



EMSCOTE INFANT SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2016

Newsletter No. 4 – 2nd December 2016



Dear Parents,

Friends of Emscote Infant School Christmas Fair tonight!

This year's Christmas Fair will be held tonight 5.00-7.00pm, so please come and support it. This is always a brilliant evening with lots of fun activities. The PTA is always looking for volunteers to help out at fundraising events.

Operation Christmas Child

You will be pleased to know that we collected 35 shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child initiative run by international relief organisation Samaritan's Purse. These have been taken to the Samaritan's Purse depot ready for despatch to needy children abroad.

Growth Mindset Workshop

Thank you to all those who attended and I hope you found it useful. I will be running another workshop in January, so those of you who missed it will be welcome to come then.

Children in Need

We were able to send £216 to Children In Need after our fundraising in November. Thank you for all your support.

School Post Box

There will be a post box in the foyer from **Monday 5th December** for children to post Christmas cards to their friends. Please make sure they **clearly mark the envelope with the name and surname of the child and their class** so that our expert team of year 2 sorters can deliver them correctly!

Christmas Counts (years R and 1) – performance information

Matinee 1.45pm Monday 5th December - for extra family, grandparents and young siblings

Evening performance 5.00pm Tuesday 6th December - for parents (no children please)

Evening performance 5.00pm Thursday 8th December - for parents (no children please)

Evening performance timings for the children:

Tuesday – come to school through the playground at 4.30pm, & staff will dress children in their costumes. Costumes will be sent home after this performance.

Thursday – come to school through the playground at 4.45pm. Please dress them in their costumes at home so they are ready to go when they arrive.

If you are not watching the show on either evening, please collect your child from the playground at 6pm.

Evening performances are restricted to parents so that we comply with Fire Regulations regarding numbers in the hall. We appreciate your understanding, and we work very hard to ensure as many family members see the play as we can, whilst making it an enjoyable and safe experience for all.

As in previous years, parents are free to video or take photos at the performances, but please do not share any photos or video, unless only of your child, on the internet.

Year 2 Carol Concert, in All Saints' Church

6pm Wednesday 14th December – all welcome. No ticket required.

Christmas Lunch

Every child will be having a Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 14th December**. If your child does not want a school lunch they are welcome to bring a packed lunch and will still be part of the occasion. Every child will have a cracker and they will all sit together to eat their lunch. Perhaps you could give your child a festive lunch box if they are not having a cooked meal?

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Let's support Save the Children by wearing our favourite Christmas jumpers to school on **Wednesday 14th December**, in return for a donation to this fantastic charity.

Christmas Party

Children can come to school in their party clothes on **Thursday 15th December**; they will all have a party food lunch together provided by the kitchen and afterwards have a fun afternoon of party games in their classrooms.

Christmas Service

All parents and friends are warmly invited to join with us at All Saints' Church on **Thursday 15th December** at 9.15am for our end of term service.

School Closure Text Message Service

You can sign up to receive text and email alerts if the school has to close due to bad weather at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures. Announcements will also be made on local radio stations.

Clubs Letter

This week was the last week of clubs for this term (with the exception of Fiery Feet). A letter about next term's clubs will be sent out shortly, please keep an eye out for it.

Feedback From Questionnaires

I am very grateful to all of you who filled in the questionnaires at parents' evening in October. I can now publish the results from that questionnaire, and I have been able to take on board some of your comments and address them. Please see the feedback sheet sent out with this newsletter.

Illnesses and medication

In order to keep our school community healthy and happy, we ask that parents keep children off school for 48 hours after any incidence of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

If your child requires medication, please note that they are not allowed to administer it themselves (do not put it in a book bag). Staff are only allowed to administer prescription medication, once you have filled in a medication consent form available from the office or from the website. If your child needs calpol or ibuprofen etc, you will need to come in to school yourself to give this to them.

Save the date! Impact sessions for next term

Please put these important dates in your 2017 calendar. We will be running '*Impact in learning*' workshops for year 1 and year 2 classes in February, and every child must have an adult to attend with them.

Monday 13 th February	9-10am Sycamore	2-3pm Maple
Tuesday 14 th February	9-10am Apple	2-3pm Holly
Wednesday 15 th February		2-3pm Oak

Attendance November 2016

Class	Attendance	Lates
Willow	89.3%	5
Cherry	92.3%	3
Chestnut	93.4%	3
Apple	92.9%	13
Holly	93.8%	23
Maple	93.0%	9
Oak	90.8%	19
Sycamore	92.2%	15

Due to seasonal illnesses, you will see that our attendance is not as good as it normally is. However, well done to Cherry and Chestnut classes with just 3 late marks for the whole of November. Being on time for school is so important!

End of Term

School will finish at 3pm on Friday 16th December 2016 and the children return on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Wishing everybody a wonderful Christmas and New Year break

Best regards

J Queralt

Jon Queralt
Associate Headteacher



Diary dates

December

- 2nd Friends of Emscote Infant School Christmas Fair
- 5th Matinee performance of *Christmas Counts*, 1.45pm
- 6th Evening performance of *Christmas Counts*, 5.00pm
- 8th Evening performance of *Christmas Counts*, 5.00pm
- 14th Christmas lunch & wear a Christmas jumper for Save the Children
Year 2 carol service, All Saints' Church 6.00pm
- 15th Christmas church service 9.15am
- 16th Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- 16th End of term

January

- 3rd Teacher training day – no children in school
- 4th Spring term starts
- 16th After school and lunchtime clubs start
- 24th Emscote Voices choir perform in Young Voices concert at the Genting Arena
- 24th Chinese New Year workshop for year 1

February

- 13th Sycamore Impact 9am, Maple Impact 2pm
- 14th Apple Impact 9am, Holly Impact 2pm
- 15th Oak Impact 2pm
- 24th Half term