attending Young Voices (£100) and funding for the visiting planetarium (£400). We've also supported children by providing class money, Mathletics' prizes, gardening funds, yoga mats and continuing to pay for the upkeep of the chickens. Future spending includes a visiting theatre company and support with plans to develop the reception outside area.

All Saints' spending / upcoming spending

As reported last time, All Saints' School asked us to raise money towards 10 new computers – 1 for every classroom and 2 for the computer suite. We are delighted to announce that with the school part funding the computers we have raised the £2,000 contribution required. We've also funded the visiting pantomime and given each class £100.

VALENTINE'S BAKE OFF

Thursday 8th February 2018 - All Saints'

Dig out your favourite recipes and start baking! Entries welcome from all with cakes to arrive on the morning of 8th February. Your delicious bakes will be judged by the Mayor and the winners announced at a special assembly with the children at 2.30pm. The three best entries will win a prize!



Parents and families are welcome at 3.15 in the playground (in the hall if raining) to buy the fabulous cakes entered into the competition. Please bring lots of loose change!

EASTER EVENTS

Dress Down Day at both schools - **Friday 16th March**

Children are invited to come to school dressed in their own clothes, in exchange for an Easter egg donation. These will be used for the Tombola and Bingo prizes.

Easter Bingo at Emscote - **Friday 23rd March at 5.00pm**



Our ever-popular Easter bingo night is coming soon! Doors will open at 4.45pm to allow you to buy hot and cold food and refreshments before the games start. We hope that this will be a great social occasion as well as a successful fundraising opportunity. There will be adult and child games and a colouring competition for the children. We look forward to seeing you all there!

EASTER EVENTS

Easter Egg Tombola

Find us after school in the playground for a chance to win a delicious Easter Egg prize!



All Saints - Wednesday 21 March

Emscote - Wednesday 28 March

READING CHALLENGE!



Easter Readathon

How many books can you read over two weeks?

We're challenging children to read as many books as they can over the Easter holidays and collect sponsorship for every book they read. All children will be sent a sponsorship form to seek sponsorship for the amount of reading that they can do. The All Saints' readathon will be kick started with a donation of £200 for new books for the school library. This is designed to match the money spent at Emscote where each child received a gift of a book from Father Christmas. Given the variety of reading abilities and interests of the children at All Saints, the school has suggested that a donation to the library is a better use of the money. Children should look out for the new books soon.

ARTWORK FUNDRAISING

Look out for letters in book bags soon about our individual artwork project. This is now being run across both schools. Last year the children at Emscote created a design that you could buy on a lovely place mat, coaster, note pad, fridge jotter as well as other options. This year there will be a choice of products available and all in time for Easter.

SUMMER FAYRES

Saturday 7th July (12.00 – 2.00) at Emscote

Friday 15th June at All Saints

We're considering turning this event into a social/fundraising event that will take place after school, but going into the evening. Possibly a staff v parents' rounders match/it's a knock out/other sport or a talent show. Any suggestions or offers of help greatly appreciated.

100 CLUB NUMBERS STILL AVAILABLE

Now a joint fundraiser across both schools. Buy a number to be in with a chance of winning our weekly 'lottery' draw! Please see the attached letter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 8th February

Valentines Bake Off, All Saints
Baked goods to arrive before 9:30am
Cake sale at 3:15pm

Friday 16th March

Dress down day – both schools
Bring an Easter egg donation

Wednesday 21st March, 3pm

Easter Egg Tombola – All Saints

Friday 23rd March, 5pm

Easter Bingo – Emscote
Doors open for refreshments 4:45pm

Wednesday 28th March, 3:15pm

Easter Egg Tombola – Emscote

Friday 15th June

Summer Fayre – All Saints'

Saturday 7th July, 12.00 – 2.00pm

Summer Fayre – Emscote

HELP NEEDED

We are extremely lucky to have a large number of volunteers. However, we always need more help and if anyone would like to volunteer to help at either the Easter bingo or the Tombola we would be extremely grateful. Please get in touch:

emscoteandallsaintspta@gmail.com

NEXT PTA MEETING

Monday 5th March, 7:30 – 9pm at All Saints' School

No pressure to commit, just come and see what we are about. Our meetings are friendly and welcoming, with refreshments and snacks. We look forward to seeing you there. If you'd like to get in touch, or want to join our mailing list, please contact us on emscoteandallsaintspta@gmail.com