

THE FRIENDS OF EMSCOTE INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2017

REPORT ON CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING



We are delighted to report that we raised £1,331.96 at the Christmas Fair and £683.69 through the Christmas Raffle. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped at the events, this is a fantastic result.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

In our September newsletter, we announced that we were aiming to raise £3,000 towards the creation of an outdoor classroom between Oak and Cherry classes. Our fundraising so far this year means that we are approximately half way to this target when you take into account the money we already had in our bank account and our normal contributions (Christmas presents, Chinese New Year assembly, Class Money, Cinema Trip, School Trip etc). With the Easter Bingo, May Disco and the Summer Fayre and raffle to come we are definitely more than on target to reach our goal

DRESS DOWN DAY

Friday 31 March will be a dress down day in exchange for an Easter egg. These will be used as prizes for the Bingo and Easter egg tombola. There will also be a family ticket to All Things Wild to win at the Easter Bingo!

EASTER BINGO

Our ever-popular Easter bingo night is being held on **Friday 31st March 2017 at 5.00pm**. Doors will open at 4.30pm to allow people to buy hot and cold food and refreshments. We hope that this will be a great social occasion as well as a 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 EGG TOMBOLA

Our Easter egg tombola will be held in the playground (weather permitting) on Wednesday 5th April 2017.



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 (emscotefriends@gmail.com). We would be particularly keen to hear from any National Grid employees or anyone else who could arrange matched funding through their employer. Also, are there any keen bingo callers out there for the 31 March?

CAKES/BISCUITS

Donations of cakes and biscuits (shop bought or homemade) will be gratefully received on Friday 31st March for our refreshment stall at the Bingo.

INDIVIDUAL ARTWORK PROJECT

Look out for letters in book bags soon about our individual artwork project. Last year the children created a design that you could buy on a lovely mug. This year there will be a number of products available and all in time for Mothers' Day.

SUMMER FAYRE

We are already starting to plan our Summer Fayre which will be held on Saturday 8th July 2017 between 12.00 and 2.00pm. As always, we will need lots of help and support to make it a great success. If anyone has any ideas for the Summer Fayre or would like to register your interest to help we would be very happy to hear from you. Please complete and return the tear off slip below or send an email to emscotefriends@gmail.com.

As always we will have our home produce stall so start thinking about those jam and chutneys now!

Dates for your Diary

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| Tuesday 21 st March 2017 at 7.30pm | Next Friends' meeting |
| Friday 31 st March 2017 from 4.30pm | Easter Bingo |
| Wednesday 5 th April 2017 at 3.00pm | Easter egg Tombola |
| Friday 19 th May 2017 at 4.00pm | Childrens' Disco |
| Saturday 8 th July 2016 between 12.00 and 2.00pm | Summer Fayre |

FRIENDS OF EMSCOTE INFANT SCHOOL REPLY SLIP

This is a fantastic school and being part of the Friends of Emscote Infant School gives parents an opportunity to get involved and further the community spirit that is so special. We therefore welcome interest from any new enthusiastic members to the committee. Please let us know below if you would like to get involved in any way.

Name..... **Child/Class**.....

E-mail address.....

Interested in:

Attending committee meetings (next one Tuesday 21st March at 7.30pm)
Helping at Easter bingo / Easter egg tombola / Helping at the Summer Fayre

ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR EVENTS / SPENDING OR OTHER COMMENTS/FEEDBACK (can be on an anonymous basis):